Josie E. Franklin (b. 1856) was the daughter of a minister. She lived on a farm in or near Henry County, Indiana. (Henry County histories refer to two ministers of the time named Franklin, Benjamin and Joseph.)

This collection consists of a notebook belonging to Josie E. Franklin from 1874 to 1896. Entries are in three main groups. At the rear of the book are notes on a music course taken in 1874. At the front of the book is a diary begun by Josie on her twenty-first birthday, 13 June 1877, and kept up for about a year. The brief entries include daily occupations, visits, sicknesses, and deaths. There are several references to "Pa's" activities as a preacher.
In the middle of the notebook are accounts kept in 1895-1896, beginning, "My expenses in setting up to housekeeping from estate." These accounts show income derived from selling butter, hens, and eggs. During 1895 the accounts are for a partnership, perhaps with a sister; in 1896 the accounts show "personal" income and expenses.

CATALOGUING INFORMATION

MAIN ENTRY: Franklin, Josie E., b. 1856

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Farm income--Indiana--Henry County
Clergy--Indiana--Henry County--Family relationships
Young women--Indiana--Henry County--Diaries
Music--instruction and study--Indiana--Henry County--Juvenile
Henry County (Ind.)--Social life and customs

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