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BV 3555–3558

**BRICE WILLIAMS, SR.  
COLLECTION, 1880S–1957**

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**COLLECTION INFORMATION**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	8 bound volumes in 4 phase boxes
COLLECTION DATES:	1880s–1950s
PROVENANCE:	Richard E. Williams, Indianapolis, August 1972

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS:

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## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Brice Williams, Sr. (1875–ca. late 1950s) was a businessman and inventor from Kokomo, in Howard County Indiana. He worked as a printer/typesetter and later as a salesman and a manufacturer who invented the peanut vending machine. Williams married Caroline Emily Hoon (1864–1952) in 1897 and they had three children: Josephine, Brice, Jr. and Kenneth.

Sources:

Information in collection

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The collection, contained in 8 volumes, includes “parts” of genealogical and autobiographical writings, photographs and general material collected by Brice Williams, Sr.; these have been pasted into loosely bound company ledger books.

The first part contains genealogical material regarding the Williams family including those of his wife.

Part two contains Williams’ autobiography “Once a step-child, always a step-child” covering his professional, political and personal life from the 1890s through the 1940s.

Part three contains typed newspaper articles and letters dealing with a variety of subjects, some of which were authored or contained stories about Williams, 1882–1950.

Typed verses and writings by Brice Williams comprise part four. These include poetry, history and childhood reminiscences.

Part five contains original letters, photographs, and printed items regarding Williams’ daughter, Josephine Maude Williams Smith.

The sixth part is made up of original family photographs and other original related items.

Part seven consists of photographs, newspaper clippings, and printed family items, of Kenneth W. Williams, his son and an architect in Kokomo.

Part eight contains photographs and information about the family of Edward Nicholas (1881–1949) a grocery store operator in Kokomo.

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2. Click on the "Basic Search" icon.
3. Select "Call Number" from the "Search In:" box.
4. Search for the collection by its basic call number (in this case, BV 3555).
5. When you find the collection, go to the "Full Record" screen for a list of headings that can be searched for related materials.