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BENJAMIN L. ROSS PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTION, CA. EARLY 1900S, N.D.

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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BIOGRAPHICAL / HISTORICAL SKETCH

John Lyle Campbell was born on 13 October 1827 to David G. Campbell and Rosanna Lynn Campbell in Salem, Washington County, Indiana. He graduated from the John I. Morrison Institute, a Washington County seminary. He also graduated from Wabash College in Crawfordsville in 1848 and received an LL.D. degree from Indiana University. He was a civil engineer and an educator. He was a professor at Wabash College for more than fifty years, beginning in 1853, teaching mathematics, physics, astronomy, and philosophy.

In 1854, John L. Campbell married Mary Ellen Johnston (1835–1924), daughter of Eliza Ann Grover Johnston and Reverend James Henry Johnston, pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Crawfordsville. John and Mary Ellen had three daughters: Anna (Baker), Jennie Rose (Anderson), and Mary (Crane).

In 1868, John L. Campbell wrote a letter to Morton McMichael, mayor of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, suggesting that there should be a grand exposition in 1876 for the centennial of the United States. This came to fruition, and Campbell was appointed Commissioner from Indiana, and President Ulysses S. Grant named him Secretary of the Exposition.

John L. Campbell became a member of the American Philosophical Society in 1875. He died on 7 September 1904 in Crawfordsville.

The Carnegie Library Building at 222 S. Washington Street in Crawfordsville was the first Carnegie Library in Indiana. The library was dedicated on 29 July 1902 with 4,500 volumes. In 1897, the Current Events Club, like many women's clubs, initiated the organization of the library. In 1901, philanthropist Andrew Carnegie donated $25,000 to fund its construction. The city provided the land and annual funding. Local architect W. F. Sharpe designed this Renaissance Revival structure. It was one of 1,679 libraries built throughout the United States with funding from Carnegie. Indiana built more Carnegie libraries than any other state. In 2005, a new library was built across the street. In 2007, the old Carnegie library building opened as the Carnegie Museum of Montgomery County.

Erwin S. Heagy and Olive Melvina Chandler Heagy lived in Roann, Wabash County, Indiana, beginning sometime between 1900 and 1910. Erwin was born on 25 March 1842 to Samuel Heagy and Theresa Poston Heagy. He grew up in the Richland Township of Miami County, Indiana. Olive was born on 4 April 1847 to Dorastus Chandler and Hannah Grundy Chandler and grew up in the Erie Township of Miami County. Erwin and Olive married on 17 October 1867 in Miami County. They had one son, Ira Heagy (1873–1960). At the time of the 1880 census, the family farmed in the Erie Township of Miami County. By 1900, Erwin and Olive were farming in North Manchester in Wabash County, and by 1910 they were farming in Roann. Olive died on 22 March 1920. The following September, Erwin married Sarah Anna Deeter Reeves (1850–1938). Erwin died on
6 March 1927.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of photographs acquired by Benjamin L. Ross that depict buildings in the Crawfordsville area of Montgomery County and in Roann in Wabash County, Indiana. There is also one of a bridge in Roann. Benjamin L. Ross is a historic preservation specialist and architectural historian with RATIO Architects, Inc., in Indianapolis.

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