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R 0676–0679

KU KLUX KLAN, WAYNE COUNTY, INDIANA RECORDS, 1916–1933 (BULK 1922–1927)

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF
COLLECTION:

7 document cases, 1 oversize folder, 12 bound volumes, 6
microfilm reels, 1 artifact box with 4 artifacts

COLLECTION 1916–1933
DATES:

PROVENANCE: Composite of two collections. One a gift to the IHSL from Franklin Ritchie of Centerville, Indiana, March 1974; the other transferred from Indiana State Library, 22 February 1984, originally given by Norbert Flamm, Webster (Cambridge City), Indiana, 20 February 1974.

Additional items given by Mrs. M. L. Anderson, New Albany, Indiana, 29 December 1995.

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS: Microfilm

RELATED HOLDINGS: Ku Klux Klan, Crown Point (M 0409); Ku Klux Klan, Tipton (SC 0936); Ku Klux Klan, Pennsylvania and Georgia (SC 2293); Ku Klux Klan, Local Officers' Records (SC 2419); Ku Klux Klan, Logansport, Indiana Records, 1933, 1935 (SC 2488); Ku Klux Klan, LaPorte (OM 0352)

ACCESSION NUMBER: 1974.0306; 1984.0204; 1996.0211

NOTES: Microfilm is available for much of this material, but due to the combining of collections, original items may not be in the same exact order. The film numbers are listed with each box heading where some of the records may be found. Each bound volume also lists its film counterpart. The microfilms still display the old IHSL collection number (SC 0937) and indicate which records were formerly in the Indiana State Library.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

There have been three distinct movements of the Ku Klux Klan in the United States. The first movement flourished during Reconstruction in the southern states in the years following the Civil War. The second Klan movement (which this collection represents) formed in Georgia in 1915, as an advocate for native-born, white, Protestant Americans. It became a prominent national organization during the 1920s, rising to political power in such states as Indiana, Oklahoma, and Oregon. At the height of its activity national membership reached 1,500,000, with more than 300,000 Indiana members. In the wake of scandals, Klan membership quickly declined in the later half of the twenties, but it did not disband until 1944. The third and still active Klan movement, developed in the wake of World War II in reaction to the Cold War and the Civil Rights movement.

Sources:

Madison, James H. *The Indiana Way: A State History*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1986. General Collection: F526 .M22 1986

Materials in collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The bulk of this collection consists of membership and organizational records and papers of the Wayne County, Indiana, Ku Klux Klan. The local chapter was the Whitewater Klan #60, located in Richmond, Indiana. Included in the collection are: official documents and communiqués; correspondence; informational materials about the organization; meeting minutes; financial records; account books and ledgers; publications; membership lists; membership dues records; flyers, leaflets and other printed material; miscellaneous papers; robe number book; and Klan robes, hood, and gavel. The majority of the records concentrate on the period from 1922 to 1927. Though some of the material relates to Klan activities on the state and national level, most of it pertains to Wayne County exclusively.

The collection is a composite of two individual collections which have been integrated: the first, given by Norbert Flamm of Webster, Indiana; the second, given to the IHSL by Franklin Ritchie of Centerville, Indiana.

Many of the records and papers are available on microfilm. The collection guide includes a list which indicates the reel(s) where records may be found. The Klan robes, hood, and gavel are located in artifact storage.

SERIES CONTENTS

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K.K.K. “Official Documents” (state and national), 1923–29, n.d.	Box 1, Folder 3
Klan Bulletins (state and national), 1926–32	Box 1, Folder 4
Klan Constitution for Whitewater Klan of Richmond, Indiana, 1923; Klan rules, regulations, resolutions, statements of responsibility, n.d.	Box 1, Folder 5
Informational flyers, leaflets and purpose statements (creeds and oaths); film and slide catalogs; robe order forms, 1923, n.d.	Box 1, Folder 6
Klan meeting minutes, 1923, 1927–28, n.d.	Box 1, Folder 7
Kligrapp’s Quarterly Report (forms), 1922–27, n.d.	Box 1, Folder 8
Financial reports, papers, checkbooks, 1924–28, n.d.	Box 1, Folder 9
Bills, receipts, etc., 1923–27, n.d.	Box 1, Folder 10
Broadsides (small), summons flyers, miscellaneous Klan printed material, 1925, 192?, n.d.	Box 1, Folder 11

