

## THE INDIANA SOCIETY OF CHICAGO

The Indiana Society of Chicago, a men's social organization, was founded in Chicago, Illinois, with the adoption of its constitution on September 22, 1905, "to cultivate social intercourse among its members and to promote their best interests." The bond unifying the membership is pride in the State of Indiana; and active membership in this state organization is limited to men in the Chicago area who were either born or resided in Indiana for a specified period of time, or their sons.

George Ade, John T. McCutcheon and George Barr McCutcheon were among the founding members of the Indiana Society of Chicago, and many of its early activities centered around literature and the arts. Past events have included monthly meetings, special programs, poetry contests, testimonial dinners for such people as James Whitcomb Riley and George Ade, and summer outings and picnics. The Society's main event is the annual dinner, which has been held almost every year since 1905. Each dinner has a central theme (such as Who's Who in Hoosierdom or saluting the Sesquicentennial of Indiana Territory), with honorary guests and special printed programs and souvenirs which reflect it.

The collection, comprising 4.5 ft. plus oversize material, was donated to the University of Illinois Library at Chicago Circle by the Indiana Society of Chicago on two occasions: April 18, 1973, and September 5, 1973. Material relating to the Society's activities was also donated to the Library by Mr. John S. Jones on May 3, 1973. The collection was brought together, all existing order retained, and organized into two divisions. First is an alphabetical and chronological listing of folders by subject. The second division is a listing of published material, photographs, and newspaper clippings arranged alphabetically and chronologically. Oversize material is listed at the end of the guide.

The material in this collection includes George Ade holograph manuscripts, correspondence, minutes, programs, invitations, sound recordings, scrapbooks, membership rosters, 35 mm film, photographs, lantern slides, printed and published material, cartoons, songbooks, and souvenir booklets. Also included is a set of 12 books by Indiana authors, published and bound in red cloth for the Indiana Society of Chicago by the Bobbs-Merrill Company of Indianapolis, in 1911. A boxed set of these books was presented to each guest as a souvenir of the seventh annual dinner of the Society.

The material in the first division is filed under the following titles:

1. Ade, George - "A. S."
2. Ade, George - Anything Is Good to Eat
3. Ade, George - Broadcast from Station R. F. D.
4. Ade, George - Check Up on Your Lingo
5. Ade, George - The Englishman

6. Ade, George - The Fable of a Few Dropping In
7. Ade, George - The Fable of Doing Things for Nellie
8. Ade, George - The Fable of Getting Back to Nature
9. Ade, George - The Fable of Getting the Hang of the Useful Bang
10. Ade, George - The Fable of Go-Tell-Him
11. Ade, George - The Fable of His Progress in Art and Music
12. Ade, George - The Fable of the Almost Deserted Village
13. Ade, George - The Fable of the Benefit That Didn't
14. Ade, George - The Fable of the Brotherly Confab
15. Ade, George - The Fable of the Busy Little Queen Bee
16. Ade, George - The Fable of the Corrupting Influences
17. Ade, George - The Fable of the Definite Ambitions
18. Ade, George - The Fable of the Deserted Village
19. Ade, George - The Fable of the Destroying Angel and Sister Abbie
20. Ade, George - The Fable of the Feeble Squawk
21. Ade, George - The Fable of the Fight For Personal Liberty
22. Ade, George - The Fable of the Go-Getting Smarty
23. Ade, George - The Fable of the Inspirational Round-Up
24. Ade, George - The Fable of the Usual Sucker
25. Ade, George - The Fable of What Ivy Might Have Spilled But Didn't
26. Ade, George - The Fable of What the Edicts Did to the Addicts
27. Ade, George - The Fable of What Was Expected of Him
28. Ade, George - The Fable Regarding Faults and Frailties
29. Ade, George - Interior Decorating
30. Ade, George - The Lost Art of Hypnotism
31. Ade, George - Manuscripts, Miscellaneous  
n. d.

