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**VOLUNTARY STERILIZATION ASSOCIATION OF INDIANA, INC.
LETTER, CA. 1978–1983**

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Voluntary Sterilization Association of Indiana, Inc. was started in December 1967 and lasted until 1987. H.C. Moss, M.D. served as president, Neil Strickland, M.D. as secretary, and R. J. Shelley, M.D. as treasurer. The association served to give low-cost voluntary sterilization procedures to patients. With the eugenics movement ending in Indiana and the outlawing of involuntary sterilization of mentally ill patients in 1974, the Voluntary Sterilization Association of Indiana, Inc. existed in a time when the government and society was highly critical of sterilization surgeries, and thus found it difficult to secure funding.

Sources:

Materials in the Collection

“Voluntary Sterilization Association of Indiana, Inc.” IndianaDB.

<https://indianadb.com/company/123059/voluntary-sterilization-association-of-indiana-inc.html>

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains one letter from President H.C. Moss to the “members and friends” of the Voluntary Sterilization Association of Indiana, Inc. The letter explains how the organization was funded previously and the current financial situation of the Association. The letter asks members to donate to help keep the Association running.

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