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**JOSEPH E. PALMER  
PAPERS AND PHOTOGRAPHS, CA. 1947-1980**

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

**VOLUME OF COLLECTION:** 1 half-sized manuscript box, 2 oversize manuscript folders, 1 photograph folder

**COLLECTION DATES:** Ca. 1947-1980

**PROVENANCE:** Lois Palmer, Indianapolis, Indiana

**RESTRICTIONS:** None

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**ALTERNATE FORMATS:**

**RELATED HOLDINGS:**

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**NOTES:**

## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Joseph E. Palmer was born in Wabash County, Indiana, on 1 May 1911. He was married to Lois (Gormley) Palmer (b. 1913, d. 2012).

As a Rector Scholar at DePauw University, Palmer studied both English and Journalism. He spent the next several years working as a journalist. He started out as a Reporter, then City Editor, then Managing Editor for Nixon Newspapers, Inc. in Michigan City, Wabash, and Peru, Indiana. In 1937, Palmer moved to Chicago, Illinois, to work as a Wire Editor for the Chicago Bureau of the Associated Press. He stayed in this position until 1943, when he served in World War II as an army combat correspondent and the editor of an army newspaper.

When Palmer returned to the United States in 1946, he took the position of Executive Secretary for the Marion County Medical Society and stayed in this position until 1957. Palmer served several other positions in the healthcare industry, including Administrative Assistant to the Indiana State Medical Association and Co-Chairman of the Public Information committee for Indianapolis Hospital Development Association. During this time, Palmer performed as Governor Henry F. Schricker in the Indianapolis Press Club's Gridiron Show.

In 1961, Palmer served as Field Secretary for the James Whitcomb Riley Memorial Association until he was appointed Executive Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Indianapolis Real Estate Board two years later.

Palmer was active in several clubs, including the Indianapolis Athletic Club, the Indianapolis Press Club, the American Legion, and the Indianapolis Literary Club.

He died on Oct 17, 1986.

Sources:

Materials in Collection

Ancestry.com

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists primarily of materials relating to Joseph Palmer's life from the 1940s-1960s. The items of note are skits, programs, a photograph, and news clippings from his time as part of the Indianapolis Press Club/Gridiron. The other items in the collection are related to Palmer's various jobs including photographs, two issues of *The Indianapolis Realtor*, and news clippings that show more specifics about his previous positions in jobs and on boards.

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"Legislative Skit", Script, ca. 1950s

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*Malice of Old Vincennes*, Gridiron Publication, April 1961

*The Indianapolis Realtor*, Vol. 43 No. 31 1963 & Vol. 45 No.7 1965

Top Value Gift Saver, Stamp Books, 1980

Indiana Press Club, Gridiron Dinner, Program, April 3, 1948

The Gridiron Grit Newspaper, Vol. 1 No. 3 May 12, 1949; The Gridicule Newspaper, Vol. 1 No. 4 May 18, 1950

Joseph Palmer, ca. 1952-1960

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