COLLECTION INFORMATION

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NOTES:
HISTORICAL SKETCH

The town of Bloomington in Monroe County, Indiana, was established on a wheat field in 1818 and named for its impressive 'blooms.' Over the next few years, the town grew quickly with construction of a courthouse and a library. A school was also built in 1820. Eventually, this school grew into Indiana University, which was officially founded in 1848.

The first industries to prosper in Bloomington were farming, limestone extraction, and lumber. In 1853, the newly built New Albany and Salem Railroads spurred the growth of these established industries and other new industries throughout the area. By 1886, the town was incorporated as a city.

Sources:

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This small photograph collection contains five images of scenes from Bloomington, Indiana, including an interior and exterior view of a church, a train wreck, the aftermath of a building explosion, and an aerial view of Bloomington.
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