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## FRANKLIN SPEASE COLLECTION, CA. 1890–CA. 1913

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### COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 document case
COLLECTION DATES:	Ca. 1890–ca. 1913
PROVENANCE:	Forms part of the Cecil Beeson/Blackford County Historical Society Collection.

RESTRICTIONS: None

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RELATED HOLDINGS:

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NOTES:

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Franklin Spease operated the Spease Lime and Brick Manufacturing Quarry on the banks of the Salomonie River near Montpelier, Indiana from ca. 1880 until his death in ca. 1926. Franklin Spease married Agnes Lillie, and was a member of the Salomonie Baptist Church. His brother, George Spease, operated an orchard near Montpelier.

### Sources:

Items found in the collection.

*A History of Blackford County, Indiana*. Hartford City, Indiana: Blackford County Historical Society, 1986.

*Biographical and Historical Record of Jay and Blackford Counties*. Chicago: Lewis Publishing Company, 1887.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Franklin Spease Collection consists of scenes of Montpelier, Indiana. Franklin Spease made or collected the photographs between ca. 1890 and ca. 1926, and may be responsible for titles and annotations written in pencil on twenty-two items. The processor arranged the photographs by subject based on information from the annotations. Folder titles and approximate dates assigned by the processor are enclosed in [] brackets. Dick Horton, Spease's grandson, donated the photographs to Blackford County Historical Society in 1989.

The collection is divided into three series. **Series 1: Photographs by Franklin Spease**, contains outdoor scenes of Montpelier and the Salomonie River. The photographs depict the Salomonie at near-flood conditions in 1899, laborers at a woodlot in winter, and men and boys collecting ice from the Salomonie River.

**Series 2: Photographs Attributed to Franklin Spease**, includes views of the George Spease farm near Montpelier, and a photograph of schoolchildren at a Montpelier school.

**Series 3: Photographs of Montpelier**, contains photographs of the Salomonie River at flood-level in 1913, a photograph of the Columbia Hotel in Montpelier, and a portrait of laborers working at a stone quarry. The quarry may be the Spease Limestone and Brick Manufacturing Quarry.

## SERIES CONTENTS

### Series 1: Photographs by Franklin Spease

CONTENTS	CONTAINER
High Water in Salomonie, 1899	Box 1, Folder 1
Pulling up Ice, 1903	Box 1, Folder 2
Woodyard, 1903	Box 1, Folder 3

### **Series 2: Photographs Attributed to Franklin Spease**

CONTENTS	CONTAINER
[Montpelier—Farms, ca. 1900–ca. 1904]	Box 1, Folder 4
[Montpelier—Schoolchildren, ca. 1890]	Box 1, Folder 5
[Montpelier—Views, ca. 1904–ca. 1913]	Box 1, Folder 6

### **Series 3: Photographs of Montpelier**

CONTENTS	CONTAINER
[Montpelier—Floods, ca. 1913]	Box 1, Folder 7
[Montpelier—Hotels—Columbia Hotel, ca. 1890]	Box 1, Folder 8
[Stone Quarry and Laborers, ca. 1890]	Box 1, Folder 9

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1. Go to the Indiana Historical Society's online catalog: <http://157.91.92.2/>
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, P 0295).
5. When you find the collection, go to the "Full Record" screen for a list of headings that can be searched for related materials.