

Collection #
SC 2831,
OM 0455

CLARK COUNTY SCHOOLS COLLECTION, 1840–1936

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	3 folders, 1 oversized manuscript folder
COLLECTION DATES:	1840–1936
PROVENANCE:	Legacy Books, Louisville, KY, November 1999
RESTRICTIONS:	None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS: None

RELATED HOLDINGS: *Exercises at the Laying of the Cornerstone of the Borden Institute* (pam LD459.E9 1886); *A History of Borden Institute* (pam LD 459.W54 1931); *In Honor of Prof. Wm. Borden's 150th Birthday* (pamq F534.B647 I6 1973); Stotsenburg Ledger (M 0935); William E. Wilson County History Research (M 0934)

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NOTES:

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The first institution of higher learning in Clark County, Indiana, was the Clark County Seminary established in Charlestown, Indiana in 1830 by D. Baker. In 1849, the school changed to a female seminary. It was later renamed "Barnett's Academy" after Professor Zebulon Sturgus assumed responsibility.

The Borden Institute was the second college to open in Clark County. Professor William W. Borden established this school in New Providence (or Borden) in 1884. Borden Institute offered both academic and practical science courses of study, as well as teachers' courses. Borden was born in New Providence on 18 August 1823. He attended Washington County Seminary in Salem, Indiana, and Indiana State University. He served as an assistant to the official geologist for the State of Indiana conducting geological surveys. In conjunction with the Borden Institute, Borden established a museum containing geological and historical specimens on his old home site. Borden died on 19 December 1906.

A pamphlet in the collection indicates the George Rogers Clark School celebrated the opening of an auditorium in Clarksville, Indiana on 14 December 1936. This program likely refers to the George Rogers Clark Elementary School which still exists in Clarksville, Indiana. The Superintendent of Schools at this dedication was William E. Wilson (see M 0934).

Sources:

Information in the collection.

Baird's History of Clark County, Indiana, 1909 (reprinted 1972). IHS Collection (F532.C5 B35 1972)

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains materials relating to three schools in Clark County, Indiana.

Folder 1 contains a receipt dated 1 April 1840 for ten dollars charged to the Clark County Seminary for advertising in the *Louisville Journal* or *Daily Journal* in Louisville, Kentucky.

Folder 2 and OM 0445 relate to the Borden Institute and Practical Science School. Folder 2 contains commencement programs for 13 June 1889 and 10 June 1892. The 1892 program mentions a literary contest award offered by John H. Stotsenburg (see collection M 0935). OM 0455 contains *The Borden Quarterly* news magazine dated June 1890. This magazine contains a news article written by Professor W. W. Borden on mining, a poem about the Monon Railroad, the 1890 commencement program, and listings of faculty members, class offerings, and courses of study/curricula.

Folder 3 contains a souvenir program and dedicatory exercises for the George Rogers Clark School.

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2. Click on the "Basic Search" icon.
3. Select "Call Number" from the "Search In:" box.
4. Search for the collection by its basic call number (in this case, SC 2831).
5. When you find the collection, go to the "Full Record" screen for a list of headings that can be searched for related materials.