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JOHN WESLEY JUDKINS MATERIALS, 1903-24

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 manuscript folder, 3 black and white photograph folders
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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

John Wesley Judkins (October 23, 1848-May 17, 1930) was born to Franklin B. Judkins and Antice Caroline Dayton, in Highland County, Ohio. Judkins was the fifth of seven children born to the couple, who were farmers. Judkins attended the Holbrook National Normal University in Lebanon, Ohio, and graduated in 1875. Judkins worked as a school teacher, and on July 30, 1879, married fellow teacher Agatha Lourena Doddridge. By 1883, the couple had moved from Ohio to Wayne County, Indiana, and bought a farm from Doddridge's family.

Along with teaching and farming, Judkins also became involved in politics. In 1912, Judkins ran for the Indiana House of Representatives on the Progressive "Bull Moose" ticket. Judkins race was successful, and he was re-elected in 1914. Judkins was the only Indiana Representative to serve in the Indiana General Assembly on a third party ticket in the twentieth century. Judkins served on the Swamp Lands, Claims, Enrolled Bills, and Printing, Engrossed Bills, Organization of Courts, State Soldiers and Sailors Home, and Rights and Privileges Committees in the House. In 1924, Judkins served as a Presidential Elector for the Republican Party.

Judkins was also involved for a time with the Cambridge City Casket Company, the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at the Murat Temple in Indianapolis, Old Settles of Wayne County, Indiana, and the Cambridge City Methodist Church.

Sources:

Materials in the collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains biographical material and political memorabilia belonging to John Wesley Judkins. There are original documents, including certificates of Judkins' election to the Indiana House of Representatives in 1912 and 1914, a campaign flyer, House directories for the 1913 and 1915 sessions, certificate of Judkins' appointment as a Presidential elector in 1924, and a certificate admitting Judkins as a Noble of the Mystic Shrine in 1919.

Also included are copies of photographs of members of the Judkins family (identified) and two original photographs which feature Judkins.

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