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**MADISON, INDIANA  
PHOTOGRAPHS, CA. 1850–1980**

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

**VOLUME OF COLLECTION:** 1 photograph box, 1 half-size photograph box, 1 half-size OVA photograph box, 2 cold storage color photograph folders, 1 OVB photograph folder

**COLLECTION DATES:** ca. 1850-1980

**PROVENANCE:** Steven Chittick, Madison, Indiana

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**NOTES:**

## HISTORICAL SKETCH

The city of Madison is located in Jefferson County in southeastern Indiana and is bordered on one side by the Ohio River. Madison was platted in 1810 by Jonathan Lyon, John Paul, and Lewis Davis, earning the distinction as one of the oldest cities in Indiana. The first lots of land were sold in 1811, and Madison was first incorporated as a town on April 15, 1824. Fourteen years later in 1838, Madison was incorporated as a city.

After graduating to city status, the first mayor of Madison, Moody Park, was elected and served a lengthy term of twelve years. From this point up through the 1850s, Madison went through a period of growth in businesses, live stock (primarily porcine) and produce production, wool and cotton mills, *The Western Eagle* newspaper, shipyards, factories and foundries. This growth was spurred on by Madison's varied transportation options including roads, rails, and waterways. Due in part to this transportation hub along with decent sized population of abolitionists, Madison played a large role in the Underground Railroad.

Madison is now home to a National Historic Landmark: the Madison Historic District, which includes notable buildings such as the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the Lanier Mansion Historic Site, and the Saddletree Factory Museum.

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## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection contains photographs taken in Madison, Indiana. The photographs depict various scenes and subjects from Madison including images of steamboats on the Ohio River, Madison people, schools, churches, and businesses. The photographs in this collection are a mix of originals and copies.

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