ROBERT H. SCROGIN'S HOOSIER MOTORIST COLLECTION, 1912–1952, N.D.

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 8 photograph boxes, 1 OVA photograph box, 2 panoramic (Cirkut) photographs, 6 bound volumes and 14 loose issues (1 duplicate) of *The Hoosier Motorist*, 2 books, 1 half-box manuscripts and clippings


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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Robert Hamilton Scrogin was an official in the Hoosier Motor Club for about 35 years and was an early editor of its publication, *The Hoosier Motorist*. He also handled the advertising and publicity for the club during those years. His name appears on the masthead of the publication in issues dating at least as far back as 1919 and as late as 1952.

He was born 2 April 1884 in Martinsville, Morgan County, Indiana. His parents were Joseph G. Scrogin and Juraldine Cain. At the time of the 1900 census the family lived in Urbana, Illinois, where Joseph worked as an upholsterer. In 1901 Robert was the first editor of his high school newspaper, *The Urbana High School News*. Robert married Anastasia Agatha Landers on 17 April 1909 at St. John's Catholic Church in Indianapolis. In the 1910 census they are listed as living at 416 E. Michigan in Indianapolis. At that time Robert worked as a trimmer in a clothing factory and his wife, listed as Anna, worked as a stenographer in a law office. In 1913 Robert graduated from the Indianapolis College of Law. At the time of the 1920 census, he was an attorney and the couple had two children: Dorothy Ann (1913–1998) and Robert (1918–1941). He was still listed as an attorney in a 1928 city directory. By 1930 the family owned their home at 5661 Pennsylvania Street and Robert was listed as editor and publisher of the automobile magazine. Robert died on 31 December 1959 and was buried in Holy Cross and Saint Joseph Cemetery in Indianapolis.

Sources:

Personal correspondence from donor, 19 February 2015.


HISTORICAL SKETCH

In 1902 Carl G. Fisher and other automobile enthusiasts in Indianapolis formed a social organization known as the Flat Tire Club. Members participated in social weekend auto trips dressed in linen dusters, caps, and goggles. A major impediment to automobile travel at that time was a lack of roads. In those days a trip from Indianapolis to Richmond, Indiana, a distance of about seventy-three miles, took two days. These early adventurers were accompanied by a service car that carried gasoline, spare parts, and tires, which frequently wore out after seventy miles. At that time, there were only 23,000 registered automobiles in the entire country.

In 1911 the Flat Tire Club was reorganized and changed its name to the Hoosier Motor Club. Activities of the club broadened to include matters of legislation, safety, and service. Such activities included pushing for funding for road construction, placing danger and directional signs, and offering emergency assistance, insurance, and travel information.

In 1917, with almost 500 members, the club became an affiliate of the American Automobile Association (AAA), which allowed the local organization to expand its services greatly. By 1918 membership had grown to 1,250, and by 1925 there were 7,000 members. There were more than 45,000 members by 1955 and the 100,000-member mark was surpassed ten years later. By 1982 the Hoosier Motor Club had more than 200,000 members, and has since more than doubled that number.

*The Hoosier Motorist* was published by the Hoosier Motor Club beginning in 1912, and was the official publication of the Hoosier State Automobile Association and of the Fort Wayne Motor Club. The Hoosier Motor Club had its office on the 9th floor of the Claypool Hotel at the corner of Illinois and Washington streets in Indianapolis, and later moved to 1840 N. Meridian Street. In 1928 the headquarters moved again to 40 W. 40th Street. The last issue of *The Hoosier Motorist* was published in the summer of 1979 (vol. 66, no. 2). Beginning in 1980 a magazine was produced with the name *Hoosier Motorist Home & Away*, and in 1984 the name changed to simply *Home & Away*.

Sources:

Items in the collection.

Personal correspondence from donor, 19 February 2015.


SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of materials that were in the possession of Robert H. Scrogin and pertain primarily to The Hoosier Motorist, the publication of the Hoosier Motor Club. Items in the collection include nine boxes of photographs plus two panoramic (Cirkut) photographs, six bound volumes and 14 loose issues (1 duplicate) of The Hoosier Motorist, two books, and one half-box of manuscripts and clippings. They are arranged into four series as described below.

