**Document of the Month: Biennial Report of the Indiana Custodian of Public Buildings and Property**

The Indiana Office of Custodian of Public Buildings and Property was created by the General Assembly March 5, 1889. The Act required that the Custodian file a report quarterly (March, June, and September), an annual report in December, and a report for the two years proceeding each session of the General Assembly. These historic documents contain valuable historical information about State buildings and properties such as University Square, the Governor’s Circle, Military Park, Friendly Inn, and the Capitol Grounds. Each report includes a brief description of the property and its locations. The reports provide a historical record of improvements and repairs made to various state properties and the cost. For example, the Hendricks Monument needed repairs on the lead gutters on its roof in 1889. The custodian offered suggestions on how to fix the issue along with an estimate of the expenses. In 1889, it would cost approximately $3000 to repair/replace gutters and downspouts, and other misc items for the Monument. Anyone interested in the history and architecture of some of Indiana’s public buildings can use these in their research. The Biennial reports can be found in the Indiana Collection, **I 353.8 I** for the years 1889-1908.