

Population Movements
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Biographical Note:

Sylvia C. Hendricks, a resident of Indianapolis, Indiana, in the early 1980s, was a published author who documented the movement of the center of population of the United States through the state of Indiana.

Scope and Content Note:

Collection S2819 contains two articles by Sylvia C. Hendricks on the center of population (COP) of the United States during the sixty years it was located in Indiana. The first article, clipped from The Indianapolis Star Magazine for March 7, 1982, entitled "Indiana: 60 Years on Center," traces the COP as it moved from south of Greensburg (1890), to east of Columbus (1900), to Bloomington (1910), to Whitehall (1920), to Linton (1930), and finally to Carlisle (1940).

The second typed article, entitled "60 Year Sojourn: The U.S. Center of Population in Indiana," covers the same points of geographic reference, but gives more detail of and emphasis to the work of Professor Wilbur A. Cogshall of Indiana University. The article describes how Cogshall calculated the location of the COP, notes publication of Cogshall's worksheets in The Indianapolis Star, and mentions the presentation of a paper by Cogshall before the Indiana Academy of Science. This second article provides far more detail on the determination of the exact geographical location of the COP.

Item Listing:

- 1982, Mar. 7. Clipping, "Indiana: 60 Years on Center," from The Indianapolis Star Magazine (pages 22, 24).
- n.d. Typescript, "60 Years Sojourn: The U.S. Center of Population in Indiana." (11 pages)