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**JORDAN RIVER REVUE
POSTERS, 1922**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 box OVC photographs (thin, half-size OVC box)

COLLECTION DATES: 1922

PROVENANCE: Jessie Corbin, Indianapolis, IN

RESTRICTIONS: None

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NOTES:

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Jordan River Revue was a musical variety show that ran from 1922 to 1962 at Indiana University. It was originally conceived as a one-time fundraiser to raise money for the IU Memorial Fund but was such a success that it became an annual production, as well as a travelling show for a time. All but the first 1922 production were put on entirely by the students in terms of writing, directing, producing, acting, and singing. Student participation was open to all different majors, not just theatre or speech students, and in 1922, one hundred and twenty-five students were involved in the production. The original 1922 show went on the road to the Murat Theatre in Indianapolis to great acclaim, and was performed again as part of the IU commencement activities. Notable student performers in the production over the years included Hoagy Carmichael, Andy Duggan, Dick Shores, and Patti Fisher Blair.

The donor of this collection and her husband were both performers in the original 1922 production. Jessie E. Soltau Corbin and Gilbert Corbin were performers in the original 1922 production of the Jordan River Revue. Jessie (June 26, 1903-May 9, 1998) was a native Hoosier, the daughter of Edward and Grace Wright Soltau, hailing from Woodruff Place, Indianapolis before attending Indiana University. It appears that she moved back to Indianapolis, and in the early 1930s was listed in city directories working as a model. It is unclear when she married Gilbert Corbin (1899-1963).

Sources:

“The Jordan River Revue.” Indiana University Archives Exhibits.

<http://collections.libraries.indiana.edu/iubarchives/exhibits/show/iu-student-traditions/the-jordan-river-revue>

“Switz City Young Men in University Play.” *Linton Daily Citizen*. April 25, 1922.

Ancestry.com

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains two posters with promotional photographs of some of the acts presented by the Jordan River Revue out of Indiana University Bloomington. There are 18 photographs attached to the two poster boards, and many of the individuals in them have been identified. There appear to be solo acts, duets, quartets, choruses, and some of the performers are pictured wearing blackface.

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