

## **Joseph L. Skvarenina Collection, 1860-2025**

### **Repository**

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### **Creator**

Joseph L. Skvarenina

### **Title**

Joseph L. Skvarenina Collection, 1860-2025

### **Extent**

4 cubic feet (4 boxes) and various ephemera

### **Language**

Materials are in English

### **Abstract**

Joseph Skvarenina served as the Hancock County Historian from 1992-2025. He was involved in various history and service related organizations across the county. His research interest primarily consists of local history matters, this includes: businesses, churches, local philanthropic organizations, schools, war veterans, the civil rights movement and minority events, recording oral histories, and the World Wars. This collection consists primarily of correspondence, research materials, and ephemera.

### **Access Restrictions**

Collection is open for research. Advance notice required.

### **Biographical Note**

Joseph Skvarenina received his Bachelor of Science in Education and History and Master of Education degrees from Kent State University. He was employed at the American Cancer Society, the Christian Advocate, Lutheran High School, the National Benevolent Association, Habitat for Humanity, Center for Leadership Development, the Indiana-Kentucky Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and Ivy Tech Community College. Mr. Skvarenina wrote a weekly history article for the Greenfield Daily Reporter newspaper, published several books and articles, contributed to the Hancock County Historical Society's "Log Chain" newsletter, and served as Hancock County Historian from 1992 until his death in 2025.

While living in Hancock County, Skvarenina was heavily involved with local history organizations as both a member and officer. They include:

Freetown Village, board member

Greenfield Historic Landmarks, founding member  
Hancock County Historical Society, president  
Historic Cemetery Commission, member  
Indiana National Road Association, board member  
Riley Old Home Society, vice president  
Shirley Historical Society, board member

For his service to his community, Skvarenina was awarded the key to the City of Greenfield by Mayor Keith J. McClarnon and was recognized by the Indiana General Assembly. He was also awarded the “Distinguished Hoosier” award by Indiana Governor Frank O’Bannon and the 2015 Hubert Hawkins History Award by the Indiana Historical Society.

Joseph Lee Skvarenina died on September 16, 2025 at the age of 77.

## **Arrangement**

The collection is organized into nine series. They include: Joseph Skvarenina, Buildings and Grounds, Education and Schools, Groups, Indiana, Individuals, Industries and Business, Ledgers, and Riley. An Addendums is reserved for items added after initial processing when integrating them into existing files is problematic due to volume.

## **Scope and Content Note**

The collection was given to the library in segments, much without description beyond the content submitted. No discernable original order was noted by either librarian. Therefore the collection was divided into nine series of varying breadth. Some series were created based on the donor’s description or filing methods and some were based on a unifying characteristic. They are as follows.

The Joseph Skvarenina series contains correspondence from 1977 to 2021, articles and clippings he has written from 2000 to 2009, and other publications that he was involved with but did not author. Correspondence has been arranged by date, then name of sender. This finding aid includes a list of subjects discussed in the letters.

The Buildings and Grounds series contains subject files on locations and landmarks around Hancock County. These folders are arranged alphabetically. There is one subseries called “Abstracts” that contains property abstracts on various parcels of land in the county.

The Education and Schools series contains files on Hancock County schools, districts, and educational events. Folders have been arranged alphabetically.

The Groups series contains files on service organizations, clubs, societies, and other groups of individuals. Folders have been arranged alphabetically by group name.

The Indiana series contains files on cities and towns. Subseries exist within the series with the name of the county. Folders have been arranged first alphabetically by county subseries and then by folder locale.

The Individuals series contains files on individual persons and genealogy subject files. Folders with the names of persons have been arranged alphabetically by last name. The genealogy files contain correspondence from individuals or research materials on matters of genealogy. The items within these folders have been arranged alphabetically by family name.

The Industries and Business series contains files on county businesses and areas of industry. Folders are arranged alphabetically. The mixed ephemera folder contains items that are realia in nature. An example are business cards, letterheads, or advertising items.

