ROBERT DESHON INDIANA COUNTY COURTHOUSES
35MM SLIDES COLLECTION, 1975

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 photographs box; 1 manuscripts folder

COLLECTION DATES: 1975

PROVENANCE: Robert A. Deshon, Cincinnati, Ohio; 1998

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NOTES:
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Indiana has 92 counties, each containing a county courthouse.

Robert Deshon (20 June 1915–10 December 2007) was a Professor of Architecture, Emeritus at the University of Cincinnati. Deshon often used slides in teaching his classes, many of which he took himself. He photographed courthouses in Ohio, Indiana, West Virginia, and Kentucky.

His collections are also housed in the DAAP library at the University of Cincinnati (the library is now partially named after him: the Robert A. Deshon and Karl J. Schlachter Library), the Ohio History Connection database, and the Ohio Historical Society Library. Deshon noted that his "interest in courthouses was both architectural and historical."

Sources:


SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains 578 color 35 mm slides. The slides are all of Indiana courthouses from distance, up close, features, cornerstones, and plaques or related structures.

Each county courthouse has at least three slides. There are between three and eighteen slides per courthouse and includes the Indiana State Capitol is also included among the slides.

The collection also contains Deshon's handwritten notes on all 92 county courthouses. He lists the county and city where the courthouse is located, the date it was constructed, and who the architect was if he could find it. The notes were presumably for reference when looking at the slides while teaching.

The slides are in alphabetical order by county. Almost all slides are labeled with the county and city of the courthouse.
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