Miscellaneous papers, forms, ballots, clippings; also Knights of Columbus and Masonic records, 1919–33, n.d.	Box 1, Folder 12
<i>The Masonic Chronicle</i> , “The Ku Klux Klan” and Klan enrollment advertisement, n.d.	OM 0371 Box 1, Folder 13
Addendum – clipping from p. 4, Richmond <i>Palladium-Item</i> , Sunday 11 November 1973 titled “Klansmen Recruit in Brookville”	
Letterhead for Whitewater Klan #60, n.d.	Box 1, Folder 15

Series 2: Publications

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<i>Kloran</i> , 1916	Box 2 , Folder 1
Klan official booklets and publications, 1916–28, n.d.	Box 2, Folder 2
Klan official booklets and publications (continued), 1924, n.d.	Box 2, Folder 3
Franklin H. Miller booklet, n.d.	Box 2, Folder 4
<i>Fundamentals of Citizenship</i> , 1924	Box 2, Folder 5
<i>Kourier</i> , 1925–26	Box 2, Folder 6
Booklets on Catholicism and laws for the Moose Lodge, 1923, 1933, n.d.	Box 2, Folder 7
<i>Indiana History Bulletin</i> , film and slide catalogs, 1924–26	Box 2, Folder 8
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Series 3: Membership and Membership Dues Records

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Membership records (assorted applications, transfer and demit forms/letters, certificates), 1921–25, n.d.	Box 3, Folder 4
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Membership dues information cards, receipt cards, record cards, 1923–28, n.d.	Box 3, Folder 6
Dues collection ledger, receipts, miscellaneous related papers, 1923, 1925, n.d.	Box 3, Folder 7
Membership dues receipt books, 1923–31, n.d.	Box 3, Folder 8
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Series 4: Membership Dues Records from Ledger (includes membership certificates and reinstatement petitions for some members), 1922–1924

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Account book, loose pages [1925?]	Box 7, Folder 2
Klabee’s Account Book, Whitewater Klan #60, 1927	Box 7, Folder 3
Kligrapp’s Cash Book, Fountain City, Indiana, 1924	Box 7, Folder 4
Robe receipt books (3), 1924; Robe number book, 1923–25	Box 7, Folder 5
Empty envelopes addressed to Klan members, A–L, n.d.	Box 7, Folder 6
Empty envelopes addressed to Klan members, M–W, n.d.	Box 7, Folder 7

Series 5: Bound Volumes for Wayne County Klan (Unless Otherwise Noted), 1921–28

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Dues Record Book, A–K, 1922–27 (F 0612)	BV 1589
Dues Record Book, L–Z, 1922–27 (F 0612)	BV 1590
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Klabee's Account Book, Fountain City, Klan No. 3, 1924–25 (F 0612)	BV 1594a
Meeting minutes, Fountain City, Klan No. 3, November 1924–February 1925 (F 0612)	BV 1594b
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Dues received South–Z, 1923–1924; Check book, First National Bank, Richmond, Ind., 1923–1925; Check book, First National Bank, Richmond, Ind., 1927–1928; Check book, Dickinson Trust Co., Richmond, Ind., 1925–1927; Membership materials, 1923–1927; Membership list, 1923; Dues received, A–Albin, 1922–1924	F 0614
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Dues received Luring–M, 1922–1924	F 0617

CATALOGING INFORMATION

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1. Go to the Indiana Historical Society's online catalog: <http://157.91.92.2/>
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3. Select "Call Number" from the "Search In:" box.
4. Search for the collection by its basic call number (in this case, M 0407).
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