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SC 2942

**WASSON'S MILLINERY OPENING INVITATION,
H. P. WASSON & CO., 1895**

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

H. P. Wasson Invitation to Millinery Opening:

H. P. Wasson and Company originated as the Bee Hive Dry Goods Company, opening in 1870 at 2 West Washington Street in Indianapolis. Hiram P. Wasson purchased the business in 1874, and was the sole owner of the store by 1883. It was during this time that he moved the store to 12-14 West Washington Street, and reopened it as H. P. Wasson and Company. The invitation in this collection is to a Wasson's Millinery (H. P. Wasson and Company's hat store) opening in September, 1895. G. A. Efroymson and Louis Wolf eventually purchased the company from the Wasson family following H. P. Wasson's death in 1910 and that of his son, H. Hennard Wasson, in 1912.

Efroymson and Wolf opened a new Wasson store in downtown Indianapolis at 4-14 South Meridian Street in 1937. The building was constructed in 1936 and later remodeled by Rubush & Hunter, a local architectural firm. The owners also successively opened stores in shopping centers located in Eastgate and Eagledale before selling the business in 1967. Goldblatt Brothers, Inc. closed the downtown location in December 1979 and the shopping center stores four months later.

Sources:

Markisohn, Deborah B. "H. P. Wasson and Company." *The Encyclopedia of Indianapolis*, 1994. 657.

Rubush & Hunter Photographs, 1902-1949 (P 0174, IHS).

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of an invitations dated September 1895.

The invitation is to a Wasson's Millinery Opening sent by H. P. Wasson & Company. It advertises that there will be a display of hats and bonnets from Paris, London, Vienna and Berlin stores. It is accompanied by an envelope that has the name "W. B. BURFORD" of Indianapolis in raised letters on its flipside.

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