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P 0556

**JAMES A. "BUDDIE" LOVE COLLECTION
CA. 1919–1960**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 OVB Box of Photographs (including one newspaper article),
1 folder of 3 color photographs

COLLECTION DATES: Ca. 1919–1960

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NOTES: *See also:* P 0359, Indianapolis Fire Station Photographs

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

James Alva "Buddie" Love was born in Corydon, Indiana, on 7 December 1887 to Calwell and Magnolia (nee Richard) Love. In 1900 he lived in Mauckport, Harrison County, with his parents and three younger siblings: brother Vernie and sisters Vada and Bessie. Calwell did farm work. By 1910 the family had another son, Herman. Calwell was then working odd jobs and James was doing farm labor.

By 1912 James had moved to Indianapolis where he worked at what was listed as the "Insane Hospital" -- Central Indiana Hospital (later known as Central State Hospital). The 1912 city directory lists him as an attendant; the 1913–1916 directories list him as a night watchman at the hospital.

By 1917 James was working as a motorman for a streetcar company. On April 5, 1917, he married Goldah Hazel Goodner in Indianapolis. She was called "Hazel" and was born November 9, 1889.

Around 1921 or 1922 James became a fireman with the Indianapolis Fire Department. It appears that he was with station #7 in the early 1920s and later with station #32 in Broad Ripple. Station #7 at that time was at 301 E. New York Street and is considered headquarters for the fire department. Station #32 opened in 1922 at 6330 Guilford Avenue.

James died in October 1979 and is buried in Washington Park North Cemetery in Indianapolis, alongside Hazel who died in December 1970.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of photographs and a copy of one newspaper article pertaining to James A. "Buddie" Love and his work as a streetcar motorman and a fireman in Indianapolis. Two of the photographs are portraits of Love, two are of streetcar workers, and the rest are of firemen, fire engines, and fire stations. The fire stations depicted are #7 at 301 E. New York Street in downtown Indianapolis (in the early- to mid-1920s) and #32 at 6330 Guilford Avenue in Broad Ripple (ca. 1926–1954). In four of the photographs the fire station is not identified. Love appears in at least 15 of the 20 photographs in this collection (1 duplicate).

Series 1, Portraits of James A. "Buddie" Love: two real photo postcard portraits, n.d.

Series 2, Streetcar Workers: one photo of Love and others with streetcar, one real photo postcard of a group of streetcar workers. These are not dated but would be ca. 1917–1921.

Series 3, Fire Station #7: two group portraits of firemen at the station, 1923 and n.d.

Series 4, Fire Station #32: ten photographs (1 duplicate); three are color. One photograph from 1953 shows individual portraits of 22 identified firemen. Other photos show group portraits, fire engines, and the station (1926–1954, n.d.). Also included is a photocopy of a 1960 newspaper item regarding the last Stutz fire truck with wooden ladder and the fire engine that replaced it at Fire Station #32.

Series 5, Unidentified Groups / Fire Stations: four photographs of groups of people; two show fire engines, n.d. One photo is of a group of firemen, including Love, indoors by a Christmas tree.

SERIES CONTENTS

Series 1: Portraits of James A. "Buddie" Love

CONTENTS

Standing portrait on half of a black-and-white photographic postcard, n.d.

Seated portrait on black-and-white photographic postcard, n.d.

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OVB Box 1, Folder 1

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Series 2: Indianapolis Streetcar Workers

CONTENTS

Group portrait of nine unidentified men on black-and-white postcard, n.d.

Mounted photo of seven men with College Avenue streetcar, n.d. James A. "Buddie" Love is fifth from left, standing on pavement.

CONTAINER

OVB Box 1, Folder 2

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Series 3: Fire Station #7 (Downtown Indianapolis)

CONTENTS

Group portrait of 18 men in front of station, ca. 1923. James A. "Buddie" Love is in back row, second from left.

Group portrait of 10 men and a dog by fire truck in front of station, n.d. James A. "Buddie" Love is standing in front of truck, second from right.

CONTAINER

OVB Box 1, Folder 3

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Series 4: Fire Station #32 (Broad Ripple)

CONTENTS

Fire truck with hat on seat from station #32. Date written on back: 28 March 1949.

Group portrait of five men by fire truck, ca. 1950. James A. "Buddie" Love is at far left.

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Man in front seat of fire truck, n.d. Possibly James A. "Buddie" Love.

OVB Box 1, Folder 4

Photograph with individual portraits and fire station with fire trucks, 1953. Individuals shown are: Paul **Carr**, Robert L. **Wilkins**, Donald R. **Thompson**, Edward J. **McCann**, William J. **Cassidy**, Wilson **Crawford**, George F. **Rehfus**, Robert **Beck**, Lieutenant Edward J. **Webber**, Captain Leroy **Meenach**, Captain John R. **Miller**, Lieutenant John **Donlan**, Hugh H. **Hanna**, James R. **Keller**, James A. "Buddie" **Love**, Harvey **Hudson**, Lyman **Elliott Jr.**, Robert **Parrish**, William **McGlynn**, Thomas **Burks**, Robert C. **Tyner**, Charles **Whittinger**.

OVB Box 1, Folder 4

Photocopy of newspaper clipping with photo of the last Stutz fire truck with wooden ladder and the fire engine that replaced it at Fire Station #32. Mentioned in the caption are Fletcher **Maholm**, Fire Chief Arnold W. **Phillips**, and Pvt. William R. **Roberts**. From *The Indianapolis Star*, 19 April 1960.

OVB Box 1, Folder 4

Group portrait of nine men outside of station #32. James A. "Buddie" Love is in front row, third from left. Two copies of same image -- one has "June 6, 1926" written on it and the other has "Picture taken in 1925" written on the back. The latter is mounted.

OVB Box 1, Folder 6

Seven firemen with two fire engines in front of station #32, n.d. James A. "Buddie" Love is third from left. Mounted photograph by Kirkpatrick Studio of Indianapolis.

OVB Box 1, Folder 8

Square color snapshot of James A. "Buddie" Love sitting at the steering wheel of fire engine in front of station #32, n.d. [color is faded]

Color Photographs, Folder 1

5x7 color snapshot of James A. "Buddie" Love sitting at steering wheel of fire engine in front of station #32. Stamp on back states that it is an enlargement made in June 1954. [color is faded; torn near left edge]

Color Photographs, Folder 1

5x7 color snapshot of four men by fire engine in front of station #32. A "Civilian Defense" sign has been added to the station. James A. "Buddie" Love is seated on the engine. Stamp on back states that it is an enlargement made on 29 October 1954.

Color Photographs, Folder 1

Series 5: Unidentified Groups / Fire Stations

CONTENTS

Two men standing by fire engine, n.d. The one on the left appears to be James A. "Buddie" Love. Written on back is: "S. Stewart."

Eight men and a boy by a fire truck, n.d.

Four men and a dog outside of what could be a fire station, n.d.

Fifteen firemen indoors by a Christmas tree, n.d. James A. "Buddie" Love is in back row, far right.

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OVB Box 1, Folder 5

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OVB Box 1, Folder 5

OVB Box 1, Folder 7