

Collection #
SC 2488,
F 1703

KU KLUX KLAN, LOGANSPORT, INDIANA RECORDS, 1918, 1933, 1935, 1995

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF
COLLECTION: 2 folders, 1 microfilm reel

COLLECTION
DATES: 1918, 1933, 1935, 1995

PROVENANCE: Jan Lewis, 128 Parlar Ave., Maplewood, NJ, 14 July 1995.

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS: F 1703

RELATED HOLDINGS: Ku Klux Klan, Crown Point (M 0409); Ku Klux Klan, Tipton (SC 0936); Ku Klux Klan, Wayne County (M 0407; SC 0937); Ku Klux Klan, Whitewater Chapter #60 (F 0612); Ku Klux Klan, Pennsylvania and Georgia (SC 2293); Ku Klux Klan, Local Officer's Records (SC 2419); see also headings under The Ku Klux Klan in the online catalog.

ACCESSION NUMBER: 1995.0704

NOTES: This collection is a gift of Jan Lewis and Beth Rowley in memory of their grandfather, Melvin Greensfelder (1892-1975)

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Ku Klux Klan which formed in Georgia in 1915 was the second of three distinct Klan movements in the United States. The first movement, almost exclusively southern, flourished in the years following the Civil War. The third movement developed in the wake of World War II in reaction to the Cold War and the Civil Rights Movement.

The second Klan movement became a prominent national organization during the 1920's, rising to political power in such states as Indiana, Oklahoma and Oregon, as an advocate for native-born, white, protestant America. At the height of its activity national membership reached 1,500,000 with more than 300,000 members in Indiana. In the wake of scandals, Klan membership quickly declined in the later half of the twenties, but did not disband until 1944.

Sources:

Madison, James H. *The Indiana Way: A State History*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press; Indianapolis: Indiana Historical Society. c1986. Reference Room Collection: F526 .M22 1986

Materials in collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection includes a 1933 Ku Klux Klan roster from Logansport, Cass County, Indiana, (4 pages and envelope); and a flyer sent to members of the Klan, 28 June 1935, concerning an annual meeting of the Grand Dragons, by J.A. Colescott, Grand Dragon and Imperial Representative, Columbus, Ohio (1 page and envelope).

Photocopies of two newspaper articles concerning the provenance of this Logansport roster, and an obituary for Eli Greensfelder also form part of the collection.

The collection has been microfilmed on a reel containing additional small collections. This collection appears second in the series.

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1. Go to the Indiana Historical Society's online catalog: <http://157.91.92.2/>
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, SC 2488).
5. When you find the collection, go to the "Full Record" screen for a list of headings that can be searched for related materials.