

Joseph L. Skvarenina Collection, 1860-2025

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Joseph L. Skvarenina

Title

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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 19th 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 100th 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
 18th 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 Cogglshell 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
 Steele, David C. 2008-05-27
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 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 4th 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 Rememberances of the Columbia Hotel," Mark Sullivan, 2021

Gappen, A. A., 1908-1957

Motorcycles, Sporting Goods, Gun Repair

Hampton, Isaac, federal military pension application for Civil War, about 1860-2022

Worked for George Knox (Black barber)

Served in 28th Indiana during the American Civil War

Jessup, John W., undated

Kemmer, William, 2002

Booklet "A Lynching at the Hancock County Fairgrounds," Thomas E. Q. Williams, 2002

Documents related to historical marker including newspaper clippings, 1873-2022

"Murder in the Heartland and Justice for Mr. William Kemmer," by Joe Skvarenina and Linda Dunn, 2023

Kingen, Dennis. World War II diary, 1944

Knox, George, no date

Lantz, Gerald memoir, 1994

Lewis, Rosalie. "Along the Road" poem about National Road, undated

Majors, Randall. Donation to HCPL and Ship, 1996-2007

Marts, Benjamin P. patent papers for sash lock and balance and lawn trimmer, 1897-1898

McCord, S. A. D. wallet, undated

McCord, S. A. D. personal contents from wallet, 1900-1948

Price, Nellie. scrapbook with letters and photographs of her time as a WWI Red Cross nurse, travel photographs, and newspaper clippings largely focusing on architecture, advice columns, and persons. 1918-1959.

Schramm, Armin interview, undated

Sutherland, no date

Trees, Liberty, undated

Booklet "Experience of a Hancock County Blacksmith: Liberty Trees," Thomas E. Q. Williams, undated

Tyner, Elijah, 1878-2018

Vawter, John William "Will," undated

Walker, John Ward interview, 1994

Watson, Melville interview, 1993

Williams, Dorothy June, 1986, undated

Booklet "Hancock County Highlights," 1986
Williams, Thomas, 2002-2003
Woods, Newton G. guardians deed, 1889
"Creative People," undated
Mixed ephemera, 1897, undated
Genealogy folder 1
Genealogy folder 2

Series:

Industries and Business, 1886-2013, undated

Agriculture, undated
Banking, 1976-2013
Blacksmithing, 1953
Greater Greenfield Chamber of Commerce, undated
Greenfield Businesses, 1998
Fold out drawing of Greenfield in the 1998-02-26 issue of Daily Reporter
Greenfield Daily Reporter, 1908
Greenfield Electric Utility, 2017
Greenfield Fruit Jar and Bottle Company, undated
Greenfield Gas Company, 1886
Greenfield Granite Company, 1994
Holmes Marathon Service, undated
Lawson's Store, 2016
Mixed Ephemera, undated
Ninestar Connect, 2020
Restaurants, 1990, undated
Transportation, 1959-2002, undated
Electric Railroads of Indiana. Jerry Marlette. 1959.
Booklet "When Interurbans Crisscrossed...", Thomas E. Q. Williams, 2002

Series:

Ledgers

Keaster, Mary, 1923-1926
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