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## WAYNE COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM, RICHMOND, IND., PHOTOGRAPHS, 1930–1937

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### COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF  
COLLECTION: 1 folder of photographs

COLLECTION  
DATES: 1930–1937

PROVENANCE: Wayne County Historical Society, Richmond, Indiana, 1937

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS: None

RELATED HOLDINGS: None

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NOTES:

## HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Wayne County Historical Society of Richmond, Indiana, organized in 1882, and drafted new constitutions in 1892 and 1902. The society met regularly until 1926, then not until 1930. This was when historical society president Julia Meek Gaar raised the idea of acquiring the Hicksite Meeting House, located between Eleventh and Twelfth streets on North "A" Street in Richmond, Indiana. The Whitewater Monthly Meeting of Friends donated the meeting house to the society that year for the purpose of establishing a historical museum. Julia Meek Gaar organized fund-raising events to raise \$2,250 towards purchase of the land on which the building stood. Gaar also oversaw and paid for renovation of the 1865 structure.

### Sources:

Thornburg, Opal. *Whitewater, Indiana's First Monthly Meeting of Friends, 1809–1959*. N.p., 1959.

Wright, Ruthmary. *Julia Meek Gaar, Grand Lady of the Museum, 1859–1944*. Richmond: Wayne County Historical Society, 1988.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains five interior photographs and one exterior view of the Wayne County Historical Museum. The interior photographs, made in 1937, show exhibit rooms. Artifacts are clearly visible in these images, which include a colonial kitchen, glass cases of marine specimens from the Pacific Ocean, and period costumes. One photograph shows artifacts from Egypt and Africa, likely from Julia Meek Gaar's personal collection. The exterior image from 1930 shows the museum's front elevation of ivy-covered brick, with a well-tended flowerbed in the foreground. Kofski Photo Lab of Richmond processed these photographs.

The photograph descriptions in the contents section of this collection guide were taken from those written on the front of each photograph. The ones in square [ ] brackets were supplied by the processor.

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