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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Victor Morton Bogle was born in New Albany, Indiana on 24 September 1921. In 1942, when he was nineteen, Bogle joined the United States Air Force and was sent to fight in the South Pacific Theater. He stayed in the Air Force until 1945 and afterward studied at Indiana Central University in Indianapolis. He graduated in 1947 with a B.A. in History. He then enrolled at Boston University where he received his Masters in American History in 1948 and earned his Ph. D. in American Civilization in 1951.

In 1952 Bogle worked for the U.S. Air Force in Intelligence as a Research Analyst for two years. He then went back to academia but this time as a professor. He taught American, European, and English history at Tougaloo College in Jackson, Mississippi until 1957.

In 1957 he moved back to Indiana where he was an Academic Counselor at the University of Kokomo. While in this position he taught half-time, American and European history. In 1959 he became the campus' chief administrator and held various titles at the University in this position. He continued teaching and taught one course each semester: Indiana history, history of the American Middle West, and history of ideas in America. In his capacity as chief administrator he presided over construction of the campus' current site in the mid-1960s, and the institution's eventual transformation from an Indiana University extension to an autonomous, degree-granting regional campus of IU.

In 1970 Bogle became the chancellor of the University and championed numerous educational innovations particularly the development of the baccalaureate degree in liberal studies, and the implementation of Project Outreach, whereby IU Kokomo offered classes in Logansport, Tipton, Peru, and other communities throughout their service region. In 1972, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education floated a proposal that would have eliminated four-year undergraduate degree programs at the local campus. Bogle orchestrated extensive community protest, and by the next year the proposal was dropped.

Bogle taught history during his entire tenure at the university, retiring in 1992 as a full professor. He wrote many articles during his career about history and about one of his scholarly interests: history of railroad building.

He is married to Fern J. Shenk Bogle and they have two daughters.

Sources:

Materials in collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists entirely of photocopies made of articles, reports, maps, theses, and other documents Victor Bogle used as research for the history of railroads in Indiana. Using these documents he wrote many articles about that history and an unpublished manuscript, *Chronology of Madison & Indianapolis Railroad*.

When the collection was processed it was kept in the thirteen series that Victor Bogle had originally assigned them, with the folders in their original order too. The series are:

Series 1: Documents Published through Indiana State Government includes laws, reports on railroads on the state level, and annual reports of commissions. There are also journals from senate and legislative sessions, and communications from Governors.

Series 2: Bibliographic Data has three items, a subject guide book, book that lists railroads, and a railroad bibliography.

Series 3: Excerpts from Secondary Sources includes excerpts of articles about railroads, commerce and trade in Indiana. There are also some articles from the *Indiana Magazine of History*.

Series 4: Dissertations consists of ten dissertations about early Indiana railroad building, rail transportation in southern Indiana, and famous railroad men.

Series 5: Elvin Scrapbook Excerpts contains seven items ranging from maps and statistical materials, to railroad rules.

Series 6: Periodicals contains excerpts from *The Railroad Record and Journal of Commerce, Banking, Manufactures, and Statistics* and *Poor's Manual of the Railroads*.

Series 7: Miscellaneous Documents and other items contains articles and annual reports not directly related to railroads, but more to what was going on during the time in history and how it affected the railroads.

Series 8: Pictures and Maps consists of railroad maps of the state and two lithographs. One is of the railway museum in French Lick and the other of the Mitchell railroad station and crossing.

Series 9: Indiana Railroad Company Reports contains annual reports from the Madison & Indianapolis Railroad Company and other Indiana railroad companies. Also has laws, reports, and acts that relate to the M&I.

Series 10: Documents Published through U.S. Government consists of excerpts of censuses, statistical views, and reports that relate to Indiana railroads.

Series 11: Worksheets includes the manuscript for *Chronology of Madison & Indianapolis Railroad*, and the original notes taken for information to write it.

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