The Ledgers series contains various ledgers of personal and business matters. There is no provenance to these items as to their origins or use. They have been arranged by creator's last name.

The Riley series contains research information, clippings, ephemera, and festival programs about James Whitcomb Riley (1849-1916). Folders have been arranged alphabetically by subject and items in chronological order.

The Addendums contains materials from other than Joseph Skvarenina that have been integrated into the collection. Typically, sections in the addendums are larger in volume and therefore were difficult to integrate without a full reorganization of the file boxes.

## **Indexing Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Hancock County Public Library's online catalog. Materials about related topics, person, or places can be found by searching the catalog using these terms.

Names:

Skvarenina, Joseph.

Subject Term:

War stories, American – Indiana – Hancock County.

Geographic Term:

Hancock County (Ind.) – Biography.

Hancock County (Ind.) – Buildings, structures, etc.

Hancock County (Ind.) – Genealogy

Hancock County (Ind.) – History

Greenfield (Ind.) – Commerce.

Greenfield (Ind.) – Buildings, structures, etc.

## **Separated Material**

Removed multiple duplications of materials and some items not related to Hancock County. Separated items include photographs.

## **Added Material**

Occasionally materials related to local history and genealogy have been integrated into this collection that were donated by other individuals. It is the Library's opinion that this is the best way to preserve, record, and make available these materials at the library. These materials have been noted as outside materials whenever possible.

## **Administrative Information**

### **Usage Restrictions:**

Legal ownership, physical custody, and some intellectual property rights of these materials have been transferred to the Hancock County Public Library. Upon the death of Joseph L. Skvarenina, all of his copyrights shall be transferred to the Library. For more information, please contact the Library Director.

### **Preferred Citation:**

[Item], Joseph L. Skvarenina Collection, Hancock County Public Library, Greenfield, Indiana.

### **Provenance:**

Gift of Joseph L. Skvarenina, 10 February 2011.

### **Appraisal:**

The entirety of the collection was not kept in the original order as provided by Mr. Skvarenina. As no real original order was discernable, most materials have been organized by subject. Original order was maintained as best as possible.

### **Processing Information:**

Processed by Diana Hoy and Paul McNeil.

Completed in 2015

Last updated on 2025-12-22

## **Folder List**

### **Box 1**

#### **Series:**

#### **Joseph Skvarenina, 1977-2021, undated**

Correspondence folder 1, 1977-1992

Riddlen, Edgar 1977-12-14

Brady Gang escape jail

Kingery, Mel 1989-09-12

Photos Link Fair Lunch Room, round barn

Skvarenina, Joseph 1989-05-11

One room schools in Hancock Co.

Robak, Raymond 1981-06-26

Dorothy Fagan

Bennett, Jane Frank 1991-08-28

Wilson murder, Matthew L. Frank

Rutherford, Terry 1991-12-17  
    Keyhole & Hilltop Stores

Adkins, Arlene 1991-12-09  
    Yardstick advertising for Standard Heating & Plumbing

Pearson, Lois Mae 1991-10-21  
    John & Connie Simmons 1920s trial for strychnine in sandwiches

Sims, Warren W. 1991-11-04  
    Sim's Ice Cream Store Prices

Bennett, Betty R. 1991-10-17  
    Greenfield grocery stores in 30s and 40s and prices

Griffith, Dorothy 1991-10-12  
    Greenfield grocery store list

Ford, Jack Leahy 1991-07-15  
    Leahy Ford sales and contract

Lewis, Rosalie 1991-01-13  
    *Cumberland Reflections 1831—1988* given to Joe

Elliott, Harry 1992-01-14  
    S&S Dress Shop, Eaton Transfer Co, etc.

