

Collection #
SC 2849

INDIANA WORLD WAR II RATION FORMS RECORDS, CA. 1942

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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NOTES:

HISTORICAL SKETCH

Food rationing was started in the United States in May 1942 under the control of the Office of Price Administration (OPA). Sugar was the first item rationed but all foods and petroleum products were rationed. Registration usually took place in schools and one member from each household was required to show up and register. Ninety-one percent of the U.S. population registered for ration books and stamp. Each person was given a certain number of points per month and each rationed item had a color and a point value. Point values were determined monthly based upon availability. Penalties for selling rationed items on the black market were stiff (\$10,000 fine and/or imprisonment); nevertheless, one-quarter of all retail business was done in this manner.

Sources:

Brinkley, Douglass. *The World War II Desk Reference*. New York, NY: Harper Collins, 2004. pp. 386-389.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains a blank application for home canning sugar allowance and two blank ration checks for sugar issued by the Bank of Orleans, Orleans, Orange County, Indiana, ca. 1942.

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