

## Economic and Business History

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A session on economic and business history similar to that of last year was held on Friday evening, December 5, 1952, in connection with the Indiana History Conference. Herschel Hollopeter of the State Chamber of Commerce presided. Kathryn Troxel gave a brief account of eighteenth century business and economic history materials at Indiana University, and announced the preparation of a check list supplementary to Harvard's catalogue of the Kress Collection.<sup>1</sup> Stephen G. Savage presented a summary and some appendix (statistical) material from his recently completed thesis entitled, "James Howard of Jeffersonville, Master Builder of Steamboats;" and Thomas Wells Meloan, read a paper, on the "Development of the House Trailer Industry in Indiana." A panel consisting of John D. Barnhart, Joseph A. Batchelor, Thomas P. Martin, Bernard Olsen, and L. L. Waters discussed "Those Old Records: Dead Today, Alive Tomorrow." A record of this discussion will be used for radio broadcasting.

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<sup>1</sup> *The Kress Library of Business and Economics, founded upon the collection of books made by Herbert Somerton. . .* (Boston, 1939).