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**ALVY RODENBARGER  
PHOTOGRAPHS, CA. 1912-1920S**

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

**VOLUME OF COLLECTION:** 1 photograph folder

**COLLECTION DATES:** Ca. 1912-1920s

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**RESTRICTIONS:** None

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**ALTERNATE FORMATS:**

**RELATED HOLDINGS:** Citizens Gas & Coke Utility Records, 1873-, M0667

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**NOTES:**

## BIOGRAPHICAL/ HISTORICAL SKETCH

Alva "Alvy" Rodenbarger was born on April 10th, 1883 in Rossville, Indiana to John Rodenbarger and Judy Martz. He married Mary Catherine Ernest on October 14th, 1906. He worked as a truck driver for the Central Supply Company in Indianapolis and the Citizens Gas Company. He died on August 3rd, 1952 in Indianapolis and is buried in the Crown Hill Cemetery.

The Central Supply Company was incorporated in February 1902 as a successor to the McElwaine-Richards Company. The company acted as a supplier for steam, gas, water and sanitation utilities. It also acted as the biggest wrought iron piping dealer in Indiana.

In 1887, the Consumers Gas Trust Company was created as a natural gas provider for Indianapolis and the Marion County area to exploit new natural gas deposits found in east central Indiana. In 1906 the company was reorganized as the Citizens Gas Company. In 1918 the company purchased the Milburn Coal Company of West Virginia which it renamed the Milburn Coal & By-products Company. The City of Indianapolis gained control of Citizens Gas Company in 1935 as a public trust which was renamed Citizens Gas & Coke Utility.

Sources:

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"Central Supply Company Makes Preparation for Great Growth of the City." *Indianapolis News* (Indianapolis, IN), Sept. 16, 1902.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection consists of seven black and white reproduction photographs of early Indianapolis trucks driven by Alvy Rodenbarger. One picture shows a truck belonging to the Central Supply Company ca. 1912 while the other six feature trucks belonging to the Citizens Gas Company ca. 1912-1920s.

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