Buckman, Annie 1992-01-16  
    Lists stores in Greenfield and Morristown in 1930s and 40s e.g. Lynam Mortuary,  
    Nay Jewelry; Justice of the Peace Rev. William Kirkpatrick

Bradley, Bert 1992-01-17  
    Nelson Bradley

Bronnenburg, Fern 1992-02-18  
    1905 Maxwell explosion from *Hancock Advertiser* 1977-11-23 clippings

Rose, Fred 1992-02-25 and 1992-03-15  
    Various store locations in Greenfield

Johnson, Alton 1992-05-06  
    Parade turn of 19<sup>th</sup> century; clipping from *Hancock Advertiser*

Pearson, Lois Mae 1992-08-26  
    Home remedies,

Pearson, Lois Mae 1992-11-04  
    Stores in Greenfield, grandfather Charles E. Sipes

Huffman, Alice M. 1992-09-24  
    Query regarding Clinton Everett Sprong and mother Amanda Wetzel Sprong

Pearson, Lois Mae 1992-11-28  
    Memories of old Greenfield

Roberts, Genevieve 1992-12-18  
    Dan Quayle function in Washington D. C.

Stunda, George 1992-12-17  
    Marine's trip through Greenfield, Dec., 1951

Gustin, Gayle 1992-01-10  
    Guy & Harry Gustin, "Skinny" & Venetia Key, Peter Pan Diner

Correspondence folder 2, 1993-2002

Brooks, Betty 1993-01-08  
    Lynam Funeral Home

Pearson, Lois 1993-04-06  
    Charlottesville H.S. basketball team

Pearson, Lois 1993-05-31  
    Sacred Indian site and rock in early 1900s

Huffman, Alice Marie 1993-07-12  
    Lacy family query: Burd & Caroline; children W. J., Mary Lacy Seabold, Clara  
        Lacy Michaelson

Althardt, Joe 1993-10-30  
    St. John United Church of Christ, Cumberland, IN

Wilhite, Ted 1994-02-23  
    Airplane beacon locations in Hancock & Henry Counties

Ging, Julie 1994-02-03  
    Greenfield Fruit and Bottle Co. information request

Hasselbeck, J. 1994-02-07  
    Vandalism at Gilboa Cemetery

Miesse, Elizabeth Ertel 1994-11-15  
    Mercedes Russo

Jackson, Charles E. 1994-11-15  
    Lincoln School and gymnasium history

Reason, Delbert C. 1994-07-04  
    Shirley United Methodist 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary; list of pastors

Campbell, Linda 1996-02-02  
    Samuel S. Brooks family history

Mavis, Doris 1996-02-26  
    Nellie Baldwin, public library director, news article

Ramsey, Vivian Pierson 1996-03-22  
    Historical Society membership

Bodkins, Esther Knoop 1996-08-28  
    Maxwell Methodist Church information

Keaton, Sue 1996-08-28  
    Thomas L. Smith, treasurer Hancock Co., ca 1880, news clip

Heiden, Bob 1996-10-08  
    Basketball; Hancock Co., history of; whereabouts of "Drop Bucket"

Broni, Jim 1997-04-10  
    Giant Sand Digger toy information request

Horton, Richard 1997-02-31  
    House corner of State St. and Forest Ave.

Fowler, Doyle 1997-12-12  
    Beagle Furniture Store, downtown, former Guyman House Hotel info request

Cresset 1998-18-01  
    Carl Jacob Tietman's death 1945-08-02

Campau, Edward J. 1999-02-19  
    18<sup>th</sup> Malaria Survey Unit 1943-46 reminiscences

