Industrial Indiana: Collections at the Indiana Historical Society

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William H. Smith Memorial Library Collections

- Collections of businesses and industry throughout the state
- Majority are transportation related (auto/rail/interurban)
- These collections are about people, products, and property
- Easily access our Digital Image Collections
- Search our Catalog for archival collections related to industry
Mills: Early to Modern

Indiana Cotton Mills Records, M0156, Indiana Historical Society
To the Employees of the Indiana Cotton Mills:

The Indiana Cotton Mills has operated more steadily ever since the depression than most industries. We frequently run at a heavy loss to build our organization together. Other industries that do and in the worst condition.

Ever furnish employment, these plants are starting up and are losing to offer higher wages to get workers home from those who closed up their homes because wages were too low.

Some of our workers have left us to take low-paying jobs. We will then raise and maintain those laborers we have now. The excess of work to come in and demand for work is the same, and demand for work is the same.

I believe in the great majority of our employees and the community the maintenance of the community should be the same, and demand for work is the same.

The company has, therefore, decided to stick to the old-time pattern and to maintain the community. We have raised and maintained those laborers we have now. The excess of work to come in and demand for work is the same, and demand for work is the same.

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Mills—Census—1840

- Number of flouring mills: 2
- Barrels of flour manufactured: 6,000
- Number of grist mills: 11
- Number of saw mills: 26
- Number of oil mills: 3
- Value of manufactures: $55,370
- Number of men employed: 87
- Capital invested: $107,500

Sketch showing location of the Johnson and Early Mills

EARLY MILL, OR MILL SITE, BUILT PRIOR TO 1870

Name or names by which known: Booke's Mill, Booke's Shoals Mill,

Location: Village of Trail Creek.

Co.: LaPorte

Type: Grist Mill, Sawmill, Oil mill, etc., Floor.

If grist or flouring mill—kind and size of bins: Hulled.

Power: Water only or water and steam, Water and steam.

Date when built, rebuilt, etc., 1854, built an sawmill, sawmill, floor, entirely.

Name or names of owners and dates when operated (by owner or lessee):

John Maloney, Joseph Scott, Ill. leased,Horace Herbert, Jr.,

When abandoned (or is it still in use): About 1920, abandoned, unused, 1920.

Present condition: Remains of dam etc., have raised dam, fully deteriorated.

Other persons having first-hand information:


Printed or manuscript material relating to mill.

Attach pictures of mill, if possible; or state where pictures can be found:

Do you wish pictures returned?

Other facts concerning mill (continue on other side if necessary):

Name of informant: Arthur Stewart

Date: Rev. 1936

Please return to INDIANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY,

408 State Library and Historical Building,

Indianapolis, Indiana.
Sheet Piler, Illinois Steel Co.,
Gary, IN, 1935

Indiana Steel Mills
Collection, P0460, Indiana
Historical Society
Inland Steel Co. Employee Party, Michaelene Olguin-Rivera, Indiana Historical Society
Inland Container Corporation
CORRUGATED FIBRE BOXES

BOOK NO. 120-261R
INLAND CONTAINER CORP.
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

April 19th, 1933

Mr. Brewer:

With the return of legal beer, the problems confronting the management of any brewery are numerous and varied. Many of the practices of pre-prohibition days have become obsolete, and must be replaced by improved and more efficient methods.

One of your very serious problems in these days of high freight rates is the economical distribution of your product. This letter is written in the spirit of helpful co-operation, offering our services to assist you in solving this problem. Our recommendations are backed by years of experience in packing glass in corrugated containers.

Due to changes in the legal restrictions imposed on the sale of beer and the abolition of draught beer in some states, beer has been practically forced to become a home drink. This being the case, it is necessary that your product appeal to the home user. This means that it must be packed in clean, attractive and convenient packages. The only real solution to this problem which at the same time will prove economical is to use a Corrugated Fibreboard Container.

