

The Business History Society of Indiana

The Business Historical Society is happy to note the organization of the Business History Society of Indiana. The home of the Society will be at Indiana University; the Library of the University will be the official depository for the materials collected, and the departments of Economics and History stand pledged to aid the enterprise.

At the organization meeting held at Indiana University, Bloomington, on May 13, 1940, officers were elected for the year 1940-41. Mr. Clarence A. Jackson, executive vice-president of the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, was elected president. The three regional vice-presidents and five directors are also Indiana business men. The secretary of the Society, Dr. Melvin Anshen, and the assistant secretary and the treasurer are members of the faculty of the University of Indiana.

The following excerpts from a circular received from the new Society state the purposes of the organization:

1. To discover and save from possible loss records of Indiana business operations through preceding business generations, including not only published materials, but also account books, correspondence, and every variety of business records relating to either existing concerns or those no longer active.
2. To examine and classify all such material and, with the assistance of the Indiana University Library, to make it available to business men and students.
3. To promote the study of the history of Indiana business, to supply essential facilities and information, and to encourage and support research in business history.
4. To publish bulletins describing acquisitions of historical interest, listing donors, reprinting excerpts from or condensations of significant material, and summarizing the results of research projects in business history.
5. To draw from historical acquisitions material of value for courses in the School of Business, so that the actual experience of business concerns may contribute to the realistic education of future business men.
6. To encourage graduate study in business history.