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**KNIGHTSTOWN INDIANA SCENES
PHOTOGRAPH ALBUM, CA. 1900S**

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

Knightstown is a town in Wayne Township, Henry County, Indiana. It was platted in 1827 by Waitzell M. Carey. It derives its name from Jonathan Knight, a prominent engineer of the time who surveyed land along National Road. Montgomery Creek borders the town to the west and Big Blue River to the east. The land was a strategic location for a town due to its close proximity to these waterways as well as National Road, a major east-west roadway, running through the area.

Knightstown was once the largest community in Henry County. It is home to a few buildings and locations listed on the National Register of Historic Places, such as its historic downtown and Knightstown Academy. Raysville, an unincorporated town in Wayne Township, sits directly to the east of Knightstown.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains a scrapbook album of 11 black and white photographs taken in and around Knightstown, Indiana.

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“Main St., Knightstown,” ca. 1900s

“Bell’s Hill, old bridge and tall gate,” ca. 1900s

“Blue River Dam & Bridge,” ca. 1900s

“Eagle Mill,” ca. 1900s

“School House, Knightstown” (Knightstown Academy on Carey Street), ca. 1900s

“Raysville, view from back fence,” ca. 1900s

“Presbyterian Church, Knightstown,” ca. 1900s

“View from Bell’s Hill,” ca. 1900s

“Blue River Dam,” ca. 1900s

“Blue River, view North from Interurban Bridge,” ca. 1900s

“Flower Borders, SW corner house,” ca. 1900s

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