

# MANUSCRIPTS & RARE BOOKS

## *Searching the Collection*

### **Manuscript Collection:**

There are numbers of ways to identify collection materials. A card catalog in the Reading Room is available for searching, as well as the Library's online catalog, which are both continually updated. Published guides such as *A Guide to Manuscript Collections of the Indiana Historical Society and Indiana State Library* by Eric Pumroy and *Guide to Indiana Civil War Manuscripts* by Ann Turner are also good resources to consult.

Finding aids for individual collections are available online and in the Reading Room. The Finding aids are arranged alphabetically by collection title.

### **Picture Collection:**

Access to the collection is available through a card file index to both images in the Picture Collection as well as in select books and periodicals in the Indiana Collection. The majority of the Picture Collection is arranged by subject or geographic location.

### **Broadside Collection:**

Access to this collection is through a card file index. You can search by title, subject, and date.

### **Oral History Collection:**

Entries for oral histories are available in the main Manuscript Card Catalog as well in the Library's online catalog.

### **Program Collection:**

Programs are arranged by subject and date. A finding aid in the Manuscript Reading Room is available for perusal. However, the program collection is only fully processed for 1830 -1899. The rest of the collection is still in progress.



Hours: The Manuscripts & Rare Books Collection is open Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Saturdays 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., closed Sundays.

## MANUSCRIPTS & RARE BOOKS COLLECTION

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### **Manuscripts & Rare Books Collection Homepage**

[www.IN.gov/library/manuscripts.htm](http://www.IN.gov/library/manuscripts.htm)



### **Reference Assistance**

[www.in.gov/library/ask.htm](http://www.in.gov/library/ask.htm)



### **Indiana Memory**

[www.indianamemory.org](http://www.indianamemory.org)

[WWW.LIBRARY.IN.GOV](http://WWW.LIBRARY.IN.GOV)



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# EXPLORE

## ABOUT THE COLLECTION

The Manuscripts & Rare Books Collection houses the manuscript, picture, broadside, program, rare books and oral history collections of the Indiana State Library. Collection strengths include:

- Civil War era letters and diaries
- Thousands of images from around the state
- Organizational papers
- Papers of Indiana political figures
- Programs from 1830 to the present
- Family papers

## COLLECTION HOLDINGS

### **Manuscript Collection:**

The collections houses over three million manuscripts dating from the earliest years of the state through contemporary times from over 4,600 different collections. All collections have an Indiana connection.

### **Program Collection:**

This collection consists of programs from notable Indiana events including theater productions, social functions, art exhibitions, and political gatherings. The collection dates from 1830 to the present.

### **Picture Collection:**

There are thousands of photographs,

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postcards, and other images available in the Picture Collection. All images are connected to an Indiana person, place, or event. The vast majority of the images are black and white.

### **Broadside Collection:**

The Broadside Collection contains hundreds of single and double-sided printed items, such as posters, flyers, and related materials. The collection includes political posters, World War I wartime material, notices of meetings, railway schedules, advertisements, and a variety of other materials. The majority of broadsides have been catalogued and are searchable by title, subject and chronologically.

### **Oral History Transcript Collection:**

In the 1970s and early 1980s, the State Library conducted an extensive oral history project to document exceptional events in Indiana history as well as day-to-day experiences. This collection also contains donated interviews from other local historians and historical societies throughout the state. Most, but not all, of the collection is transcribed.

## USING THE COLLECTIONS

Anyone may use the materials housed in the Manuscript & Rare Books Collection. There are rules governing the use of the materials and patrons must register and have a valid photo ID before using the individual collections.

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## **Online Finding Aids**

The Manuscripts & Rare Books Collection website has many descriptions of the collection that can assist in locating materials important to your research. For more information, visit [www.in.gov/library/manuscripts.htm](http://www.in.gov/library/manuscripts.htm)

## **Help Preserve Our Past for Future Generations!**

The Manuscripts & Rare Books Collection is dedicated to the care and preservation of all items in the collections. Contributions of original materials, books or monetary donations are greatly appreciated, may be tax deductible, and are essential to preserving the Collection for future generations. For more information, visit [www.in.gov/library/foundation.htm](http://www.in.gov/library/foundation.htm)

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