Series 1, Photographs: This series is composed of approximately 409 black-and-white photographs, at least some of which were published in The Hoosier Motorist. Subjects of the photographs include: roads, road signs, automobile service, automobile wrecks, buildings related to automobiles, urban traffic scenes, stills from the 1927 movie The First Auto, portraits, events, vehicles and their distributors, automobile displays, buses and trains, and scenic and travel photos. Road signs are mostly Hoosier Motor Club signs, but some are posted by other Indiana organizations or in other states. The scenic and travel photos are mostly of Indiana and include many of Culver Military Academy and state parks.

Series 2, The Hoosier Motorist: This series includes 83 issues plus one partial issue of this magazine from 1913 to 1952. All of the issues from 1920–1922 and 1950 are included. There are six bound volumes and 14 loose issues (1 duplicate). Issues of The Hoosier Motorist generally include affiliated club news, hotel and garage directory, ads, and trade news. Some volumes also include features such as The Repair Shop (Practical Suggestions for the Car Owner and Garage Man) and The Woman's Department, which both began in the May 1916 issue. Articles in the issues in this collection are listed in the Contents section of this collection guide.

Series 3, Books: Two books owned by Robert H. Scrogin are in this series. One is the 1926 edition of Fellow Citizens of Indianapolis, which includes a photograph of Scrogin. The other is a 1950 catalog of an exhibit about Indiana at the Library of Congress.

Series 4, Manuscript Materials and Clippings: This series contains an 11-page manuscript about the origin of the Hoosier Motor Club, a few pieces of correspondence regarding Pathfinder and Jordan automobiles, an article about the AAA emblem, a printed drawing of a double-decker bus with sleeper compartments, a description of the Helomido camper truck, a letter and brochure about Culver Military Academy and Summer Schools, and clippings from automotive publications of automobile-related jokes and poems.
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**Event:** "Start of the 2nd Annual Indiana Four States Tour / Indianapolis / July 9, 1912" -- Cirkut (panoramic) photo by C.F. Bretzman shows men gathered with automobiles (Premier, Lexington, Maxwell, and others) on a street with houses in the background [Fall Creek Boulevard near Delaware Street]. (1 large panoramic photo)

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**Event:** Unidentified dining gathering of men in suits that appears to be in the Riley Room of the Claypool Hotel in Indianapolis. (1 photo)

**Event:** Dinner at the Athenaeum hosted by the Hoosier Motor Club for 140 delegates from the Algemeiner Deutscher Automobil Club of Germany [1928]. (1 photo)

Vehicles and Their Distributors, J–O: Jordan
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Vehicles and Their Distributors, Pathfinder:

Vehicles and Their Distributors, S: Saxon, Saxon 4 roadster and Saxon 6 Touring car distributed by Barkley-Wonser Co. [ca. 1917], Stutz four-passenger coupe (exterior and interior), Stutz seven-passenger with California top, Stutz four-passenger with California top, Stutz custom-built five-passenger Sportsedan, interior of Stutz sedan. (9 photos)

Vehicles and Their Distributors, U.S. Truck: long lines of trucks in use by the military [May 15, 1918]. (2 photos)

Automobile Displays: Automobile Show [Indianapolis in 1913, and unidentified]. Building with automobiles seen through windows with the names Jeffery, Pierce, and Milburn Light Electric on the windows. (5 photos)
Automobile Displays: Automobile Show displaying Waverly, Ford, Buick, Premier, Cole, Auburn, Hunter-Hammond, Lozier, Case, Cadillac, Overland, Apperson, and other automobiles [n.d.]. (1 photo)


Buses and Trains: Pickwick Stages System double-decker "Nite Coach" bus with sleeper compartments [1928] [see also Manuscript Box 1, Folder 5], Pickwick-built replaceable motor [1928], two-car all-steel gasoline train exterior and interiors, train interior. (4 photos)

Unidentified Automobiles and Interiors: two photos of different cars with an H within a circle as insignia on the front of each car [one has "HCP mobile" written on the back; the other has "Aug 6 1928 stamped on the back], two photos of interiors of automobiles showing the controls [one has nobody in the driver's seat and the other shows the leg of someone in the driver's seat]. (4 photos)

