NEW RICHMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY COLLECTION, 1843–CA. 1980

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 manuscript box, 1 photograph box, 1 color photograph folder,
1 OVA graphic folder
COLLECTION DATES: 1843–ca. 1980
DATES: PROVENANCE: Dr. William Sholty, Lafayette, Indiana 1987
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HISTORICAL SKETCH

Montgomery County, Indiana was organized in 1823 and is divided into eleven townships with the county seat at Crawfordsville. New Richmond, Indiana is located north of Crawfordsville in Montgomery County in Coal Creek Township. Coal Creek Township is in the extreme north-west portion of Montgomery County and was formed in 1829. The creek running though the northern part of the township gives it its name. New Richmond was first laid out in 1836. A railroad built through the township in the 1880s contributed to the town’s growth and served the area for over a century with freight and passenger service. In the early 1900s as many as fourteen schools were located in the township. Today New Richmond is an incorporated town but its population is smaller than it was in 1910. One item of interest for New Richmond’s most recent history, in the autumn of 1985 scenes from the movie Hoosiers were filmed there.

New Richmond Historical Society: The clippings and other materials were organized and maintained by Al Boone, the curator of the museum at New Richmond. Roger Kunkel of New Richmond, Indiana was the president in 1987, when the organization donated this collection to the Indiana Historical Society. More recent information on this organization could not be found at the time this collection was processed.

Sources:

Materials in collection
Reference Room Folio: G1403.M8 A75 1975


SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The photographs, postcards, and printed material document aspects of rural and family life in Montgomery County, Indiana from 1843 to 1980. The collection was organized into three series based on the original order of the folder contents and folder notes provided by the donor.

Series 1: Montgomery County Families. The series consists of photographs and some correspondence of the following families in the Montgomery County area around New Richmond; Martin, Ward, Wilkins, Myers, McCollum, Potter, Jaynes, Kirkpatrick, Miller, Phillips, Gott, and Blue families. The Ross Martin family members are all unidentified but include images made by Willis of Crawfordsville, and one pictorialist portrait of a young woman by Northland of Indianapolis. Other Martin family photographs include a view of a wagon in front of the Stitz Wagon Company and men posing with a cow at the Thomas Wilkins’ farm.
The Myers family photographs include tintypes of Diana, Susanna, and Robert A. Myers; and Charles and Otto McCollum. Snapshots include Myers family children, and a harvesting scene.
Snapshots from the Jaynes family include Deed Jaynes with friends, during WWI military training and wearing
baseball uniforms. Another snapshot, circa 1920, shows Deed, Frank, and Guy Jaynes standing beside an automobile. The sign “Gads Taxi” is visible on the windshield of the car. Two photographic postcards show Deed Jaynes and Earl Jaynes in military uniforms. Deed Jaynes’ nephew, C. M. Potter, may have donated these items to the New Richmond Historical Society. A snapshot shows Potter, about five years old and his mother Hettie, on the steps of a home. A postcard with a young couple, Everett and Ethel, pose with their baby beside their car. There is also a harvest scene of A. Merrill at Elmdale, Indiana, and a railroad station and a train photograph.

Another folder of portraits in this series includes snapshots of John, Herb, and Theresa Kirkpatrick ca. 1924; Harris family members Clara Elsa, Ezra, and Roscoe; Bandel Linn [Pappy Linn], a cartoonist-radio commentator, and Mayor Fred C. Bandel; A funeral bouquet with a child’s photograph ca. 1880; and two unidentified female portraits ca. 1880 that were in a folder labeled Robert Haderle.

**Series 2: Covered Bridges and Mills.** This series contains two folders of articles about mills and covered bridges in Montgomery, Fountain, and Parke counties. It also includes snapshots and postcards of covered bridges and mills near Darlington, Indiana. Al Boone made the photographs between 1961 and 1964.

**Series 3: Montgomery County Schools.** The series contains teacher certificates, photographs of the Crawfordsville Athenians basketball team (1936–ca. 1942), and the Crawfordsville High School orchestra (1941; 1946). There are two duplicate images of the Waynetown Middle School, circa 1940s, and a photograph of Waynetown basketball player Ernest Raisor, circa 1928.

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