INDIANAPOLIS BUSINESSES
PHOTOGRAPHS, CA. 1897-1960

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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COLLECTION DATES: Ca. 1897-1960

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

Starting in the mid-1920s, Indiana experienced a time of huge economic gains. There were increases in production, employment, sales, and banking with building construction and auto production seeing the largest increases throughout the state. The stock market crash in 1929 and the following depression negatively affected Indiana, and this uptick in the economy began to decrease substantially.

Additionally, during WWII, Indiana (and the U.S. in general) saw a vast improvement in the economy. Primary industry growth during this time period was in the manufacturing and sales of goods. Low skilled Indiana workers were able to take advantage of relatively high paying jobs. This period of economic growth lasted through the end of the 1960s.

Sources:


**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection contains photographs of various businesses in the Indianapolis, Indiana area, ca. 1900-1960. All of the photographs depict store and business buildings and/or employees. The types of businesses vary and include department stores, auto servicers and dealers, a phone company, and manufacturers of various products.
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Automobile Sales and Service Businesses, ca. 1930-1940:
Stutz Motor Company Personnel, n.d.; Wilson and Wilson Motor Service, Storefront & Personnel, ca. 1934; Pure Oil Gas Station, 18th & Meridian, ca. 1940s

Department Stores, Markets, and Dry Goods Stores, ca. 1900-1960s:
Pettis Dry Goods, Store Interior, n.d.; Lester Shoe Store, Shoe Truck, 1925; Samuel's Market, Jenny & Morris Samuels, ca. 1933-1936 (reproduction); Samuel's Market, Jenny & Morris Samuels, 1943 (2 reproductions, single sheet); Block's Department Store, Artist Rendering, ca. 1960

E.C. Atkins & Company, Offices & Workers—primarily women, ca. 1930s

Bars & Coffee Shops, ca. 1920-1930:
Claypool Coffee Shop, Man Standing by Sign, ca. 1920s; Old Tunnel Bar, Storefront and Workers, ca. 1930s

268-274 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, Storefronts and People, ca. 1897-1898

Stitz & Miller Real Estate, Offices, n.d.; Indiana National Bank, Interior, ca. 1907

Telephone Co., Telephone Operators, 3 photographs:
1 Inside the Building and 2 Outside the Building, n.d.

Fox & Fox Blacksmiths, Storefront, n.d.; Brickyard, Brick Production Workers, n.d.