Whitacre, Mark B. 1999-10-13  
    Hoosier Pete gas station & sign, et al

Fox, Larry 2000-05-13

Proofreading of materials for book about railroads in Greenfield  
Pierson, Lois Mae 2000-11-09  
Buttermilk Hollow mansion, other memories  
Alfke, Kathy 2000-08-24  
Mercedes Russo phonetic teaching method, articles on  
Sauer, H. Andrew 2001-02-28  
Pennsylvania R. R. in 1940's and 1950's  
Thompson, Sue A. 2001-03-29  
Oil company name in the 1920's and 1930's  
Sauer, H. Andrew 2001-12-19  
Thomas Greenen's fatal railroad accident 1873-07-23  
Wright, M. 2002-03-12  
Photographs: buildings south of Christian Church  
Jones, Deric, et al 2002-02-09  
Thank you notes from 19 students  
White, Francis 2002-05-16  
Arthur Downing sent to Greenfield via Orphan Train?  
Andis, Dick 2002-12-19  
Greenfield in the 1940s and 1950s  
Slaybaugh, Michelle 2002  
Girl Scout House History  
Slaybaugh, Michelle 2002  
Diagram of location of J. W. Riley's homes in Greenfield; possible Coggleshell  
family connection  
Skvarenina, Joseph 2006-07-20  
Tour of Greenfield proposal to Kevin O'Keefe, Pres. of J.W. Riley Memorial  
Assoc.  
Skvarenina, Joseph 2006-07-06  
Irwin interview questions  
Correspondence folder 3, 2006-2009  
Myers, Rex 2006-03-21  
Oral History Interview Questions  
Kerrigan, Betty 2008-08-31  
Rail cars on U.S. 40  
Steele, David C. 2008-05-27  
Barton Rees Pogue: poems and recitations  
Tague, Tara 2008-09-30  
Carl Knox: last interurban engineer in Greenfield  
Jones, Edna 2008-01-01  
John Roberts & antecedents in Hancock Co.; Mt. Lebanon Methodist Church  
Lori 2008-02-08  
Maxwell house photograph  
Hunt, Phil and Sharon 2008-08-18  
Lemons Corner Pike and Herr Pike  
Brad, J. D. 2008-08-17  
Charles Elmer Fox titles; e.g. Reefer Charlie

Smith, Kyle S. 2008-11-04  
    Paranormal in Greenfield

Richardson, Rosalie 2008-02-10  
    Abraham Lincoln's stay in Cleveland, Ind. Inn

Miller—Trees, Holly 2008-02-02  
    Warrington Horse Race Track on Trees property

Pearson, Lois Mae 2008\  
    Woman eating meal in men-only Greenfield restaurant

Pearson, Lois Mae 2008-01-05  
    Lee Howell Dodge Dealership; furniture conservation

Swindell, Jennifer 2008-03-30  
    *Brown Twp. Through the Years 1830—1976* (photocopy)

Repar, Michelle 2008-07-21  
    Vivian Pearson Ramsey biographical information

Gross, Nancy 2008-08-06  
    Thank you for column on Vivian Pearson Ramsey

Mattix, Michael Page 2008-05-05  
    Melville Page Ramsey's W.W. II involvement; info request

Stanley G. Christopher 2008-04-28  
    Hobo Reefer Charlie Fox

Helms, Janet 2008-05-11  
    Reefer Charlie Fox

Hughes, Joan Peters 2008-08-21  
    Leone Trees Peters, interurban rider; where were tracks?

Wakeland, Jane 2008-04-20  
    Milas Reece, Blue River Twp.; History of home and family

Arthur, Jim 2008-02-26  
    John Delaney home, U.S. 50, New Palestine; copy of deed & request to be designated historic site

Kerrigan, Betty 2008-08-31  
    Rail cars on U.S. 40

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Reefer Charlie Fox  
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Leone Trees Peters, interurban rider; where were tracks?  
Wakeland, Jane 2008-04-20  
Milas Reece, Blue River Twp.; History of home and family  
Arthur, Jim 2008-02-26  
John Delaney home, U.S. 50, New Palestine; copy of deed & request to be  
designated historic site  
Burrow, Michael R. 2008-01-15  
Automobile Race Track; 0 S. R. 9 south and 300. Midget drome race early 1940s  
Walston, Dianna 2008-9-29  
Reefer Charlie book request  
Lyons, Bonnie 2008-09-16  
Shorty Bodkins Cigar Store  
Darger, Elizabeth 2008-11-11  
House info request; located 3808 E. 500 S. Greenfield  
Stevens, Sherry 2008-11-17  
House history request; located in Charlottesville  
Stanley, Lynn 2008-12-02  
House in Charlottesville  
Miller, Helen W. 2008-09-16  
Shorty Bodkins' candy store  
Gerald, Tiana 2008-03-10  
House history request; located 920 North 400 East, Greenfield  
Fox, Larry 2008-02-07  
Spencer house history  
Jones, Brigitte Cook 2008-03-24  
Warrington horse race track

