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**INDIANA BANQUETS PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTION  
1906–1966**

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

**VOLUME OF COLLECTION:** 1 banquet box of photographs (shelved with OVC boxes); 1 half-size OVC box

**COLLECTION DATES:** 1906–1966

**PROVENANCE:** Multiple

**RESTRICTIONS:** None

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**NOTES:**

## HISTORICAL SKETCHES

**The E. C. Atkins Company** was a saw manufacturer founded in 1856 by Elias Cornelius Atkins, a third-generation saw maker. The factory grew to be the largest saw manufacturer in the world and occupied an entire downtown Indianapolis city block bounded by S. Illinois, S. Capitol, W. South, and Henry streets, with additional buildings on adjacent streets. It continued as a family-run business until 1952, when it was bought by the Borg-Warner Corporation, which moved its operations to Mississippi. In 1963 the U.S. Post Office built a distribution center on the former site of the factory.

**Philip Murray** (1886–1952) served as president of the **Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO)** from 1940 until his death. Born in Scotland, he immigrated to the United States in 1902, settled in Pennsylvania, and worked in the mines. He became president of the United Mine Workers (UMW) in his district of southwestern Pennsylvania in 1916. He served as vice president of the UMW of America from 1920 to 1942. He was very involved in the formation of the Committee of Industrial Organizations in 1935, which was later renamed the Congress of Industrial Organizations.

**The G. H. Hammond Company**, a slaughterhouse and meat packing plant, was established in northwest Indiana in 1869 by George Hammond and others. In 1873, the town where the plant was located was named after Hammond. In the mid-1880s, a new plant was built in Omaha, Nebraska. The Car Route Sales Department was responsible for sale and shipping of products via the railroad. In 1902 the company was bought by the Chicago-based National Packing Co.

**The Indiana Hardwood Lumbermen's Association** was founded on 9 February 1899 when several hardwood lumbermen met at the Grand Hotel in Indianapolis to discuss the problems of marketing hardwoods nationally. The Association continues today.

**The Indiana Society of Chicago** was established on 22 September 1905 by George Ade, John T. McCutcheon, Edward M. Holloway and forty-four other men from Indiana who had moved to Chicago. The Society continues today as a link between Hoosiers and the city of Chicago.

**Regal Stores** was a chain of grocery stores in Indiana.

**Sani-Serv / General Equipment Company**, a leading manufacturer of restaurant equipment, was started by Frank P. Thomas in Indianapolis in 1930 to produce machines that he created. One of his inventions was the Sani-Serv, the first patented soft-serve ice cream machine, introduced at a 1948 trade convention. By 1957 the company was manufacturing all the equipment needed for a restaurant and opened its first hamburger stand, called Burger Chef. By 1966 there were 440 Burger Chef restaurants in the country. Frank P. Thomas, Jr., renamed the General Equipment Company, calling it Sani-Serv, and made it a division of Burger Chef. In 1968, Burger Chef was bought by General Foods.

**The State Automobile Insurance Association** was established in 1917.

**Union Printing Crafts Tri-State Bowling Association** held its first annual bowling tournament in 1916. It consisted of bowlers from Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky.

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of black-and-white photographs of people gathered at banquets held by various organizations and companies in Indiana. Also included are photographs of some banquets that were held in Chicago, Illinois, for Indiana-related organizations and companies. Photographs are identified by the name of the group, the date, and in most cases the location of the banquet. Very few individuals are identified.

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**Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO)** banquet in honor of Phillip Murray [president] U.S.A. - CIO District No. 30, held 24 July 1943, Indianapolis.

**G. H. Hammond Company**, Car Route Sales Department, annual dinner, 29 December 1923, Chicago Athletic Association.

**G. H. Hammond Co.**, Car Route Sales Department, annual convention, 29 December 1925, New Palmer House, Chicago.

**G. H. Hammond Company**, Car Route Sales Department, annual banquet, 31 December 1927, Hotel Sherman [Chicago].

**Indiana Grain Dealers Association**, 31st annual convention, 21 January 1932, Columbia Club, Indianapolis (photo by Kirkpatrick).

**Indiana Hardwood Lumbermen's Association** banquet, 15 January 1926, in the Riley Room of the Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis (photo by Kirkpatrick).

**Indiana Sand and Gravel Producers Association** annual banquet, 6 January 1920, Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis (photo by Holland Studio).

**Indiana Society of Chicago** -- second annual banquet, 11 December 1906. (Location is identified only as "Auditorium.")

**Indiana Society of Chicago** -- James Whitcomb Riley Centennial Dinner, 12 February 1949, Stevens Hotel, Chicago.

**Marion County 50-50 Democratic Club** (men and women), 25 March 1924, Spink Arms Hotel, Indianapolis (photo by Kirkpatrick).

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- Regal Stores, Inc.** -- fourth annual banquet, 1 May 1929, in the Travertine Room of the Lincoln Hotel, Indianapolis (photo by Kirkpatrick). [Ralph and Leanora Lord are identified as sitting in front of the last window at the back. Ralph is in front of the right drapery and Leanora in front of the left drapery. The lamp post goes down behind Ralph's head.] OVC Photographs, Box 1, Folder 9
- Regal Store Owners** -- fifth annual meeting and banquet, 22 May 1930, in the Travertine Room of the Lincoln Hotel, Indianapolis (photo by Kirkpatrick). OVC Photographs, Box 1, Folder 9
- Regal Store Owners** -- sixth annual meeting and banquet, 20 May 1931, Columbia Club, Indianapolis (photo by Kirkpatrick). [Identified are: Ralph Lord is 2 inches down and 7 inches in from the left side of picture. One-half inch left of him is Leanora Lord. Between them are Helen and Rosemary Lord. To the right of Ralph is Grace Copeland, and behind her is Don Copeland. Louise Cray is 5/8 of an inch from the right of Ralph and slightly down.] OVC Photographs, Box 1, Folder 9
- [Sani-Serv] General Equipment Company** -- banquet, 30 January 1965, unknown location. OVC Photographs, Box 1, Folder 10
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