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**INDIANA STATE PARKS AND SITES  
SLIDES, CA. 1940**

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## COLLECTION INFORMATION

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COLLECTION DATES: ca. 1940

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<http://cdm16797.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/ref/collection/P0391/id/1214>

The Old Cathedral : Basilica of St. Francis Xavier, 205 Church Street, Vincennes, Indiana 47591., BX4603.V55 S46 1970

M 0954, Hoosier courthouses collection, 1963-1966

P0670 Madison Indiana Photographs, ca. 1850-1980

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NOTES:

## HISTORICAL SKETCH

McCormick's Creek State Park is located in Spencer, Indiana. It became the first state park in Indiana in 1916, when organized with the help of Colonel Richard Lieber. The park was named after John McCormick, a veteran of the Revolutionary War, who received the land in 1816. In the 1930s, the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) and Works Project Administration (WPA) assisted in the development of the park's infrastructure. This included building trails, shelters, the stone arch, cabins, the amphitheater, falls stairway, and tennis courts. The park entrance and gate house were placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1993.

Spring Mill State Park is located in Mitchell, Indiana. What was originally 295 acres of land was purchased from a cement company. The park now encompasses over a thousand acres. The park includes a pioneer village dating back to the 1800s, an operating spring-fed three-story grist mill, built of Indiana limestone, and twenty other historical structures. Within the park is also a memorial museum for Hoosier astronaut Virgil "Gus" Grissom.

The Lanier Mansion is located in Madison, Indiana. It was built in 1844, and designed by Francis Costigan. The building, with Greek Revival features, served as home to James Franklin Doughty Lanier, a lawyer and successful businessman. Lanier lived in the mansion until 1851, when he moved to New York City. The mansion is a State Historic Site, and was listed as a National Landmark in 1994.

### Sources:

Indiana Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology, "Travels in Time: Indiana State Parks," accessed 9 August, 2018, [https://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/files/hp-state\\_parks.pdf](https://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/files/hp-state_parks.pdf)

"Lanier Mansion," P0670 Madison Indiana Photographs, ca. 1850-1980, box 1, folder 9, accessed 9 August, 2018, <http://cdm16797.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/ref/collection/p16797coll24/id/1146>

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection contains twenty-five 35mm color slides of sites around Indiana taken around 1940. They include images of McCormick's Creek State Park, Spring Mill State Park, Vincennes, Madison, and Paoli.

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