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## INDIANA STATE PRISON PHOTOGRAPH ALBUM, CA. 1930S

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## **HISTORICAL SKETCH**

### **INDIANA STATE PRISON**

The first Indiana State Prison was built in Jeffersonville, Indiana in 1822. The state purchased 102 acres in 1858 for a second prison on the western edge of Michigan City. Construction began on the prison with 100 inmates from the Jeffersonville facility. The Michigan City prison originally enclosed 8.3 acres with walls 600 feet long.

Both prisons in Michigan City and Jeffersonville were named the Indiana State Prison, one designated Prison North and the other Prison South. In 1922, Prison South was destroyed by a fire and Michigan City became the oldest facility in the system.

Among the famous prisoners held in the Michigan City prison were bank robber John Dillinger and the former Grand Dragon of the Ku Klux Klan, D.C. Stephenson.

Sources:

<http://www.in.gov/idoc/3059.htm>

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

Indiana State Prison Album contains 122 pages of photographs taken during the 1930s. The images are mostly 8x10 inch photographs mounted on black paper pages with captions written in white ink. Beginning on page 97 the photographs are tinted and some are duplicates of the black-and-white images seen in the earlier pages of the album.

The images show the exterior and interior views of prison buildings, walls, towers and gates, staff and staff residences, prisoners, gardens, baseball games and the prison baseball teams for 1935 and 1936, building construction, work rooms, and farms, greenhouses, livestock, and farm dormitories.

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