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NORRIS J. STARKEY PHOTOGRAPHS CA. 1949–1952

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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| VOLUME OF COLLECTION: | 2 folders; 1 empty album |
| COLLECTION DATES: | Ca. 1949–1952 |
| PROVENANCE: | Purchased from Joan E. Hostetler, Heritage Photo Services, Indianapolis, in July 1998 |
| RESTRICTIONS: | None |

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS:

ACCESSION NUMBER: 1998.0808

NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL SKETCH

Norris J. Starkey was born 26 August 1920, and died 15 July 1999. He was a photographer doing business at 720 East 13th Street in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Horizon Room was a restaurant and cocktail lounge at 1270 W. 16th Street in Indianapolis. It offered organ music and movies.

In 1932 A.R. McComb built a drive-in restaurant called the Wigwam, located off Fall Creek Parkway next to the Indiana State Fairgrounds. It was rebuilt in 1939 and renamed the Tee Pee restaurant. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places until it was torn down in 1988. Another Tee Pee restaurant was located on the south side of Indianapolis on Madison Avenue. It is unclear which location is pictured in this collection.

Sources:

Items in the collection.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains a photograph of photographer Norris J. Starkey with his camera and twelve photographs taken

by him. There is also a postcard that was made using a composite of two Starkey photographs of the Horizon Room, which is attached to that establishment's drink menu. Finally, there is the black spiral photo album in which the photographs arrived to the Indiana Historical Society. The photographs have been removed from the album for preservation reasons, but are listed in the "Series Contents" section below in the order in which they were placed in the album. The photograph of Starkey had been inserted in the album "loose."

Subjects of Starkey's photographs are commercial in nature and include the interior of the Horizon Room restaurant and bar, Jetmatic window blinds cleaner, folding room dividers, musicians, Trans World Airlines, and the Tee Pee restaurant.

SERIES CONTENTS

Series 1: Portrait of Photographer

CONTENTS

Portrait of a man, presumed to be Norris J. Starkey, wearing a suit and hat and holding a Speed Graphic camera (n.d.).

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Photographs, Folder 1

Series 2: Photographs by N.J. Starkey

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Horizon Room bar with cash register and telephone on the bar, stools in front of the bar, and glasses, bottles, and a mural of an ocean scene behind the bar (12 February 1949, #407).

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Photographs, Folder 1

Horizon Room restaurant filled with diners at tables and man playing a Hammond organ (12 February 1949, #406).

Photographs, Folder 1

Black-and-white postcard of Horizon Room, using Starkey's photographs of the Storm Bar and the man playing the Hammond organ. Attached to gold-colored card with drink menu on back.

Photographs, Folder 2

Another view of diners in Horizon Room restaurant with man playing the Hammond organ (12 February 1949, #410).

Photographs, Folder 1

Man beside a car talking with a man inside the car (22 March 1949, #435).

Photographs, Folder 1

Four band members in suits looking over musical score at table (printed backwards) (n.d.).

Photographs, Folder 1

Same four band members as above, playing music: bass, guitar, piano, and saxophone (18 January 1949, #386).

Photographs, Folder 1

Four men in suits – a trophy is being presented to

Photographs, Folder 1

Lloyd Imel (2 April 1949).

Woman demonstrating room dividers (n.d.).

Photographs, Folder 1

House interior with a room divider (folding door)
(n.d.).

Photographs, Folder 1

Four men working on a wing of a Trans World
Airline plane (n.d.).

Photographs, Folder 1

Tee Pee Restaurant exterior (n.d.).

Photographs, Folder 1

Man cleaning window blinds with a Jetmatic sprayer
(16 May 1952, #1421).

Photographs, Folder 1

Series 3: Album

CONTENTS

Black spiral album for photographs, from which the photographs in this collection were removed. A sticker inside the album reads, "Starkey Photo / Photographs of Distinction / 720 E. 13th Street—5B / Indianapolis 2, Indiana."

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Artifacts: R 1915 (Box 80)

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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, P 0462).
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