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**WILLIAM H. BLOCK COMPANY  
MINUTE BOOK, 1907–1932**

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## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Hungarian born William H. Block (Herman Wilhelm Bloch) came to Indianapolis in 1896 and opened a small dry goods store on Washington Street. Around 1900 he annexed an adjacent building which doubled the size of the business and in 1907 was incorporated as the William H. Block Company. The company opened an eight story building on Market and Illinois streets across from the Traction Terminal in 1910. Block died in 1928 and his sons, Meier, Rudolph and Edward took over the business.

Block's continued its expansion from the 1930s through the 1950s and opened several suburban stores as well as some appliance stores. In 1962 the Block brothers sold the company to New York based Allied Stores Corporation. The company went through several corporate changes from the 1960s through the 1980s with the main store being closed in 1993 because of a lack of profits.

Sources:

*Encyclopedia of Indianapolis*. Indianapolis: Indiana University Press, 1994.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The minute book begins with the company's first stockholder's meeting on 2 July 1907 and concludes with the on 20 December 1932. In addition to the stockholder's meeting minutes, there are minutes from the board of directors and items regarding articles of incorporation and stock value reports.

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