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FORT WAYNE COLLEGE PHOTOGRAPHS CA. 1878–1881

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

In 1846 the North Indiana Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church approved the decision to establish Fort Wayne Female College. The first school year began in the fall of 1847 on a three-acre campus near the St. Mary's River at the west end of Wayne Street in Fort Wayne. In the fall of 1850, men were allowed to enroll in a branch of the school known as the Collegiate Institute for Men. In 1853 the Fort Wayne Collegiate Institute for men officially incorporated as a separate college, though it remained closely related to the Fort Wayne Female College. In 1855 the two schools merged and the new school was named Fort Wayne College.

In 1890 the National Association of Local Preachers purchased the college and renamed it Taylor University, in honor of Bishop William Taylor. Following financial problems at the Fort Wayne location, the university was moved to Upland, Indiana, in Grant County, in the summer of 1893.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

Addis Albro (1855-1911), born in New York, was a clergyman with the Methodist Episcopal Church and an educator. It appears that he taught courses in business at Fort Wayne College from the late 1870s to the early 1880s. He subsequently lived in Michigan and New Mexico. He died at his home in New Mexico and was buried in El Paso, Texas.

Emma L. Knowles (1841–1924) was preceptress and instructor in literature and elocution at Fort Wayne College from 1879 to 1881. As a Methodist missionary, she answered the call in 1881 to open a school for girls in India. She continued educating girls there until her retirement in 1917. She returned to the state of her birth, New Jersey, where she continued to keep in touch with the work in India until her death.

Sarah E. Hanchette Yocum (1841–1926) was born in New York, but her family moved to Wisconsin when she was a child. She married Wilbur Yocum in Cook County, Illinois, in 1868. It appears that she died in Washington, DC [where her son was living at the time], but is buried by her husband in Florida.

Wilbur Fisk Yocum (1840–1924), born in Ohio, was president of Fort Wayne College from 1877 to 1888. He had graduated with A.B., A.M., and D.D. degrees from Lawrence University in Wisconsin. The 1870 census lists him as a professor living in Appleton, Wisconsin. In the 1900 census he is listed in Lake City, Florida, with the occupation of college president. He taught elementary education at the Florida State College for Women [He is sometimes listed as William F. Yocum.]

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of six photographs pertaining to Fort Wayne College. It includes two photographs that show buildings with people, and four portraits. These belonged to Ada Hortense Rush Young (1858–1932) of Fountain County, Indiana, who was the mother of the donor of this collection. She attended Fort Wayne College ca. late 1870s to early 1880s.

Series 1, Buildings and Groups: This series holds a photograph of a large building with people out front (ca. 1878) and a stereograph of a women's physical education class (1879). Both photographs were taken by John A. Shoaff of Fort Wayne.

Series 2, Portraits: This series contains four carte-de-visite portraits of Fort Wayne College faculty and staff, ca. 1880–1881. All four photographs were taken by Clayton & Barrows [Frank H. Clayton and Frank R. Barrows] of Fort Wayne.

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Series 1: Buildings and Groups

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Mounted photograph of large building with people standing out front and on balcony, taken ca. 1878. [Photograph is faded and has some stains.]

Stereograph of women's physical education class shows 25 young women in white or light-colored blouses and dark skirts standing on stairs of a brick building. They are each holding small barbells. There are two other women, one standing on each side of the uniformed group. Written on back: "Gymnastic class / M. E. College / Ft. Wayne, Ind. / November '79 / Hortie Rush." [M. E. = Methodist Episcopal; 1879]

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Series 2: Portraits

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