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**CASTILLO'S REALTY
COLLECTION, CA. 1928-1970S**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 2 boxes of photographs, 1 manuscript folder, 2 oversized boxes of blueprint plat maps

COLLECTION DATES: ca. 1928-1970s

PROVENANCE: Lydia L. Castillo, Munster, IN

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

Castillo's Realty business was started by Michael A. Castillo and was located at 3906 Main Street, East Chicago, Indiana. Michael A. Castillo (1914-2005) was born in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico. He came to the United States with his mother, Ignacia Martinez and his stepfather Calixto Suro and the family settled in East Chicago in September 1927. Castillo married Consuelo "Connie" Figueroa (1927-2000), an East Chicago native, in 1947 and the couple had two children. Castillo started his real estate business in the 1940s, and later his daughter Lydia L. Castillo joined her father in the family business.

Sources:

Ancestry.com

Oral History Interview of Michael "Mickey" Del Castillo, Indiana Historical Society
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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains photographs taken by Castillo's Realty which document homes and businesses in Indiana Harbor (East Chicago), Indiana sometime between 1963 and 1971 (there are campaign signs for Mayor John B. Nicosia in some windows or on buildings). The photographs are similar to a modern day "street view" as some photographs capture just the exterior of the structure, but others capture people leaving and entering buildings, washing their cars, children playing the street, etc. Some of the businesses that were photographed include:

El Gato Negro, 3327 Block Ave
Meijas Grocery, 3338-3340 Block Ave
La Victoria, 3535 Block Ave
Gillispie's Lunch Room, 3543 Block Ave
Clanton's Tavern, 3554 Block Ave.
Maravilla's Grocery (Maravilla Tienda de Comestibles), 3555 Block Ave
Mason's Bookstore and Gift Shop, 1916 Broadway
H.L Davis, Lawyer, 2210 Broadway
Sue & Windy House of Beauty, 2212 Broadway
Lakeview Shoe Service & Shining, 2216 Broadway
Broadway Drug Store, 2220 Broadway
Louie's Barber Shop, 3506 Deador
The Nite-Cap Bar, 3469 Elm St.
C. Samlee Hand Laundry, 3407-3415 Fir St.
El Jacalito Diner, 3412 Guthrie St.
L&G Restaurant, 3413-3417 Guthrie St.
Valencia Restaurant, 3416 Guthrie St.
Ridge Bar, 3420 Guthrie St.
Rainbow Lodge, 3426 Guthrie St.
Fair Food Shop, 3428 Guthrie St.
Inland Coal Company, 3447 Guthrie St.
Carmen's Outlet Store, 3476 Guthrie St.
Hi-Way Tavern, 3480 Guthrie St.
Sinclair Auto Shop/Gas Station, 3499 Guthrie St.
Five Point Cleaners, 3500 Guthrie St.
McKinnie Cleaners, 3749 Guthrie St.
Goodman Rexall Drugs, 3502 Main St.
La Pasadita Café, 3602 Main St.
Club Azteca, 3603 Main St.
Dr. M.L. Lipner Optometrist, 3604 Main St.
Royal Super Market, 3605 Main St.
Atlas Photographer, 3607 Main St.
La Espiga de Oro Bakery and Restaurant, 3610 Main St.
Borowski's Drugs, 3616 Main St.
Harbor Record Shop/Music Center, 3620 Main St.
Schiff's Shoes, 3720 Main St.
La Esmeralda Grocery, 3315 Michigan Ave.

Modern Lunch, 3219 Michigan Ave.
Inland Snack/ Michigan Hotel/ Caboose Bar, 3225 Michigan Ave.
Lake Hotel & Tap, 3305 Michigan Ave.
La Bohemia Tavern, 3313 Michigan Ave.
Ernes Coffee Shop, 3321 Michigan Ave.
Bud's Shanty, 3228 Michigan Ave.
Baltimore Hotel Bar, 3233-3235 Michigan Ave.
Calumet Grocery & Meats, 3323 Michigan Ave.
Michigan Barber Shop, 3325 Michigan Ave.
The Michigan Cade, 3331 Michigan Ave.
Castillo's Tavern, 3337 Michigan Ave.
International Restaurant, 3339 Michigan Ave.
Interurban Tap, 3402-04 Michigan Ave.
Russell's Tavern / DSP Liquors, 3406-3408 Michigan Ave.
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East Chicago Boy's Club, 3434 Michigan Ave.
Atkinson Auto Supply, 3485-3487 Michigan Ave.
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Joe's Taco Grill, 3485-3487 Pennsylvania Ave.
El Mambo, 3511 Pennsylvania Ave.
La Frontera Billiards, 3514-3516 Pennsylvania Ave.
Café Le Fe, 3515 Pennsylvania Ave.
John Vintila, 3544 Pennsylvania Ave.
Ortiz Grocery, 3566-3568 Pennsylvania Ave.
2&3 Bar, 3315 Watling St.

Another photograph of note in the collection shows unidentified people riding on and posing with a float decorated for Fiestas Patrias/Mexican Independence Day in 1928 with proprietor Vicente Flores "V.F." Garza. The float is sponsored by food brand El Popular.

V.F. was close friends with Francisco and Consuelo Figueroa; Connie (née Figueroa) Castillo's parents and owners of the Figueroa Print Shop.

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