

BEEMAN, LARKIN LEWIS, 1870 - nd

Larkin Lewis Beeman Collection

Dates: 1881-1919

Accession No. Transfer- RBSC, CML
Collection No. AC- 3

Donor: Larkin Lewis Beeman
 Santa Anna, CA

Description: 176 photographs
 1.5 cubic feet

Biographical Sketch

Larkin Lewis Beeman was a member of the Class of 1897 at Indiana State Normal School. Born in 1870, he was from Marion Township in Boone County, Indiana. A graduate of Indiana University in 1903, Beeman did graduate work at Indiana, Wisconsin, and California. He taught history and political science for forty-eight years, last teaching at Santa Ana California College in 1942.

When he donated this collection of photographs and classnotes to Indiana State University in July of 1955, he was living in Santa Ana and was almost eighty-five years old. He remembered Normal School teachers Elwood Kemp, John B. Wisely, William W. Wood, John J. Schlicher, Oscar Kelso, Louis Rettger, Charles Curry, and Mary Anderson.

Another letter from Beeman in 1957 states that one of his hobbies was writing letters: "My greatest pleasure is meeting former students and teachers, meeting and talking with them. I correspond with two who were in the first grade in a country school I taught in Boone County, Indiana in 1893 or 64 years ago, and with three who were in the first high school I taught at in Michigantown, Indiana 60 years ago and others all down the years since. Their remembrances of me and their kind words today are `better than riches, better than gold.'"

Scope and Content

The Larkin Lewis Beeman Collection contains .5 cubic feet of handwritten class notes and seating charts from Beeman's days as a student and a teacher in the 1890's and 176 photographs of students, faculty, groups and organizations at the Indiana State Normal School from the 1880's to 1919. The earliest dated photograph is from 1881 although there are a number of tintypes which may well date earlier. This collection contains some of the oldest extant material about the history of Indiana State University.

The collection has been arranged in two series. The photographs are especially valuable because most are labeled with names, although the majority are undated.

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Classnotes and Seating Charts

There are eight volumes and 10 individual pages of handwritten notes that Beeman took as a student at Indiana State Normal School and that he used in his own teaching. Included are notes from an English Grammar class in 1892 from either Mary Anderson or John B. Wisely, a Botany class in 1896 from Instructor Butterfield, a Physiology class in 1896-1897 from Louis J. Rettger, and a Psychology class (undated) from Albert Charman. Two of the volumes contain pencil drawings. There are two seating charts dated 1897 where Beeman has added comments about the temperaments of his students.

Photographs

The 176 photographs are primarily portraits of individual students and faculty; most are labeled with names but undated. There are also photographs of groups and organizations.

In a 1955 letter, Beeman notes that the Mystical Novem group photograph shows the organization which was the beginning of fraternities and sororities at Indiana State. The photograph of the 1897 class day exercises shows the students in costume who appeared in Shakespearean scenes. Two other photographs show freshmen for the Spring Term 1891 and the group of students who boarded at the same home while attending the Normal School in 1893.

Processing Note

Although the basis of this collection is the material donated by Larkin Lewis Beeman, a number of items may have been added to the photograph collection by other people after his original donation. Because there were no acquisition notes made at the time of donation, it is not always clear which photographs were part of the original donation. Beeman's collection was primarily from the 1890's; further research is necessary to identify many of these. Because of additions, photographs in the collection date from 1881 to 1919.

CONTAINER INVENTORIES

Box 1

CLASS NOTES AND SEATING CHARTS

Two seating Charts, 1897

Classnotes, 1897

Classnotes - Botany, Spring, 1896

Classnotes - Botany, 1896

Classnotes - Grammar, 1892

Classnotes - Observation, Spring, 1896

Classnotes - Pencil Drawings. 1 vol. nd (1 of 2)

Classnotes - Pencil Drawings. 1 vol. nd (2 of 2)

Classnotes - Physiology, 1896-1897

Classnotes - Psychology. nd

Instructor: Butterfield

Instructor: Butterfield

Instructor: Anderson or Wiseley

Instructor: Charman

Instructor: Rettger

Instructor: Charman

Box 2

PHOTOGRAPHS, A-O

Name	From (Indiana)	Date
Alexander, Rose B	Anoka	nd
Allen, Kate	Frankfort	1897
Bartlette, Nelly	Terre Haute	1893
Bauman, Etta	Oxford	1892
Bell, Pauline		nd
Bell, Lorine	Terre Haute	nd
Benedict, Laura	Springport	1897
Benn (?), Edna		nd
Bennett, John (Tintype)		nd
Binford, H. Emory	Greenfield	nd
Blacklage, Amanda (Tintype)		nd
Boruff, Anna	Bedford	1897
Brandon, Ava M.	Middletown	nd
Brettell, Frances M.	Terre Haute	nd
Brown, George P. Professor, Psychology President, 1879-1885		nd
Brown, Margaret Glick	Terre Haute	nd
Brown, Octavia	Lewis	nd
Buchanan, James W.	Paoli	Spring, 1899
Caldwell, Cordelia		nd
Calvert, Miss		nd
Calvert (?), Truman B.		nd
Chappell, Ella	Carthage	nd
Clearwaters, Mabel		nd
Craveris, George	Hardinsburg	nd
Darby, Byrde (also see-- Hay, Rose)	Benton Co.	1893
Davis, Evelyn Fay		nd
Dooley, Jeanne		nd
Durall, Lois		nd
Foulke, Mollie	Cory	nd
Funk (?), Claude	Cory	nd
Gilhouse (?), H.H.	Brighton	nd
Gillum (?), Margaret Morgan Major - German		nd

