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LAFAYETTE POLICE DEPARTMENT COLLECTION

INTRODUCTION

The following types of records and materials are included in this collection of ledger books, papers, forms and photographic items: daily registers of arrests from 1888 to 1896; 1902...1912 (incomplete series; contain names of persons arrested, place of birth, occupation, age, color, date of arrest, offense, disposition of case, etc.); also logs of daily crime reports of robberies, stolen or lost property and missing children from 1907 to 1934; also a record of inspection of "houses of ill fame," 1900-14; also some miscellaneous department correspondence, memorandum, forms, etc., ca. 1923...1950s; and negatives and prints relating to crimes and accidents, ca. 1930-45, including mug shots, some identified.

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THE USE OF THIS COLLECTION IS RESTRICTED; WRITTEN PERMISSION TO USE THIS COLLECTION MUST BE OBTAINED FROM TCHA LIBRARIAN, ARCHIVIST, OR DIRECTOR.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF COLLECTION

4 document boxes
2 records storage boxes
1 metal file box
6 wrapped ledgers

CONTAINER LIST

ADMINISTRATIVE, 1888...1958

BOX 1

[Folders 1 to 16 contain miscellaneous correspondence, memorandum, lists, etc. for the years listed.]

FOLDER

1. 1935. Includes petition for uniform changes and additions, and also items re changes in parking zones.
2. 1936. Includes letters re rental of police cars.

3. 1937. Includes signed oaths of office, and also approved budget for 1938 with salaries of officers.
4. 1938. Includes requests for changes in parking zones.
5. 1939. Includes requests for changes in parking zones, and also items re Fraternal Order of Police, Arman Lodge, No. 49.
6. 1940. Includes applications for position with department and correspondence with an applicant.
7. 1941.
8. 1942. Includes letter of application for position of Special Police Officer with letters of reference.
9. 1944. "Memorandum Regarding Possible Activity at Ross Gear & Tool Co," 21 April 1944.
10. 1945.
11. 1946.
12. 1947. Includes a list of eligible police applicants and results of police examination.
13. 1948. Includes general orders for police officers issued 6 January 1948 by Board of Police Commissioners.
14. 1949. Includes listing of arrests for November 1949.
15. 1950. Includes specifications for new police cars, and also a list of expenditures re vehicles from January to September 1950.
16. 1951.
17. Certificates of police authority, 1935, 1938-41.
18. Letters, certificates re special police officers, 1942-44.
19. Certificates of police authority, 1945-47.
20. Monthly shift assignments for the following years: 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943. Also roster of police, November 1935.
21. Annual report of the police department for the year ending 31 December 1958.

22. Pamphlet. "Police pension law of the state of Indiana...as passed by the 1925 legislature," printed by the Indianapolis Police Pension Fund, Indianapolis, 1925.
23. Items, including correspondence, articles, and photographs from police files for the James Richardson case, June 1933.
24. Items from police files for the James Richardson case, June 1933.
25. Monthly reports, 1929, with inventory of police property, December 1929.
26. Semi-annual report, 1 July 1933.
27. Time cards (2) for crossing guards, May 1952. Lists name of crossing guard, location of post, and pay.
28. Report of arrests, 4 sheets, 3 undated; one a list of arrests from 1 April 1895 to 31 December 1895. [Removed from Station House Register, 1888-96.]
29. Rewards: Announcements of awards being offered for capture of Robert Caldwell (97.55.2) and William C. Roberts (97.55.1). ca. 1907.
30. Addendum: Accession 2016.013. Negative of 2 way antennae on police cars, Oct 1, 1938. Negative of unidentified officer, could be Chief James M. McDonald. Papers from a Lafayette city publication, blank letterheads for the City of Lafayette Police Department. 1938, 1948- 1951.

BOX 2 [Contains individual volumes.]

Typed Manuscript: "Calling all cars: a report of the survey of a list of crimes reported to and arrests made by the Police Department o the City of Lafayette, Indiana, during the period beginning 1 January 1939 and ending 30 October 1940," by the Indiana Writers Program, Jefferson High School Building, Lafayette, Indiana, December 1940. 166 pp. with maps.

Ledger. Auto Accidents January 5, 1926 to May 22, 1927.

Ledger. Auto Accidents May 22, 1927 to January 9, 1928.

Ledger. Attendance record of officers on duty, 1909-10.

Ledger. Time book, 1910-15.

Ledger. Shift assignments, 1920-30.

Ledger. Cash book, 1897-1900.

Ledger. Cash book, 1900-27.

Notebook. Expense account book, 1902-12, with record of receipts and disbursements for several years.

Letter-copy book, 1902-03. Mostly empty.

Double entry ledger. Record of court fines and costs by case, 1919-26.

BOX 3 [Contains individual volumes.]

