COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 4 manuscript boxes, 10 bound volumes, and 3 portraits

COLLECTION DATES: 1889-1975

PROVENANCE: Elizabeth Evans, Indianapolis, Indiana, October 1975 and 27 April 1979.

RESTRICTIONS: none

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ALTERNATE FORMATS: none

OTHER FINDING AIDS: none

RELATED HOLDINGS: Indiana Historical Society Library holdings include a large number of Quaker records.
HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Bertha Ballard Home was a non-sectarian boarding house for girls located in Indianapolis. It was founded in 1890 by the Women Friends of the Western Yearly Meeting of Friends Church for the purpose of providing a residence offering both physical and spiritual comfort to young women who were alone and forced to earn a living. The home was originally called the Friends' Boarding Home for Girls and was located at 339 East Market Street. In 1900, William Hadley Ballard (1852-1934) proposed to the organization that in exchange for incorporating under the name Bertha Esther Ballard Home Association, he would donate land and a suitable building. William Ballard was the founder and president of the Ballard Ice Cream Company and a member of the Society of Friends Church. His only child, Bertha Ester Ballard died in 1899, at the age of ten, and he wanted to create a lasting memorial. With William Ballard's gift, the home moved to 411 North Delaware, where it successfully operated until it closed in October of 1975.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists mainly of minutes of the annual and monthly meetings of the Bertha Esther Ballard Home Association Board of Directors, 1900-1973, not including 1959; and the minutes of the board meetings of the Friends' Boarding Home for Girls, 1890-1895. Also included in the collection are the financial records of the organization for various years from 1900-1975; miscellaneous letters; legal documents; clippings; and photocopies, including a photocopy of William Ballard's will and the Articles of Incorporation for the Bertha Esther Ballard Home Association. The collection also contains photographs, paintings, and the organization's seal.

BOX AND FOLDER LISTING

BOX 1: Miscellaneous Papers; Treasurers Reports 1961-1964; Financial Statements 1967-1975; Minutes of Board Meetings 1928-1935

FOLDER CONTENTS

1-2 Letters, legal documents, printed articles and financial papers, 1900-1939, including letters from William Ballard concerning his donation.

3 Clippings and xeroxes, including William Ballard's will and the Bertha Esther Ballard Home Association's Articles of Incorporation.

4 Treasurer's monthly and annual reports, 1961-1962.

5 Treasurer's monthly and annual reports, 1963.

6 Treasurer's monthly and annual reports, 1964.


**BOX 2: Minutes of Board Meetings, 1936-1948**

**FOLDER CONTENTS**


**BOX 3: Minutes of Board Meetings, 1949-1958, 1960-1969**

**FOLDER CONTENTS**


**BOX 4: Minutes of Board Meetings 1970-1973; Photographs, Paintings; Seal**

**FOLDER CONTENTS**


5 (VC) Photographs: 2 black and white mounted portraits of an unidentified male (possibly William H. Ballard); 1 black and white photograph of the Bertha Ballard Home; 1 black and white photograph of painting #23, Bertha E. Ballard; 1 postcard of the Bertha Ballard Home; 3 portraits: 1 (67" X 49") (painting #23) of Bertha Esther Ballard; 2 portraits, 1 each of Mr. and Mrs. William Hadley Ballard (missing 8-5-94)

6 (ART) Organization Seal, black metal, hand pressed with a lion head design.

**BOUND VOLUMES:**

**VOLUME CONTENTS**

**NUMBER CONTENTS**

BV 1846 Friends' Boarding Home for Girls. Minutes of Board Meetings, August 1890-December 1891.

BV 1847 Friends' Boarding Home for Girls. Minutes of Board Meetings, January 1892-
July 1895.

BV 1848  Bertha Esther Ballard Home Association. Minutes of Board Meetings, April 1900-September 1910.

BV 1849  Bertha Esther Ballard Home Association. Minutes of Board Meetings, annual meetings only, April 1902 September 1910.

BV 1850  Bertha Esther Ballard Home Association. Minutes of Board Meetings, September 1908-December 1916.


CATALOGING INFORMATION

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1. Go to the Indiana Historical Society's online catalog.
2. Click on the "Local Catalog" icon.
3. Search for the collection by its call number, using the letter or letters designation and four digits (e.g., M 0715, SC 2234).
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