GREENCASTLE, IND. VIEW BOOK, CA. 1913

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

The city of Greencastle is located in Putnam County, Indiana in the central west area of the state. Organized by the General Assembly in December of 1821, the county was named after American Revolution General, Israel Putnam. Greencastle was chosen as the county seat and named after Ephraim Dukes, who was from Greencastle, Pennsylvania. Chartered in 1837, the Indiana Asbury University in Greencastle was established under the patronage of the Methodist Episcopal Church and is today known as DePauw University.

The Albertype Company, originally known as Wittemann Brothers, was founded in 1890 by brothers, Adolph and Herman L. Wittemann. Company agents took photographs of landmarks in different cities and regions of the country. Using the technological innovation of the collotype, or albertype, the company photo mechanically reproduced the images and distributed prints across the United States in the form of postcards and view books.

The Albertype Company amassed a collection of photographic negatives from across the United States and produced over twenty-five thousand collotypes before closing in 1952.

Sources:

http://www.co.putnam.in.us/county/?page_id=294

Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Collection V-18, Albertype Company Photographs http://archivesmonth.blogspot.com/2010/10/wisconsin-historical-society-albertype.html

http://www.antiquemoney.com/national-bank-notes/indiana/old-money-from-the-citizens-national-bank-of-greencastle-10409/

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection is comprised of one printed view book entitled *Greencastle*, *Ind*. Published by Cammack & Allen, of Greencastle, Indiana with images from the Albertype Company of Brooklyn, New York it is filled with notable buildings and scenes in the Greencastle area.

Stamped on the front "Compliments of Citizens National Bank," this indicates it was possibly a gift to bank customers at the time. The view book is not dated but may have been published around the time the bank began operations. According to the website www.antiquemoney.com, the Citizens National Bank in Greencastle began operations in 1913.

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