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HISTORICAL SKETCHES

Indiana State Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument: During Mayor William Hudnut's administration, several buildings and areas in the Indianapolis downtown were beautified, including Monument Circle. Dedicated in 1902, the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument was in need of restoration. The exterior work on the monument began in 1986 and was completed in time for the opening of the Pan American Games hosted by the city in 1987.

Bank One: Originally known as the S. A. Fletcher & Company, it was founded by Stoughton A. Fletcher in 1839. Over the years, it grew and merged with other banking firms until 1954 when it became the second largest bank in Indiana as American Fletcher National Bank (AFNB). Growth continued under the leadership of Frank E. McKinney, Jr. president and chairman of the board of the American Fletcher Corporation (AFC). The merger of American Fletcher Corporation into the Banc One Corporation was announced on May 11, 1986 with McKinney as chairman and later chief executive officer of Banc One, Indiana. Known as Bank One, Indianapolis, in 1992 it was the largest bank in the state.

The Bank One Tower opened in 1990 as the tallest building in Indianapolis. Planning began in 1969, buildings on the site were purchased and demolished, and ground-breaking began on June 19, 1987. The topping out ceremony occurred on December 9, 1988, and the first move-in was on December 8, 1989. Built on a full city block between Meridian and Pennsylvania streets, it is bounded on the north by Ohio Street. The building later became the Chase Tower and as of 2017 is named the Salesforce Tower.

First Indiana Bank: Established in 1934 as First Federal Savings and Loan of Indianapolis the institution has undergone many changes. In 1989 at the time the new building was constructed at 135 North Pennsylvania Street the bank changed its name to First Indiana Bank. It has continued to change and merge with other institutions. As of 2017 the building is named the BMO Bank Building.

Sources:
www.chasetowerindy.com/
www.ffiec.gov/nicpubweb/nicweb/InstitutionHistory
SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains 35 mm color slides taken by the donor, Thomas L. Plimpton. The slides date from 1980 to 2002 and show the renovation of the Indiana State Soldier's and Sailor's Monument on the Circle, and construction of the Bank One Tower and First Indiana Bank in downtown Indianapolis.

There are also images of advertising signs and structures in Indianapolis and the surrounding area, with a few images taken in Bloomington, Indiana. Plimpton's focus in these images was on the signs but he also shows many buildings that have been torn down or restored. Two examples of buildings before restoration are the W.H. Bass Photo Company and the Slippery Noodle Inn; both buildings have undergone improvements.

The slides came grouped by subject in slide trays. The processor arranged the slides in chronological order into the following series.

Series 1: Indiana State Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument Restoration, 1986–1987. The slides were not numbered, the processor numbered them to maintain order.

Series 2: Bank One Tower and First Indiana Bank, 1980–1989; shows site demolition of existing buildings and construction for Bank One and First Indiana Bank towers. The main focus of this series is the Bank One Tower construction. The First Indiana Bank tower was also under construction at the same time and Plimpton took some images of that building's progress also. The un-numbered slides were numbered by the processor to maintain order.

Series 3: Advertising Signs and Structures, 1983–1991; arranged in chronological order following the donor's numbered slide list with descriptions.

Series 4: Advertising Signs and Structures, 1992–2002; arranged in chronological order following the donor's numbered slide list with descriptions.

Series 3 and 4 are accompanied by two handwritten numbered lists created by Plimpton. His numbering system has been maintained in these two series. The lists are stored at the front of Album 2.
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4. Pennsylvania Lines across from Optimo sign

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