32. Ade, George - Sigma Chi Fraternity  
1912 - 1914
33. Ade, George - Speeches  
1922
34. Ade, George - Testimonial Dinner - Program  
1911
35. Ade, George - To Get Along Keep on Being A Country Boy
36. Ade, George - Wait Long Enough to Find Out
37. Ade, George - Why I Like Troupers
38. Annual Dinner - First  
1905
39. Annual Dinner - Second  
1906
40. Annual Dinner - Third  
1908
41. Annual Dinner - Fourth *and Fifth*  
1908, 1909
42. Annual Dinner - Sixth  
1910
43. Annual Dinner - Seventh  
1911
44. Annual Dinner - Eighth  
1912
45. Annual Dinner - Ninth  
1913
46. Annual Dinner - Tenth  
1914
47. Annual Dinner - Tenth - "Hoosier Kalendar"  
1915
48. Annual Dinner - Twelfth  
1916
49. Annual Dinner - Thirteenth  
1917
50. Annual Dinner - Fourteenth  
1918
51. Annual Dinner - Seventeenth  
1921
52. Annual Dinner - Eighteenth  
1922
53. Annual Dinner - Nineteenth  
1923
54. Annual Dinner - Twentieth  
1924
55. Annual Dinner - Twenty-first  
1925
56. Annual Dinner - Twenty-second  
1926

57. Annual Dinner - Twenty-third  
1927
58. Annual Dinner - Twenty-fourth  
1928
59. Annual Dinner - Twenty-fifth  
1929
60. Annual Dinner - Twenty-sixth  
1930
61. Annual Dinner - Twenty-seventh  
1938
62. Annual Dinner - Twenty-eighth  
1939
63. Annual Dinner - Twenty-ninth  
1940
64. Annual Dinner - Thirtieth  
1941
65. Annual Dinner - Thirty-first  
1945
66. Annual Dinner - Thirty-second  
1947
67. Annual Dinner - Thirty-third  
1948
68. Annual Dinner - Thirty-fourth - James Whitcomb Riley Centennial  
1949
69. Annual Dinner - Thirty-fourth - James Whitcomb Riley Centennial -  
Correspondence  
Oct. 25, 1947 -
70. Annual Dinner - Thirty-fifth  
1950
71. Annual Dinner - Thirty-sixth  
1950
72. Annual Dinner - Thirty-seventh  
1951
73. Annual Dinner - Thirty-eighth  
1952
74. Annual Dinner - Thirty-ninth  
1953
75. Annual Dinner - Fortieth  
1954
76. Annual Dinner - Fiftieth Anniversary  
1955
77. Annual Dinner - Forty-second  
1956
78. Annual Dinner - Forty-third  
1957
79. Annual Dinner - Forty-fourth  
1958
80. Annual Dinner - Forty-fifth  
1959
81. Annual Dinner - Forty-sixth  
1960

82. Annual Dinner - Forty-seventh  
1961
83. Annual Dinner - Forty-eighth  
1962
84. Annual Dinner - Forty-ninth  
1963
85. Annual Dinner - Fiftieth  
1964
86. Annual Dinner - Fifty-first  
1965
87. Annual Dinner - Fifty-second  
1966
88. Annual Dinner - Fifty-third  
1967
89. Annual Dinner - Fifty-fourth  
1968
90. Annual Dinner - Fifty-fifth  
1969
91. Annual Dinner - Fifty-sixth  
1970
92. Annual Dinner - Fifty-seventh  
1971
93. Annual Dinner - Fifty-eighth  
1972
94. Annual Dinner - Montages  
1939 - 1951
95. Cartoons - Originals and Prints
96. Come On Home Society of Indianapolis - Invitation  
1911
97. Correspondence  
Apr. 19, 1950 - July 17, 1968
98. Correspondence  
Jan. 19, 1942 - Mar. 29, 1950
99. Correspondence  
Sept. 28, 1923 - Dec. 15, 1941
100. Defrees, Joseph H. - Testimonial Dinner - Proceedings  
1913
101. Founding Members - List  
Sept. 22, 1905
102. George Ade Memorial Association, Inc.  
May 12, 1963 - Jan. 1, 1969
103. Indiana State Library - Correspondence  
Jan. 10, 1949 - Sept. 23, 1952
104. Invitations - Miscellaneous  
1923 - 1929
105. Kuhns, E. Louis - Testimonial Dinner - Program  
1911
106. Members' Books  
1906 - 1907

