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## LAFAYETTE GAS LIGHT COMPANY COLLECTION

### INTRODUCTION

In 1854 the Lafayette City Council granted a contract to start a gas works. The first gas street lights were turned on 16 December 1854.

This collection includes a journal with newsclippings and entries probably by William Wallace who began working for the gas company as superintendent in 1868 and later became president. An address written by Mr. Wallace about his work in the gas business is also included in the collection.

The location of the gas works remains the same today, the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> and Union—at that time, on the canal.

The collection was donated by Mary Walker Jones.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF COLLECTION

1 2-1/2" Document box

1 photographic postcard of the 1913 flood, transferred to Photo Archives

### CONTAINER LIST

WILLIAM WALLACE (1841-1919), SUPERINTENDENT, PRESIDENT  
LAFAYETTE GAS LIGHT COMPANY

#### BOX 1

##### JOURNAL

Several entries, newsclippings re Lafayette Gas Light Company; journal probably compiled by William Wallace. 1876...1881; 1892. 60 pp.

Journal includes transcription of contract between The Lafayette Gas Light Company and The City of Lafayette, 23 March 1876, and detailed descriptions of the six city circuits giving location of electric lamps and lines for lighting the streets of Lafayette, 1892.

#### FOLDER 1

“Reminiscences of the Gas Business” by William Wallace, ca. 1913, typed, 4 pp. Paper given to the Indiana Gas Association.

#### PEOPLE

Wallace, William  
Jones, Mary Walker

CLASSIFICATION

Public Utilities

SUBJECTS

Public Utilities

SEARCH TERMS

Lafayette Gas Light Company