Ledger. Record of inspections of "houses of ill fame," 1900-14. Includes name of landlady, address of house, listing of boarders, brief description of boarders, town where boarder came from and where boarder moved to, with dates. Inserted in ledger are loose inspection records for several houses in 1914.

Ledger. Log of daily crime reports, 1907-09.

Ledger. Log of daily crime reports, 1909-12.

Ledger. Log of daily crime reports, 1912-14.

Ledger. Log of daily crime reports, 1914-16.

Ledger. Log of daily crime reports, 1916-17.

Ledger. Log of daily crime reports, 1917-18.

Ledger. Log of daily crime reports, 1918-19.

Ledger. Log of daily crime reports, 1920-21.

Ledger. Log of daily crime reports, 1922-23.

Ledger. Log of daily crime reports, 1924-25.

Ledger. Log of daily crime reports, 1926-28.

Ledger. Log of daily crime reports, 1929-31.

Ledger. Log of daily crime reports, 1931-33.

Ledger. Log of daily crime reports, 1933-34.

[The above 14 volumes contain reports of robberies, stolen or lost property, and missing children.]

BOX 4 [Contains individual volumes.]

Ledger. Statistical reports by month, 1906-08.

Ledger. Statistical reports by month, 1909-12.

Ledger. Statistical reports by month, 1933-34.

Ledger. Vagrant book, 1914-17. Listing of names of vagrants sent to Volunteers of America with age and occupations listed. Included in volume is record of long-distance telephone calls from 1914-24.

Ledger. Daily log of stolen autos, 1920-23.

Ledger. Daily log of stolen autos, 1924-25.

Ledger. Daily log of stolen autos, 1926-28.
Ledger. Daily log of stolen autos, 1929-34.
Ledger. Daily reports of auto accidents, 1924.
Ledger. Daily reports of auto accidents, 1925.

BOX 5 [metal file box]

FILM NEGATIVES

Crime and accident-related images, including images of evidence, fingerprints, etc. with a few personal and family images, ca. 1930-45.

BOX 6

PHOTOGRAPHIC PRINTS

Crime/accident photos and mug shots, some identified.

BOX 7

PRINTING CUTS

Includes police officers, some identified; Mayor A. R. Killian; Lafayette police officers and fireman who served in World War II; "Starting of drivers school, 1947"; Firearms training, 1947," etc.

BOX 8

1956 Annual Report, Department of Police, Lafayette Indiana 2017.36.2
1957 Annual Report, Department of Police, Lafayette Indiana 2017.36.3
1996 Annual Report, Department of Police, Lafayette Indiana 2017.41.3
1998 Annual Report, Department of Police, Lafayette Indiana 2017.41.3
2000 Annual Report, Department of Police, Lafayette Indiana 2017.41.3
2001 Annual Report, Department of Police, Lafayette Indiana 2017.41.3
2002 Annual Report, Department of Police, Lafayette Indiana 2017.41.3

LEDGERS

[The following are individually wrapped ledgers stored with the collection, not in boxes.]

Item A Ledger. Police court cash book, 1902-17.

Item B Ledger. Station house register, 1888-96. Includes names of persons arrested, color, date of arrest, name of arresting officer, offense, sentence, etc.

Item C Ledger. Property book, 1893-19, 1936-41. Includes listings of stolen articles, name of thief or from whom articles were recovered, arresting officer, date, claimant of articles, etc.

Item D Ledger. Register of arrests, 1902-03. Includes names of persons arrested, place of nativity, occupation, color, age, date of arrest, location of arrest, offense, arresting officer, disposition, etc.

Item E Ledger. Register of arrests, 1905-06. (See Item D for description of contents.)

Item F Ledger. Register of arrests, 1909-12. (See Item D for description of contents.)

Item G Ledger: Appointment Book 1894- 1905. Includes loose papers, arrest statistics, membership lists for the year ending in March 31, 1904.

Item H: Ledger: Identification Records February 15, 1898 to August 19, 1911.

Item I: Scrapbook

SEPARATION LIST

Photographs and negatives. TCHA Photo Archives, see CRIME AND LAW, VEHICLES, PARKS

Annual reports of the City of Lafayette, 1916-51. TCHA Archives, Special Collections, 352.0772, L161

Purdue University Student Directory for 1956-57. TCHA Library.

Purdue University Staff Directory for 1956-57. TCHA Library.

Farmers & Traders State Bank, Lafayette, Indiana, bank account book: R. M. Robertson, City Judge. TCHA Archives, Letterhead, logo collection.

PEOPLE

Killian, A. R.
Richardson, James

CLASSIFICATION

Crime & Law

SUBJECTS

Crime & Law
Public Records
Public Service – Police Department
Uniform – non military

SEARCH TERMS

Police Department, Lafayette
Ross Gear & Tool Co.