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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Donald C. (“Danny”) Danielson was born in Spring Valley, Minnesota, in 1919. As a child, his parents moved the family to Pierre, South Dakota, where he graduated from high school in 1937. During his youth, he played baseball. Before attending Indiana University (IU) following high school, he was approached by the St. Louis Cardinals, a professional baseball team, to play with them but chose to play baseball at IU instead. He graduated from IU in 1942 and was signed to play in the Brooklyn Dodgers organization. After one year in the minor leagues, he enlisted in the US Navy, serving on troop transport ships that brought soldiers to England and France during World War II. He met his wife, Patricia Jane (“Patty”) Peterson, during his college years and married her after his return from war service. Back in civilian life, he first worked for IU in the alumni office and then took a job in 1948 with Modernfold, a company in New Castle, Indiana, that manufactured folding doors. He became the company’s CEO in 1969 and left there in 1976. That same year he took a job at City Securities Corp., his father-in-law’s finance company, where he remained until his death. Mr. Danielson died on 7 May 2015, in New Castle, Indiana.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This manuscript was transcribed from a digitally recorded interview conducted on 12 November 2014 at Mr. Danielson's home in New Castle, Indiana, by Wendy L. Adams, Indiana Historical Society's (IHS) director of oral history. Ms. Adams transcribed the interview in December 2014 and lightly edited the transcript in March 2015. The interview, which includes the audio recording and the transcript, is housed at the William H. Smith Memorial Library, Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, Indianapolis, Indiana.

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