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**BASH SEED STORE
RECORDS, 1931–1935**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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NOTES:

SKETCH

Solomon Bash (1827–1912) was born in Starke County, Ohio, but moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana, in 1848. He married Rebecca Ketterer in 1852, together they had five sons and one daughter. In 1856, Bash and Stewart Eakin formed a grain-dealing business named Bash and Eakin. After the business failed, Bash started his own grain-dealing operation as S. Bash and Company.

The Indianapolis seed store was started in 1906 by one of Bash's sons, Daniel Francis Bash (1858–1943). Bash's Seed Store was located at 141 N. Delaware Street. Daniel Bash was assisted in the store's operations by three of his sons, S. Douglas, Daniel K., and Jerome K.

S. Douglas and his wife Pauline opened their own store in 1926. It was located nearby at 201 N. Delaware Street and was called S. D. Bash Seed Boxes. A short time later it relocated at 205 N. Delaware and was named Quality Seed Store.

In June 1932, Daniel and Jerome Bash acquired the 141 N. Delaware store from their father. When Daniel Bash died in 1945, ownership was divided between Jerome and another Bash brother, Richard Francis. Pauline Bash acquired and combined the inventory of both stores and closed the Quality Seed Store, keeping Bash's Seed Store. In 1973, the store was moved to 130 N. Delaware, and in 1975 it was sold to William Merrill and Patty Evard who formed the 130 N. Delaware Corporation. Bash Seeds ceased operation in 1995.

The store has been described as having a homey environment with seeds being sold in alphabetized library card catalog drawers.

Sources:

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The ledger covers the period 1931–1935 and contains business accounts of seeds sold to various outlets in Indiana and the Midwest. The ledger is arranged alphabetically by name of business along with location and seeds purchased.

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