JOSIAH K. LILLY, JR. COLLECTION PHOTOGRAPHS, MAY 1966

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 OVB box of color photographs

COLLECTION DATES: May 1966

PROVENANCE: John G. Rauch, Jr. 1969
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Josiah K. Lilly, Jr. (Sept. 25, 1893-May 5, 1966), (Joe), was born in Indianapolis. As the younger son of Josiah K. Lilly, Sr, he was destined to become part of the family business. He laid the foundation for his career by earning his pharmacy degree at the University of Michigan. He joined the family business, Eli Lilly and Co, in 1914, where he did much to reorganize the firm, applying improved business procedures. In 1944 he became president of the newly formed Eli Lilly International Corporation, and in 1948, president of the Eli Lilly Company.

Of his many personal interests, collecting was one. He amassed a collection of first editions and manuscripts that he donated to Indiana University, forming the core of the Lilly Library rare book and manuscript collection. He also collected sets of miniature soldiers representing every regiment that ever served in the United States armies up to 1900. The collection also included accurate uniforms, flags insignia and arms

Another interest resulted in his collection of gold coins, stamps, firearms, and 18th century paintings. The Twin Oaks studio was built as a workshop and to store the collections. There he would retreat and spend time with the collections he loved.

Sources:
Reference Room Collection: F534.I55 E4 1994

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of 16 mounted color photographs of Mr. Lilly’s collections at Twin Oaks taken May 1966. The Twin Oaks studio was built as a workshop and to store the collections. The photographs were taken by the bank after Mr. Lilly’s death, but before the collections were removed. Twin Oaks was located on the south side of Kessler Blvd, West Drive. The photographs show collections such as stamps, firearms, ships, banners and ephemera.
The photographs are grouped by room with a brief description of each room’s contents.

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**CONTENTS CONTAINER**

Vault Room (1 of 4)  
Description: Sheet of blue Lincoln stamps and variety of stamps, framed  
OVB Color Photos: Box 1, Folder 1

Vault Room (2 of 4)  
Description: Variety of stamps framed and shelves of storage boxes  
OVB Color Photos: Box 1, Folder 2

Vault Room (3 of 4)  
Description: Blue Lincoln stamps and shelves of storage boxes  
OVB Color Photos: Box 1, Folder 3

Vault Room (4 of 4)  
Description: Gold plates and coins  
OVB Color Photos: Box 1, Folder 4

Hunting Room (1 of 3)  
Description: Firearms displayed in glass cases  
OVB Color Photos: Box 1, Folder 5

Hunting Room (2 of 3)  
Description: Firearms displayed in glass cases  
OVB Color Photos: Box 1, Folder 6

Hunting Room (3 of 3)  
Description: Firearms and painting of hunting scene  
OVB Color Photos: Box 1, Folder 7

Blue Carpet Room (1 of 3)  
Description: Military miniatures  
OVB Color Photos: Box 1, Folder 8

Blue Carpet Room (2 of 3)  
Description: Miniature miniatures, bronze or gold eagles  
OVB Color Photos: Box 1, Folder 9

Blue Carpet Room (3 of 3)  
Description: Military miniatures, eagles, portrait on wall  
OVB Color Photos: Box 1, Folder 10

Nautical Theme, Brown Carpet Room (1 of 3)  
Description: Pictures of ships and cannon  
OVB Color Photos: Box 1, Folder 11

Nautical Theme, Brown Carpet Room (2 of 3)  
Description: Pictures of ships, model ships  
OVB Color Photos: Box 1, Folder 12

Nautical Theme, Brown Carpet Room (3 of 3)  
Description: Ship artifacts, paintings & painting on easel  
OVB Color Photos: Box 1, Folder 13

Nautical Theme: Grey carpet room (1 of 3)  
Description: Military miniatures  
OVB Color Photos: Box 1, Folder 14

Nautical Theme, Grey carpet room (2 of 3)  
OVB Color Photos:
Description: ocean scenes
Box 1, Folder 15

Nautical Theme, Grey carpet room (3of 3)
Description: sailing ships and military miniatures
OVB Color Photos:
Box 1, Folder 16

CATALOGING INFORMATION

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1. Go to the Indiana Historical Society's online catalog: http://opac.indianahistory.org/
2. Click on the "Basic Search" icon.
3. Select "Call Number" from the "Search In:" box.
4. Search for the collection by its basic call number (in this case, P0200).
5. When you find the collection, go to the "Full Record" screen for a list of headings that can be searched for related materials.