RIPLEY COUNTY PHOTOGRAPHS
BY VIOLET E. TOPH AND FRANK TUCKER, 1940

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COLLECTION INFORMATION
VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 3 folders
COLLECTION DATES: 1940
PROVENANCE: Ripley County Historical Society, Versailles, Indiana, 1940
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Violet E. Toph, born 1878 near Elrod, Indiana, attended Ripley County schools and Hanover College. A resident of Versailles, Miss Toph taught school in Ripley County and was the first secretary of the Ripley County Historical Society, ca. 1921. Her association with the society continued until her death, ca. 1966.

Biographical information about Frank Tucker is not available.

Sources:

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains eight hand-colored photographs of landscapes and bridges in Ripley County, Indiana. Violet Toph made seven photographs, and Frank Tucker made one image. Tucker’s photograph is of the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern railroad bridge over Laughery Creek, and includes an annotation that explains the construction costs, and dimensions of the structure. Toph and Tucker made the photographs in October 1940 and likely assigned the titles.

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**Three photographs by Violet E. Toph:**
Scenery southeast of Busching Bridge over Laughery on Old U. S. Road 50.
Scenery northeast of Busching Bridge over Laughery on Old U. S. Road 50.
Scenery north of Watson Ford Bridge over Laughery.

**Three photographs by Violet E. Toph:**
Scenery south of Watson Ford over Laughery, showing High Bridge in the distance.
Ripley Creek east of The Ripley Creek Bridge.
Scenery north of the Purcell Bridge on the Milan-Versailles Pike.

**Photograph by Violet E. Toph:**
Scenery south of the Purcell Bridge on the Milan-Versailles Pike.

**Photograph by Frank Tucker:**
The Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern Railroad Bridge over Laughery, between Osgood and Delaware, Indiana. [extended caption follows]

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2. Click on the "Basic Search" icon.

3. Select "Call Number" from the "Search In:" box.

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