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## 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

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS:

ACCESSION NUMBER: 1996.0557

NOTES:

## 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:

Colby, Edna Moore. *Hoosier Farmers in a New Day: The Story of the First Fifty Golden Years of the Indiana Farm Bureau*. Indianapolis: Indiana Farm Bureau, Inc., 1968. General Collection: HD1485 .I5 C64 1968.

Hull, I. Harvey. *Built of Men: The Story of Indiana Cooperatives*. New York: Harper and Brothers, 1952. General Collection: HD1485 .F3 H85 1952.

*Polk's Crawfordsville (Indiana) City Directory*. Taylor, Mich: R. L. Polk & Co., 1954–59.

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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