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**WILLIAM TINSLEY FAMILY
PAPERS, 1875–1953 (BULK 1949–1953)**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	5 folders manuscripts, one folder photographs
COLLECTION DATES:	Inclusive 1875–1953 (bulk 1949–53)
PROVENANCE:	Estate of Miss Jane Tinsley, Crawfordsville, Indiana, 6 June 1958
RESTRICTIONS:	None

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RELATED HOLDINGS:

ACCESSION NUMBER: 1958.0502

NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

William Tinsley (1804–85) was born in Clonmel, County Tipperary, Ireland. He worked as an architect in Ireland for some years, espousing the Gothic style. His most ambitious project was remodeling of the entire town of Cahir for the Earl of Glengall. Other work included houses, churches, and manor houses. In 1848 he made sketches of a famous trial for treason which was held at Clonmel.

In 1851 Tinsley came to America and settled in Cincinnati. He designed buildings for Rockwell, Kenyon, and Wabash colleges, and for Ohio Wesleyan and Northwestern Christian (Butler) universities and the University of Wisconsin.

William Tinsley's brother Thomas, also an architect and builder, remained in Ireland. Several generations of William Tinsley's descendants also resided in Ireland.

J. D. Forbes was professor of history and fine arts at Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Indiana, and the author of *Victorian Architect: The Life and Work of William Tinsley* (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1953).

Sources: Material in collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains letters, articles, postcards, and snapshots, dated 1875 to 1953. They relate to research done on William Tinsley about 1950 by Dr. J. D. Forbes of Wabash College. His work put him in touch with Tinsley family members in Crawfordsville, Indiana; Ireland; and England.

Folder 1 contains a typed copy of William Tinsley's autobiography, and two articles about him. In Folder 2 are an 1875 letter from Tinsley, and one of his advertising flyers. Folders 3–4 contain Dr. Forbes's correspondence with family members. There are two folders containing postcards of St. Mary's Church in Clonmel, Ireland, and photographs of Tinsley family burial sites in Ireland.

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Typescript autobiographical sketch of William Tinsley, n.d.; Two articles about William Tinsley,

CONTAINER

Folder 1

1952, one by J.D. Forbes and the other from a newspaper dated 28 November 1952

William Tinsley letter to Harvey Tinsley, 21 September 1875; advertisement for William Tinsley, n.d.

Folder 2

Correspondence between J.D. Forbes and Tinsley family members, 1949-50

Folder 3

Correspondence between J.D. Forbes and Tinsley family members, 1953

Folder 4

Postcards of St. Mary's Church in Clonmel, Ireland.

Folder 5

Photographs of Tinsley family burial sites in Ireland and of a stained glass church window dedicated to the Tinsley family presented in St. Mary's Church, Clonmel, Ireland, 1946

Visual Collections:
Photographs, Folder 1

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