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JOSIAH HURTY JOURNAL, 1849–1864

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Josiah Hurty (1814–1889) was born in Lowville, Lewis County, New York. He developed an interest in education at an early age, and after a year at an academic school, was teaching at the age of 17. Hurty continued his education in New York at Middlebury Academy, Clarkson, and Union College, while teaching at a classical school in Attica, and Bethany Academy. In 1842 he was elected principal of Bethany Academy. The following year, Hurty married Ann Irene Walker (1815–1890), and in October, 1845, he and his family moved to Mansfield, Ohio, where he organized the first town's Teachers' Institute. In 1849 he moved to Xenia, Ohio, to become the Superintendent of Union (public) School. Hurty continued moving westward, accepting academic positions in Lebanon, Ohio; Newport, Kentucky; and Richmond and Liberty, Indiana. After stays in the towns of Madison, Rising Sun, and Lawrenceburg in Indiana, Hurty moved to Paris, Illinois, in 1866 to organize the public school system. He served as the town's school superintendent from 1866–1871. From 1871–1876 he operated his own private school, Hurty's Normal Academy, in the same town. In 1876 it was merged with Edgar Collegiate Institute and Prof. Hurty was elected principal. In 1885 the school was abandoned and Hurty set up a small private school in Paris. A short time later, while visiting his daughter Alice, he accepted the position of President of the Faculty of Gulf Coast College, a private boarding school in Handsboro, Mississippi. Josiah Hurty died on 1 October 1889 at the home of his daughter, Julia, in Cincinnati, and was buried in Paris, Illinois.

Sources: Information in collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of a 67-page bound typescript of Josiah Hurty's journal kept from 15 March 1849 until 18 September 1864. In his journal Hurty describes his daily activities including his teaching duties, family activities, and references to his religious beliefs. The end of the volume includes a four-page history of Josiah Hurty and his family.

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