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**KIPP BROTHERS
TITLE ABSTRACTS, 1937–1958**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS: Kipp Brothers Company Minute Book M 0850

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NOTES:

HISTORICAL SKETCH

Kipp Bros. Company, now doing business as KIPP Brothers, has been a direct importer and wholesaler of novelty items since 1880. First established by Albrecht and Robert Kipp as the Kipp Brothers Partnership, they operated out of warehouses and offices at 37–41 South Meridian Street. By 1930, Kipp Bros. moved to 117–119 South Meridian and two decades later could be found at 240 South Meridian.

The business incorporated on 23 February 1893 as Kipp Bros. Company, with Albrecht Kipp, Robert Kipp, William F. Piel, Jr., Henry W. Piel, and Charles F. Piel as the initial shareholders. Robert Kipp, Albrecht Kipp, Henry W. Piel, Charles F. Piel, and Otto Levinson were the original directors of the corporation, established for “the manufacture and sale of articles of leather goods, furniture, bric a brac and vertu and the manufacture and sale of fire works, toys, novelties, notions, jewelry and druggist’s and stationers sundries and the importation, buying and selling of dry goods, carpets, boots and shoes, millinery goods, fancy goods and jewelry, in connection with the manufacture of such goods and articles into any articles for which they are suitable, and the sale of such articles when they are so manufactured and to buy and sell similar products of other manufacturers and incidental to such manufacture and sale.”

Family control continued into the second generation, with Albrecht R.C. Kipp taking over for his father, Albrecht Sr., after the latter’s death in 1920. The Piel family also remained involved, in spite of the deaths of Henry W. Piel in 1904, and William F. Piel in 1924.

On 10 November 1939, Charles M. Piel, Frieda M. Kipp, Alfred R. Piel, and Albrecht R. C. Kipp resigned from their offices and the board of directors. Leon Levin took over as President and Adelaide K. Levin as Vice President.

In 2005, Bob Glenn was the owner and president of KIPP Brothers. The company continues as an importer and wholesaler of toys and novelties.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains two title abstracts and two lot surveys for real estate in Indianapolis. This real estate includes the location the Kipp Bros. occupied from the 1950s through at least 1980 at 240 South Meridian Street. The first abstract was requested by the Union Trust Company and is dated January 1937. The second abstract was requested by the Fletcher Avenue Saving and Loan Association and is dated 2 May 1958. The abstracts trace the title history of sections of Lots five and six in Square 87 of the Donation Lands in the City of Indianapolis. Also, included are two surveys of the lots done in 1948 and 1958.

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