JOHN LINZA GIBSON
PAPERS, 1926-ca. 1969

Collection #
M 0113
F 0137

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:
3 manuscript boxes, 1 roll of microfilm

COLLECTION DATES:
1926-ca. 1969

PROVENANCE:
John Linza Gibson, Borden Indiana, 1962 and 1966 and Charles Hunter, Beech Grove IN, 1974

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:
Box 1, Folder 8 on microfilm (negative), F 137

OTHER FINDING AIDS:
None

RELATED HOLDINGS:
John L. Gibson, Early Wood Township (1964), pam F 532 .C5 G5 1966

ACCESSION NUMBER:

NOTES:
This collection was originally divided into two separate units. They were combined into one collection in 1994
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

John Linza Gibson (1886-1969) was born in Wood Township, Clark County, Indiana, the son of James K. Gibson, a farmer, and Indiana Goss Gibson. He was educated in local rural schools and graduated from high school in nearby Borden. He then taught for a number of years, largely in rural one-room schools. He gave up teaching when he became deaf, and worked during World War II at the boat works in Jeffersonville, which was then producing LSTs. After retiring, he did a good deal of traveling in the United States and Canada.

In the 1920s Gibson wrote a series of historical articles titled "Legends and Lore" for the Indiana Farmers Guide. Through the rest of his life he wrote voluminously on both local historical and family matters.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection filling three manuscript boxes consists of photocopies and typescripts of Gibson's writings. Box 1 Folders 1-7, contain "We Gibsons" (454 pages), which has three chapters on Gibson's ancestors and forty-seven more on his autobiography. The detailed accounts of his teaching experiences give a good picture of the life of a rural teacher, with detailed descriptions of each year's class in a one-room school. There are several chapters about his work at the boat works at Jeffersonville. The final chapters describe his travels after his retirement. Folders 8-13 contain miscellaneous writings by Gibson including "The Silver Bullet" chapter XXV from "When Indiana Was Young" (see the microfilm, F 0137, for the first twenty four chapters); on "Morgan's Ruse" and five chapters on Morgan's Raid (1926).

Box 2 contains several of Gibson's literary efforts: an educational paper on "Sounds and symbols of speech"; two travel pieces, "As We Travel" and "Frosty Florida"; a reminiscence of his daughter Helen; and "Aab's Golden Tomahawk," a fictional account of an Indian in the 1790s. In Box 3 are more historical pieces, including "Rustic Reflection", "The Silver Legend" and "Legends and Lore".

BOX AND FOLDER INVENTORY

Box 1
Folder Contents

1-7 We Gibsons
8 The Silver Bullet (see also F 137)
9-12 Morgan's Ruse
13 Morgan's Raid (1926)

Box 2
Folder Contents

1 Sound and Symbols of Speech
2-5 Aab's Golden Tomahawk
6-9 The Book of Helen
10-12 As We Travel
Box 3
Folder Contents

1-4 Rustic Reflections
5-7 The Silver Legend
8-11 Legend and Lore

F 0137*When Indiana Was Young (first 24 chapters)

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