Manship, Richard 2008-02-24  
    Speakeasy on Sugar Creek

Rafert, Stewart 2008-03-20  
    McNamee Cemetery cleanup grant

Glazier, Bob & Carolyn 2008-03-17  
    Seminary fire date?

Lori 2008-02-04  
    Share e-mail address

Hall, Bob and Becky 2008-02-19  
    Barn between Fortville and S. R. 9

Hamm, Dana 2008-02-24  
    Large Concrete on 300 North ownership?

Maynard, Lori 2008-03-11  
    United Chain Works location in Maxwell, Ind.

Rob 2008-02-06  
    Riley Pool sign whereabouts

O'Neal-Aloiz, Mollie 2008-03-06  
    School house, 4501 E. 300 North

Neargardner, John 2008-03-31  
    Race track location 1894-95?

Jim 2008-04-12  
    Correct spelling Delaney/Delany

Pearson, Lois Ramsey 2008-12-17  
    Depression era reminiscences life in Greenfield

Lowder, Loueen 2008-02-10  
    Family poisoned June 21, 1931

Walston, Deanna 2008-06-02  
    Reefer Charlie book wanted

Murphy, Leola Wright 2008-01-28  
    John Roberts genealogy requested

Scott, Margaret 2008-12-08  
    Automobile dealership in Greenfield and Jimmy Gorman's

Burke, Christina 2009-05-27  
    Identification of persons in photograph: John Mitchell, Minnie Bell Mitchell at Baldwin sisters' home

Samuels, Phil 2009-05-10  
    Boyd School House road, movie theaters in Greenfield, Faris Luncheon

Clemens, Wanda (Tuterow) 2009-05-16  
    One room school on 4<sup>th</sup> St. in E. Greenfield

Headlee, Ada undated.  
    Pasco Funeral Home original location on Main St.

McClarnon, Randy 2009-007-04  
    Jackson Twp. School history

Baker, Sue 2009-05-18  
    Boyd School house location, Hoosier Pete Road, Whiskey Alley, 1907  
    Nickelodean Theater

Smith, James W. 2009-05-28

Offer to Joe Skavarenina to tour Greenfield and provide information  
Pool, Carol Cochard 2009-03-04

Mohawk area Indian artifacts found; burial site?

Correspondence folder 5, 2010-2024

Short, Donald W. 2010-03-01

Dr. William Larrabee, New Palestine

Deck, Darrell 2011-02-24

House on north side of 300 South between 500 & 600 West

McDaniel, Richard 2012-11-20

Charlottesville, Ind. Past businesses

Gillette, Stephanie (Orr) Lockerbie 2018-12-05

Thomas Black; James Whitcomb Riley; Historical Society; Rocking Chair

Wilson, John D. 2019-06-22

McCordsville and Electricity

Elmore, Patricia 2020-05-18

Unknown items and photos

VanDuyn, Thomas 2021-02-20

Mystery grave stones, Julius Somoya

Sharp, Wayne 2023-12-06

Dye Cemetery

Correspondence folder 5, undated

Unknown sender

1897 commencement Eden H.S. lists graduates; historical timeline of Greenfield  
events 1826—1956

Unknown Sender

Delaney family and inn, U.S. 52, New Palestine

Unknown Sender

Jackson Township history

Polley, Jennie M.

