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**INDIANA WOMEN'S HISTORY ASSOCIATION
RECORDS, CA. 1989-2006**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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COLLECTION DATES: Ca. 1989-2006

PROVENANCE: Beth V. Gray of Indianapolis, Indiana and Barbara E. Zimmer of Indianapolis, Indiana

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

Formerly known as the Indiana Women's History Archives, Inc., the Indiana Women's History Association, Inc. was founded in 1983 by a group of women that were heavily involved in women's rights projects in the 1970s. Driven by a realization that there was a lack of archival records concerning women, this group of women formed the organization with the help of the Indiana Historical Society with the purpose of identifying, preserving, and promoting Indiana women's history.

The organization's first project was funded by the Lilly Endowment and involved creating and distributing a survey to get a better understanding of where records and other materials of significance related to women's history were located. The survey revealed that much of this material was stored in residential basements, attics, and storage sheds rather than in archives. These results prompted the IWHA, along with the IHS, to actively publicize the need for these types of materials to be donated to archival institutions in order to build a significant women's collection.

The group has delivered many successful projects since including the production of a "Guide to Women's History Materials in Manuscript Collections at the Indiana Historical Society," a campaign to collect oral histories, and the development of several programs and conventions.

Sources:

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains materials related to the running of the Indiana Women's History Association, Inc. Materials related to the running of the organization includes correspondence, meeting documents-agendas, minutes, notes, and member/board/committee lists. There are also several programs represented in this collection with planning documents, programs, news clippings, photographs, etc. Also included are two certificates of appreciation from the Indiana Historical Bureau, and Indiana General Assembly Proclamation, and two certificates of commendation from the American Association of State and Local History.

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