Old Indiana Fun Park

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Provenance

Donated by Nancy Phillips in memory of Ken Phillips on June 9, 2018; Phillips added the name tag (06/26/96), business card, and Block Party fun card (in Series IV) January 3, 2019.

Scope and Content

This collection contains artifacts from Old Indiana Fun Park that had belonged to Ken Phillips, a park manager.

Series

I. Textiles
   A. Jacket
   B. Hat
II. Game Tokens
III. Personal Handbook
IV. Miscellaneous

Background

Old Indiana Fun Park was an amusement park near the junction of I-65 and SR-47. Plans for the park, originally known as Indiana Heritage Park, were announced in March 1972, and a groundbreaking ceremony, attended by Governor Otis Bowen, took place April 3, 1973. However, construction was long delayed.

The park opened to the public on August 27, 1983, with the Middle Country Renaissance Festival. The main park, by now known as Middle Country USA, opened June 29, 1985. The park changed its name to Old Indiana Fun Park in 1986. After adding a water park in 1994, it changed its name again to Old Indiana Family Fun ’N Water Park. A fatal accident in 1996 led to the closing of Old Indiana in 1997.

Sources

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Access Restrictions: Series I restricted; see Heritage Center staff for assistance

Related Holdings: Vertical Files-Old Indiana Fun Park

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