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## FERDINAND, INDIANA COLLECTION, CA. 1965–1981

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

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COLLECTION DATES: Ca. 1965–81

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NOTES:

## HISTORICAL SKETCH

Ferdinand, Indiana was established in 1840 by Father Joseph Kundek, a Catholic priest originally from Croatia. Father Kundek wanted to establish two Catholic towns on the road from Troy to Jasper. Ferdinand was the first of these two towns. Father Kundek began buying the land which would become Ferdinand Township in December 1839. He named the town Ferdinandsstadt (alternatively called Ferdinand or St. Ferdinand in his letters), after the Emperor of Austria. Father Kundek intended for the town to be settled by German-speaking Catholic immigrants. To attract these settlers, he advertised in Cincinnati's Catholic publication, *Der Wahrheitsfreund*, and spoke to Catholic German communities.

On 20 August 1867, four sisters from the St. Walburg Benedictine Convent in Covington, Kentucky arrived in Ferdinand by request of the town's priest, Father Chrysostom. They founded Convent Immaculate Conception (or Monastery Immaculate Conception) that year. The nuns taught at the parish school and opened a girls' boarding school, Academy Immaculate Conception, in 1870.

Ferdinand, Indiana was incorporated in 1905.

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains the 1965 editions of *The Dubois County Daily Herald* and *The Ferdinand News* for Ferdinand's quasiquicentennial, as well as a 1974 edition of *The Ferdinand News*. Also in the collection are miscellaneous news clippings related to Ferdinand, Indiana and the Convent Immaculate Conception. Finally, the collection includes two postcards of the convent.

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