William J. Kennedy (d. 1878) was born in Ohio, married Margary Curry, and practiced medicine and taught school in Meigs County. In 1857 he and his family moved to Center Point, Clay County, Indiana where he continued to teach
school and practice medicine. After teaching two terms in education, Kennedy went into the general merchandise
business. His son, John L. Kennedy, (b. 1849) was also born in Ohio, moved with his parents to Indiana, and studied
medicine in Louisville, Kentucky, in the winter of 1875-1876 but he returned when his father became ill. After his
father's death on February 2, 1878, he settled the estate by closing the business and opened a drug business in Center
Point in 1880. He married Sarah L. Bridewell on September 12, 1878.

Source: Information in Collection.  
*Counties of Clay and Owen, Indiana*, p. 480.

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**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The collection contains the papers and correspondence of William J. Kennedy. Items include literary and religious
writings and poetry, 1842-1850, a letter to a newspaper editor, 1848, contracts to teach in schools in Meigs County,
Ohio, 1851, n.d., and Clay County, Indiana, 1859, and a handwritten paper on the anatomy of the human body, n.d.
Other items include letters to and from family members regarding everyday life, health of relatives, and religious
freedom in Ohio and Indiana, 1853-1855. Also contained in the collection are school related questions and writings,
n.d., and financial indentures and receipts, 1858-1875.

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**CATALOGUING INFORMATION**

MAIN ENTRY: Kennedy, William J., d. 1878

SUBJECT ENTRIES: Kennedy, William J., d. 1878

Physicians--Ohio--Meigs County

Physicians--Indiana--Center Point

Teachers--Ohio--Meigs County

Teachers--Indiana--Center Point

Freedom of religion--Indiana

Freedom of religion--Ohio

Human anatomy

Center Point (Ind.)--History Sources

Meigs County (Ohio)--History--Sources

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