Black Cow, Chromecraft kitchen set, \$.25 lunches

Unknown Sender

The Dash – poem

Hunt, Phil

Curry's Chapel Methodist Church history

Unknown Sender

Cleveland, Ind. School 1913—1914; roster grades 5,6,7,8 (no photo)

Unknown Sender

Toll gate on U.S. 40 across from Pete's Grocery

Miller Joyce 1971-05-31

Edgar & Lottie Ridlen photos

Banks, Elijah Russell (Bob)

New Palestine reminiscences 1890s—1920s by father of Mercedes Russo

Hughes, Joan Peters

Joe Settle house/Inn, Nay's Jewelry, Koob's Jewelry, Belle shop

Unknown Sender

1950s grocery store across from Park Cemetery; owners?

Jarrett, Ann  
Wilson family photo and genealogy

Pearson, Lois Mae  
Buttermilk Hollow; Aunt Jenny Sipes

Goodwin, Hazel  
Hancock Democrat Industrial, July

Banks, Pauline  
Verbal skills comparison between 1929 and today

Brown, Roy  
Automobile race track south of U. S. 40; midget races

Pershnik, Mike  
Log Cabin built ca 1800; location 700 E. south to 450 S.

Jackman, Charlie  
Matthew's Grocery Store near Park Cemetery

Bottoms, Myra  
Sugar Creek Christian Church information request

Hughes, Joan Peter  
Note regarding Charlottesville H.S. burning; no photo

Skvarenina, Joe  
Stock car Races; 3 miles south of Greenfield

Bowling, Charlotte Murray  
Frank Murray started lawn mower factory 1928, Main St. west of Noble

Gant, Mary Ann  
Appledale Market corner U.S. 40 & Meridian Road

Articles, 2000-2009, undated

Article Clippings, 2008-2009

Materials related to "Also Great Stories of the Famous and Not So Famous of Hancock County"  
by Joseph Skvarenina, undated

Materials related to "Memories from WWII," 1998-1999

Materials related to "Memories from WWII" and wars, 1999, undated

"Civil War Soldiers" by Sue Baker, 2002

"WWII Reminiscences" by James L. Curry, 1986

Course material for "Russian and Eastern European Content in American History" Course by Joe Skvarenina, 2022

**Series:**

**Buildings and Grounds, 1902-2020, undated**

**Subseries:**

**Abstracts, 1921-1975**

Bank's Subdivision with Pope Mortgage, 1963

Boyd, James R. Estate, 1924

Cooney, Edwin L. and Nellie E. Meadowbrook Addition, 1966

Cooney, Edwin L., 1966

Hazelwood Addition, 1975

Johnson, Charles A. and May P., 1921

Pope Airport, 1943  
Pope Airport, 1961  
Pope Airport and Farm, 1952  
Pope, W. O. Weston Village plots, 1952  
Souder, J., 1962

**Series:**

**Buildings and Grounds, 1902-2020, undated**

Barns – Log Barn on 1100 N., with pictures, 2020  
Bowler, Ronald J.

“As I Remember” map of Greenfield  
Churches original materials, 1902-1998, undated  
Churches, 2001-2009, undated  
City Hall, 1956  
Commercial, undated  
Courthouse, 1996-2002, undated  
Courthouse Centennial Committee from Judge Richard Payne  
Not in Box 2 - See Addendums at end for file location:  
Members, 1996-1998  
Minutes, 1995-1997  
Fundraising and Bills, 1996-1997  
Time Capsule, 1996  
Gala, 1996  
Brochure, 1996  
Historical Display, 1996  
John Hancock Bust, 1996-1997  
Courthouse Restoration, 1996-1997  
Mural, Painting, and Statue Restoration, 1996-1997

**Box 2**

Greenfield Fairgrounds, 1894  
Ninth Annual Fair Pamphlet  
Houses, 1956-2005  
Jails, undated  
Postcard of the Old Log Jail, Greenfield  
Log Cabins, undated  
Mainstreet of Greenfield, 2002, undated  
Outstanding Structures, 1989  
Post Office, 1950  
Simmons Cemetery and Association, 1981-2013  
Streets and Roads, 1992-2009  
Wilkinson Before Fire, no date