The accompanying data outlines some of the many advantages of corrugated containers made of 100% ULTIMATE Kraft - the material which has made such startling progress in the container industry in the last few years. The cost comparisons show that instead of increasing your costs, they may actually yield a very sizable profit. The merchandising of this type of package, especially in the 6- and 12-bottle sizes, can hardly be estimated. Experience in other fields shows that this is the type of package that gets results, and that the public will buy heavily if they get what appeals to them.

We will gladly submit samples and prices of the designs and sizes in which you are interested.

Yours very truly

INLAND CONTAINER CORPORATION

INLAND BOXES BUILD GOOD WILL
Agriculture: Stockyards/Meat packing/Canning
Automotive and Transportation
Miss Doris Albright,
Center, Ind.

My Dear Doris: I have not a minute to call my own while here at the factory, but I will steal a little of my employer's time and write you a few lines.

I have been wanting to write you for a long time but have been so busy it is hard to find time for writing.

I had two weeks vacation. Spent one week in Chicago, the other I fooled a way at home. What are you doing now? I am so anxious to see you and want you to come and visit me.

My brother George and wife are here now and they intend going to Ligheimer next Monday and Ma expects to go with them and I want you to come and stay with us. Jim is going a way to day on a fishing trip to be gone two or three weeks and we will have things our own way. Of course I will have to work during the day but I will be at home of evenings. If you want something to do I will get some sewing for you to do. I want some sewing done and will be glad to have you do it.

Now let me hear from you right away and I hope you can come and will be disappointed if you cannot.

Suppose Percy tells you all the news. I have lots to say to you but will have to wait until I see you as I have not the time to write any more and must bring this letter to a finish.

Hoping to hear from you soon and to see you next week, I am as ever, your friend,

Ella Thomas

Mr. C. Spraker,
Kokomo, Ind.

Dear Sirs:

When I came home Sunday evening I found your card, and I was very sorry that I did not get to see you, as I am always glad to hear any news from the factory.

If you had let me know that you intended coming, I would have been glad to have shown you around in the city.

We took a ride out west on Washington Boulevard, and did not get back until supper time.

If you ever come again please let me know beforehand and I will be pleased to meet you.

Yours respectfully,

H. A. Mott.
DON’T SCAB

ALL WORK done for
Diamond Chain & Mfg. Co.
Either in their shop or any other shop
IS SCAB WORK
Refuse to do it wherever you may be employed
Notify Machinists’ Union if there is any in your shop

All Work for Diamond Chain Works is SCAB WORK

Don’t Scab

THE SCAB

After God had finished the rattlesnake, toad and vampire, He had some awful “substance” left with which He made a scab. A scab is a two-legged animal, with a cork-screw soul, a water-soaked brain and a combination backbone, made of jelly and glue. Where other people have their hearts he carries tumor of rotten principles. When the scab comes down the street, honest men turn their backs, and angels weep tears in heaven, and the devil shuts the gates of hell to keep him out. No man has a right to scab as long as there is a pool of water deep enough to drown his body in, or a rope long enough to hang his carcass with.

Judas Iscariot was a gentleman compared to a scab, for after betraying his “Master, he had enough character to hang himself, and a scab has not.

SOME NOTED TRAITORS

Ezau sold his birthright for a mess of pottage.
Judas Iscariot sold his Savior for thirty pieces of silver.
Benedict Arnold sold his country for the promise of an officer’s commission in the English army.
The modern strike-breaker sells his birthright, his country, his wife, his children and his fellow-workmen for an unfulfilled promise from a trust or corporation.
Ezau was a traitor to himself; Judas Iscariot was a traitor to his God; Benedict Arnold was a traitor to his country.
A strike-breaker is a traitor to his God; to his country, to his family and to his class.
A real man is never a strike-breaker! BE A MAN!
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THINK I CAN MANAGE FOR A TIME. IF ANY SERIOUS TROUBLE COMES WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED.

A.D. JOHNSON 1220AM

Diamond Chain Company Papers, M1019, Indiana Historical Society
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Post-Industrial
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