107. Membership Rosters  
1954 - 1973
108. Membership Rosters  
1930 - 1953
109. Minute Book  
Sept. 22, 1905 - Dec. 11, 1914
110. Minutes  
Dec. 19, 1912 - Apr. 30, 1917
111. Post Cards  
n. d.
112. Songbooks and Miscellaneous Songs  
1910-1911 and n. d.
113. Riley, James Whitcomb - Memorial Program  
Oct. 29, 1916
114. Summer Outings - Programs  
1912 - 1962

Published material (books and newsletters), photographs, and newspaper clippings have been grouped together and filed under the following titles:

115. Ade, George, ed., Hoosier Hand Book  
June 23, 1911
116. Ade, George - I Knew Him When
117. Ade, George - Verses and Jingles
118. The Bloomington Star - Indiana Society of Chicago Edition  
Nov. 5, 1940
119. Chicago Daily Hoosier  
Dec. 13, 1913
120. Cooke, Marjorie Benton - The Redemption of Anthony
121. Eustace, Charles - Who's It in America
122. The Hoosier Bulletin  
May, 1927
123. The Hoosier Party Line  
Mar. - Aug., 1941
124. Hubbard, Kin - Short Furrows
125. Kelly, Fred C. - George Ade: Warmhearted Satirist
126. McCutcheon, George Barr - Her Weight in Gold
127. McCutcheon, John T. - George Ade
128. McCutcheon, John T. - History of Indiana
129. Major, Charles - Sweet Alyssum

130. Monon Madrigals
131. Nesbit, Wilbur D. - Who's Hoosier v. 1
132. Nesbit, Wilbur D. - Who's Hoosier v. 2
133. Nicholson, Meredith - Style and the Man
134. Riley, James Whitcomb - Mrs. Miller
135. Sale, Charles (Chic) - The Specialist
136. Stratton-Porter, Gene - After the Flood
137. Wason, Robert Alexander - The Dog and the Child and the Ancient Sailor Man
138. Photographs - Ade, George
139. Photographs - American Library Association Dinner - Honoring John T. McCutcheon  
1951
140. Photographs - Miscellaneous
141. Photographs - Picnic  
1910
142. Newspaper Clippings  
Feb. 4, 1949 - Dec. 25, 1964
143. Newspaper Clippings  
Jan. 4, 1943 - July 11, 1948
144. Newspaper Clippings  
Dec. 12, 1940 - Nov. 16, 1942
145. Newspaper Clippings  
Dec. 22, 1905 - Dec. 11, 1940

*146-159 - 14 reel to reel tapes*

Box 9 <sup>n</sup> ~~contains sound recordings~~ from the 1954 and 1955 annual dinners

Note: For cassette tapes of 146 & 149, see item 176; for 150 & 151 see 177.

160. Box 10 contains artifacts, such as souvenir medals.  
*and items 176 & 177.*

Oversize material is filed following Box 10:

161. Scrapbook #1 - 1907 - 1926. Contains newspaper clippings, correspondence, programs, announcements, newsletters, souvenir books, printed material, invitations, songbooks, membership lists and miscellaneous materials.

162. Scrapbook #2 - 1909 - 1924. Contains printed programs, newsletters, invitations, post cards, tickets, cartoons, souvenir books, printed material, announcements, correspondence, membership rosters, and miscellaneous materials.

163. Scrapbook #3 - n. d. Contains photographs, cartoons, and some newspaper clippings.
164. Scrapbook #4 - n. d. Contains photographs.
165. Scrapbook #5 - 1905 - 1923. Contains newspaper clippings, programs, and invitations.
167. Printed scrapbook of summer outing to Culver Military Academy, June 1, 1912. Descriptions by George Ade.
- 168-172. Five boxes of lantern slides (approximately 300) with views of individuals, cartoons, landscapes, and descriptive texts.
173. 35 mm film of George Ade's "Fables in Slang."
174. Recording of "Hoosier Homes and Harmony," 1954.
175. Oversize photographs, cartoons, and layouts for programs are stored in Drawer 35 of the map case.
176. \*Cassette tape dubbed from reel to reel tapes, items 146 and 149, 1954 ISOC Annual Dinner.
177. \*Cassette tape dubbed from items 150 and 151, 1954 ISOC Annual Dinner.

\*Remarks: Items 176 & 177 added 3-14-96 ; stored in Box 10.

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