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**WEST INDIANAPOLIS AND BRIGHTWOOD
COLLECTION, 1889–1894**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

An early Indianapolis suburb, West Indianapolis was located within Washington Street, White River Parkway, Belmont Street, and Raymond Street. It developed in the 1870s with the construction of the Union Stockyards and the Belt Line Railroad. West Indianapolis was primarily a working-class neighborhood whose residents were mostly connected with stockyards. By 1890, there were over 4,000 people living in the area, and in 1894, the town was incorporated with A.B. Tolin as the first and only mayor. In 1897, the town was annexed into the city of Indianapolis.

Brightwood is located on the near northeast side of Indianapolis located between 21st and 30th streets and Keystone and Massachusetts avenues. Brightwood was incorporated in 1876 and may have been named for railroad executive John Bright. Like West Indianapolis, it was primarily a working-class neighborhood containing a number of German and Irish immigrants. Also like West Indianapolis, Brightwood was incorporated into the city of Indianapolis in 1897.

Sources:

Bodenhamer and Barrows, *Encyclopedia of Indianapolis*. Indianapolis: Indiana University Press, 1994

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Items in the collection are election-related materials and documents for the towns of West Indianapolis and Brightwood in Marion County, 1889–1894. Included are sample ballots and election certifications for West Indianapolis, 1891–1894, and election certifications for Brightwood, 1891–1894. Also included is a \$1,00 bond for the town of West Indianapolis, 1889, and a blank liquor license for the town of West Indianapolis, ca. 1890s.

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