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**AMERICAN UNITED LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY  
MATERIALS, 1951-1994**

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## COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 2 flat document boxes; 2 folders of photographs

COLLECTION DATES: 1951–1994

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NOTES: Contents are primarily photographs and newspaper clippings relating to Edmund W. Genier and the AUL Tower.

## HISTORICAL SKETCH

Edmund W. Genier was born in Indianapolis on August 31, 1924 to Edmund and Edith Jerome Genier. He served the United States in Europe during World War II and married a French national, Lucienne Capello, in Indianapolis on February 1, 1947. They had two daughters, Suzanne and Christine. After the war, Edmund obtained a position as tax clerk for American United Life Insurance Company. He rose through the ranks to become Vice President of Real Estate. Edmund Genier died on May 18, 2000.

American United Life Insurance Company (AUL) traces its beginning to the Knights of Pythias, a fraternal organization founded in 1864 by Justus Henry Rathbone in Washington, DC. Out of concern for the family members of its brotherhood, the Knights formed an insurance program in 1877. Eventually this insurance department of the organization moved to Indianapolis.

On April 10, 1899, American Central Life Insurance Company began operating as a business in Indianapolis. After several years, it moved to a location on the northeast corner of Market Street and Monument Circle, and in 1930 built a new structure on Fall Creek Parkway. The two insurance providers merged on January 1, 1937 to form American United Life Insurance Company (AUL) with all employees housed in the Fall Creek Parkway building. In the last half of the 1970s AUL decided to build a high-rise building in Indianapolis. Bordered by New York Street on the north, Ohio Street on the south, Illinois Street on the east and Capital Avenue on the west, the AUL Building, now called the One America building, has a unique address; One American Square.

Sources: Materials in the Collection

Hetherington, James R., *American United Life Insurance Company: Progress through Partnership 1877-2002*. Zionsville, IN: Guild Press Emmis Publishing LP, 2002

*From the Days of Knights: A History of the American United Life Insurance Company of Indianapolis, Indiana, 1877-1977*. Indianapolis, IN: American United Life Insurance Company, 1977

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The contents primarily consist of information relating to the construction of the AUL building in Indianapolis (now called the One America Building), and to the career of Edmund W. Genier, an AUL employee.

Included are two folders of photographs: one containing thirty photographs pertaining to the career of Edmund W. Genier 1953–1989 and the other containing five black and white photographs relating to AULs move from the building on Fall Creek to the AUL Tower, 1982.

Box one contains business cards, newspaper and company news articles about Edmund W. Genier. They trace his rise through the ranks from Tax Clerk to Supervisor of a new mortgage loan office in Memphis, Tennessee, to Assistant Manager in the Mortgage Loan department, to Assistant Vice President of Mortgage Loans, and eventually, Vice President of Real Estate and range in date from 1951 to 1990. There also are newspaper and newsletter articles about the building of the new AUL Tower from November, 1979–August, 1982.

Box two contains a scrapbook regarding AULs move to the new building and the tenant companies who occupied the tower, 1982.

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