Scenic and Travel Photos, Brown County: scene along state highway 62 near Wyandotte Cave [1929], fireplace in dining room of Abe Martin Lodge in Brown County State Park, auto on road outside of Nashville, Abe Martin Lodge exterior, the Nashville House in Nashville [1928]. (5 photos)

Scenic and Travel Photos, Carmel: Northern Beach entrance and ball diamond. (2 photos)

Scenic and Travel Photos, Carmel: large pool at Northern Beach with slide and high-dive platform and people in the water [ca. 1929]. (1 panoramic photo)
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Scenic and Travel Photos, Clifty Falls and Jefferson County: Clifty Falls [1922 and n.d.], gorge of Clifty Creek, Ohio River from Clifty Inn and from Hanover College, north tunnel entrance in Clifty Falls State Park, Clifty Observatory. (8 photos)

Scenic and Travel Photos, Corydon: "Old Constitutional Elm," "Old Capitol Hotel" [3 copies], "Old Capitol Building." (5 photos)

Scenic and Travel Photos, Culver: scenes and activities from Culver Academy and summer school including a cannon on the grounds, tennis matches, Administration Building, drinking fountain, uniformed men and boys, "regiment of cadets in white 'ducks' at parade," boys in parade [1936], uniformed boys "formed for mess" with some holding bugles or drums [1936], two teams of boys pushing a large ball on a field [1936], boxing, golf, band playing under trees, men and women at a formal dance in the Recreation Building [1936]. (17 photos)

Scenic and Travel Photos, Culver: scenes and activities from Culver Academy and summer school including boys on horseback in formation for review [1936], Cavalry School cross-country riding down steep slope [1936], the Black Horse Troop with its flag, Black Horse Troop on the Cavalry drill field and resting on the roadside, the Black Horse Troop in the lake. (7 photos)
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Scenic and Travel Photos, Various Indiana Locations: first capitol at Vincennes, Levi Coffin Home at Fountain City, "oldest tavern on National Pike – Greenfield to Indianapolis – at Atherton" [1916], Mississinewa Battlefield, Mounds Park camping grounds in Anderson. (6 photos)

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Partial issue of vol. 5, no. 5, February 1917: Sixteenth Annual Show Staged by the I.A.T.A. [Indianapolis Automobile Trade Association], The Cars of 1917, Highway Department Does Not Repeal Three-Mile Road Law, Meeting of Highway Organization to Boost for Highway Bill, [Maxwell touring car] Does 376 Miles in Nine Hours [from Indianapolis to Chicago and return], Indiana Trade News.
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No. 5 -- February 1918 -- Big Auto Show for Indianapolis, Accessory and Tire Companies Merge, Merchandising Methods in Automobile Sales Work, Show Cars of 1918, The Mardi Gras City and America's Riviera, Level Railroad Crossings Will Save Lives, Reeves Talks to Dealers: Over-Production of Gasoline Daily, Adams Elected President -- Noblet Re-elected Secretary, The Country Road -- The Railroad of Tomorrow, The Cave of the Waiting Sepulcher (Neyman's Cave), Two Thousand Motor Mechanics Wanted from Indiana (for military service in France), State Examination for Motor Mechanics.
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No. 8 -- May 1918 -- What is the Matter with Indiana (legislation regarding roads), Home of the Great Spirit -- Lake Manitou, More Food with the Farm Tractor, The Fairy Grotto of Marengo, New Indianapolis Athletic and Canoe Club, Meridian Service Company Has New Idea for Tire Conservation.


No. 10 -- July 1918 -- Motor Clubs vs. Moochers -- Hoosier Plan Checks Spring Drive, The Rural Motor Express and Return Loads, The Center of Population (Brown County), Hoosier Motor Club Forms "Give 'Em a Lift Club" for Uncle Sam's Fighting Men, Indianapolis Automobile Trade Association Opens Offices.

No. 11 -- August 1918 -- Use Motor Truck to full Capacity Says Governor Goodrich, The Center of Population (Brown County) (part 2), David Jamison -- New Head of A.A.A., The Office of Justice of the Peace Should be Abolished.

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