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JENNINGS COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION LEDGER AND PAPERS, CA. 1897–1943

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Jennings County Sunday School Association organized its first convention on 29 April 1868. The main purpose of the organization was to provide an avenue for Sunday School workers throughout Jennings County to meet and discuss better ways to involve and retain children in their respective Sunday Schools. Later, the organization also sought to retain adults in Sunday School. The Sunday School convention meetings were held among the various Protestant congregations of Jennings County. Some churches that hosted the event include: Ebenezer Methodist Church; North Vernon Christian Church; Lovett Methodist Church; Scipio Presbyterian Church; Tea Creek Baptist Church; and the Hayden Baptist Church.

In 1918, during World War I, the members of the convention pledged their patriotism, but also resolved to not allow war concerns to trump their commitment to their church relations and Sunday School work. They were also in favor of the temperance movement.

The association also consisted of an adult department. One of the adult department's outreach activities included providing religious services at what the association called the Muscatatuck Farm Colony (also known as the Indiana Farm Colony for Feeble Minded Youth), located in Jennings County near Butlerville.

As of the 1950s, Jennings County still had a total of forty-four active Protestant churches, two inactive Protestant churches, and five Roman Catholic churches. The county population was around 8,000, meaning there was one church for every 276 persons.

Sources:

Materials in collection.

History of Jennings County, Indiana. (Evansville, Indiana: Unigraphic Inc., 1979).

"Other Indiana Hospitals for the Mentally Ill and Developmentally Challenged."
<http://www.in.gov/icpr/2671.htm> Accessed 11 August 2014.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of one ledger book for the Jennings County Sunday School Association and assorted papers relating to the Jennings County Sunday School Association that were laid in or found loose within the ledger.

The ledger contains handwritten minutes of the annual and semiannual convention meetings of the Jennings County Sunday School Association from 1897 to 1943. The first recorded meeting in the ledger is the thirty-first annual convention, held in May 1897. The last recorded meeting in the ledger is the seventy-fourth annual convention, held in May 1942. The minutes include the location of the convention, brief summaries of activities and talks, and names of officers. The last section of the ledger contains treasurer reports, receipt lists, and other miscellaneous items, up to the year 1943. Note that pages 141 and 142 of the ledger are missing.

Among the assorted papers in the collection are eight loose pages of handwritten minutes from the seventy-fourth annual convention, held in May 1942. Other papers include newspaper clippings and various handwritten lists, as well as two thank you letters from the committee of the convention to the host community for the years 1914 and 1917. The collection also contains one undated letter and one undated report, both written by W.P. Johnson, regarding the Adult Department of the Jennings County Sunday School Association.

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