INDIANA FARM BUREAU COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION
SEED PLANT PHOTOGRAPHS, CA. 1947, CA. 1956

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 2 folders of photographs

COLLECTION DATES: Ca. 1947, ca. 1956

PROVENANCE: Donald F. Rendfeld
HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Indiana Farm Bureau Cooperative Association purchased the fireproof seed warehouse and processing plant of Crabb, Reynolds, Taylor Company, 108 E. North Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana, ca. 1944–45. The Farm Bureau constructed a new facility across the street ca. 1956.

The Williams Studio was located at 116 ½ N. Washington Street in Crawfordsville, Indiana, as shown by the Crawfordsville city directories for the years 1954, 1956, 1958, and 1959.

Sources:

Items in the collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of twenty-five photographs of the Indiana Farm Bureau Cooperative Association seed warehouse and processing plant in Crawfordsville, Indiana.

Folder 1 contains one photograph of the exterior of the first seed house. The remaining images illustrate warehousing, processing, and laboratory facilities and activities. One photograph shows Robert Rendfeld seated at a desk. A calendar and a price sheet on the desk, though slightly out of focus, appear to be dated December 1947. There is also a group portrait at an unidentified banquet.

Folder 2 contains seven progress photographs of the new plant construction. These were photographed by Williams Studio of Crawfordsville. The numbers on the verso of these photographs begin with “C5607-1,” suggesting the year was 1956. The processor used these numbers to determine the order in which Williams Studio made the construction photographs.

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