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JOHN C. JACK HOUSEHOLDER COLLECTION, CA. 1920–1981

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	2 boxes of photographs, 2 boxes of 4x5 acetate negatives, 2 envelopes of 35 mm acetate negatives
COLLECTION DATES:	1920–1981
PROVENANCE:	L. S. Ayres, Indianapolis, 1955; Indiana Historical Society,

1972; Jack C. Householder, Indianapolis, 1968, 1975

RESTRICTIONS: Negatives may be viewed only with the assistance of library staff.

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS: L.S. Ayres & Co. Records, 1858–1992 (M0616)

ACCESSION NUMBER: 1955.0213, 1968.1111, 1972.1113, 1975.0208, 1975.0406, 1975.0905

NOTES: This is an artificial collection.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

John C. “Jack” Householder, born in Bedford, Pa, worked as a furrier for L. S. Ayres for 50 years. During his employ there he also photographed the interior and exterior of the building. Many of those photos are housed in the L.S. Ayres & Co. Records (M0616).

Householder was a member of the Indianapolis Amateur Archaeological Association and worked for the Indiana Historical Society’s archaeology program. He conducted and photographed excavations that resulted in finds donated to the Indiana State Museum and the Indianapolis Children’s Museum. To honor his work with the archaeology department of Indiana University, Householder was given the Glenn Black Archaeological Award. He died in Indianapolis 6 August 1987.

Sources:

Garniewicz, Rex, “Prehistoric Archaeology” Indiana State Museum
http://www.in.gov/ism/Exhibits_Collections/Collection/nthst_phar.aspx

Glenn A Black Laboratory of Archaeology, IU Bloomington <http://www.gbl.indiana.edu/>

Householder, John C. obituary, *The Indianapolis Star*, August 6, 1987.

Indiana Historical Society. *Annual Report*, Indianapolis: The Society, 1969-
Reference Room Collection: F521 .I4

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of approximately 300 black-and-white photographs made by Jack Householder from 1920 to 1981. However, the two photos from 1920 are 1955 reprints. The earliest original photo is from 1930 and the bulk of the images are from the 1940s and 1950s. The photographs are mostly in Marion County, but a few are in Lawrence and Hamilton Counties. The subjects include buildings, Monument Circle, aerial views of Indianapolis and surrounding areas, Central State Hospital, businesses, construction sites, street scenes, fires, and Mr. Eli Lilly and the Angel Mounds site. Of special note are the photographs of the L. S. Ayres downtown store and the last days of Charles Mayer & Company store.

Most of the photographs are dated and identified on the verso. Since the photographs were of varied subjects and from different sources the processors organized the images by subject and listed each image in the Contents section of the collection guide. Some of the photographs were accompanied by negatives. The negatives are numbered and stored separately. These numbers are also written on the verso of the photographs.

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CATALOGING INFORMATION

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