**Series:**

**Education and Schools, 1902-2003**

Blue River Township Public School, 1902  
Chautauqua, 2003  
Class of 1955 Greenfield High School, 1995  
Greenfield Central High School Alumni Association, 1970  
Greenfield High School, 1902  
Greenfield High School Football, 1968  
Football playbook for homecoming  
Greenfield Central High School Basketball, about 1950-1979  
Jackson Township Public Schools, 1903-1911  
Maxwell High School, 1923-1924  
*The Pilot of M.H.S.* newsletter  
Mount Comfort High School 1902-1963, Memory's Bridge, School history and Alumni, 1970  
Mount Vernon High School, 2002  
Other Schools, 1886-1974  
Sugar Creek Township, 2002  
Booklet "One Room Schools...", Thomas E. Q. Williams, 2002  
Township Schools, undated  
Vernon Township, 2002, undated  
Booklet "Mt. Vernon's One Room Schools," Thomas E. Q. Williams, 2002

**Series:**

**Groups, 1901-2008**

American Legion, 1920-1993  
Microcassette, unknown content, marked 10/26/93, 1993  
Barnard Family Orchestra, 1901  
Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), 2022  
Article "Greenfield's Civilian Conservation Corps Boys: Letters from the Camps," Mark Sullivan, 2022  
Democratic Party and The Rooster, 1913  
Freemasons, 1950-2009  
Greenfield Boys' Club, 1942  
Greenfield Fire Department, circa 1975  
Greenfield Historic Landmarks Inc., 1981-2008  
Greenfield Sertoma, 2014  
Hancock County Board of Charities and Corrections, 1904-1905  
Hancock County Historical Society, 1985  
Hancock County Public Library, 2006  
Hancock County Sheriff's Department, 2022  
History of the HCSD, Joseph Skvarenina, 2022  
Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana, 1978  
Ku Klux Klan, 1993  
Buck Creek Township Horse Thief Detective Company No. 30 embossed stamp  
Lions Club, 1956-1996  
Military, 1942-2008  
Postal Service, 2013

“Postal History,” Indiana Postal History Society, 2013  
Service Organizations mixed, 1949-1957  
Welcome Wagon, 1956

**Series:**

**Indiana, 1908-2008, undated**

**Subseries:**

**Hancock County**

Blue River Township, 1992

Cumberland, 1989-1990

Fortville, undated

German Settlement 1905-1995, Sugar Creek, undated

Greenfield, about 1920-1973

Hancock County, undated

Lost Towns, 2022

Article on Petersburg, Nashville, Charleston, Berlin, Milner’s Corner, and Leamon’s Corner, Joseph Skvarenina, Indiana History Blog, 2022

Slideshow “Lost Towns,” 2022

Photographs, Nashville in Brown Township, 2022

Photographs, Petersburg and Railroad in Blue River Township Section 33, 2022

Photographs, Leamon’s Corner in Jackson Township, 2022

Photographs, Milner’s Corner and Charleston, 2022

Maxwell, undated

Mohawk, undated

Philadelphia, undated

Shirley, 1908-2022

Draft “The History of Early Shirley and Surrounding Communities,” 2022

Sugar Creek Township, undated

**Subseries:**

**Henry County**

Knightstown, 1995-1999

**Subseries:**

**Madison County**

Pendleton, 1976

**Subseries:**

**Shelby County**

Hanover Township

**Subseries:**

**Wayne County**

Richmond, 1989

### Box 3

#### Series:

##### **Individuals, 1860-2022**

Atherton, Frien B., diary, 1906-1907

Baker, Sue, 2000

Brooks, H. H., 1927

Chapman, Joseph. Democrat Rooster, undated

Davis, Emma Alice. "Picture of Old Brandywine" songbook, 1926

Durbin, David interview about Wendell Willkie and Durbin Hotel, 1993

Ellis, Josephine, 2021

Article "Josephine Ellis and Her Remembrances of the Columbia Hotel," Mark Sullivan, 2021

Gappen, A. A., 1908-1957

Motorcycles, Sporting Goods, Gun Repair

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