Glenn, Dorothy J.		1919
Glospie, Frank	Oxford	1892
Goble, May	Brookville	1895
Grafmiller, O.W.		nd
A.B., State Normal		
B.S. and M. Acc., Muncie Normal		
Graham, Mr.	Terre Haute	nd
Green, Clifford	Shelby Co.	1897
Hackleman, May	Carthage	nd
Harpen, Annie	Danville	nd
Hay, Rose	Terre Haute	1893
(see also-- Darby, Byrde)		
Heyroth, Ruth		nd
Hildreth, Evangeline		nd
Hoene, Oscar W.		Spring, 1900
Hood, Mabel	Philomathen	nd
Hussey, J.S.	Carmel	May, 1897
(deceased about 1948)		
Jakes, Minnie	Otterbein	1898
Kasameyer, Anna	Terre Haute	nd
Kelly, Inez	Terre Haute	nd
Kendall, J.L.	Alexandria	1899
Kennedy, Katherine		nd
Kolb, Adah	Brookston	1893
Lamson, Laura		nd
Lash, Mary M.		nd
Leach, Roscoe R.	Bone Gap (Ill.)	nd
Lindley, D. Blanche		nd
Long, Floyd D.	East Chicago	nd
Lynch, Flora	Carroll Co.	1893
Sister of Professor William O. Lynch		
McDonald, Louise		nd
McQuinn, Lenore Babcock	Terre Haute	March, 1915
McWethy, John		nd
Meal, Mr.		nd
Meighen, Ethel	Riley	nd
Meriwether, Cleo	Georgetown	nd
Meyer, Herbert	Terre Haute	nd
Moore, Zeno Iden		Spring, 1899
Morphet, Edgar L.	Grass Creek	1916
Morris, Ruth (Cartes de visite)		nd

State Normal Teacher, Grammar, Rhetoric

Mullins, Edna B.		nd
Myers, Mary Grace	Terre Haute	nd
Noblitt, Ivan	Eckerty	nd
Nusbaum, L. B.	Wakanusa	nd
Olbisch (?), Edith		nd
Orr, Leah Marie	Seymour	1916
Ossenberg, Jimi (?)		nd
Overpeck, Garnet		nd

Box 3

PHOTOGRAPHS, P-Z and Unidentified

Page, Lettie	Anderson	nd
Paige, Mary		nd
Painter, Belle (age 21)	Terre Haute	nd
Paris, Mr.		nd
Pate, Agnes	Odon	1917
Patterson, Alfonzo	Franklin	nd
Peck, Maybelle E.	Terre Haute	nd
Perigo, Mr. R.	Terre Haute	nd
Perry, Marjorie	Cloverdale	nd
Phillips, Alice	Gas City	nd
Phillips, Joy		nd
Pickening, Charles (?)	Middletown	nd
Pollom, Reginald		1899
Popejoy, Miss		nd
Provines, Edith	Auburn	nd
Pugh, Helen	Terre Haute	nd
Rankin, Mary	(image of an unidentified man on back of photo)	1881
Ray, Ethel M.		nd
Ray, Winnifred	Terre Haute	nd
Ready, Richard L.		nd
Richards, Mr.		1897
Richardson, Rosalie		nd
Root, Nellie Jane	Montpelier	nd
Roscoe, Alma	Terre Haute	nd
Ross, Helen A.		nd
Ross, Meda	(2 photos)	nd
Sanford, Eula	Washington	nd
Sarig, J.D.		nd

Sass, Clara		nd
Schmitz, Rose	Terre Haute	nd
Schuck, Cecilia	Colfax	nd
Sefist (?), Delpha		nd
Siegel, Opal	Boonville	nd
Sisson, Glenn		nd
Smith, Blou		nd
Smith, Elbert S.	(Tintype)	nd
Stahl, John	Clay City	nd
Stanley, Julia		nd
Stocker, Ida	Kokomo	1897
Stotz, Raleigh R.		nd
Suter (?), C. F.	Aurora	nd
Sutherlin, Arnetta	Olney (Ill.)	nd
Taylor, Mr.	Terre Haute	nd
Thomas, Ruby	Oxford	1892
Thompson, Roger M.	New Philadelphia	nd
Thurman (?), Margaret		nd
Tompkins, Arnold	Franklin	nd
Tower, Harold		nd
Tucker, Silvia	Letts	nd
Underwood, Maude		nd
Utterback, Zene		nd
Veit, Elsie	Terre Haute	nd
Vermillion, Carter J.		nd
Wade, Coradel V.		nd
Walters, Zelda		nd
Ward, Esther E.	Cartersburg	nd
Watson, Eugene	Terre Haute	nd
Wehr, Thersa		nd
Weller, E.C.		nd
Welshiemer, Edith L.		nd
Welte, Ida		nd
West, Mr. O.P.		1897
Weynick, Leona		nd
White, Oliver P.	Valeene	Spring, 1899
Wible, Clara R.		nd
Wilson, Arthur	Paoli	nd
Winbigler, Jeannette	Kokomo	June, 1897
Winkenhofer, Walter H.	Huntingburg	nd
Wise, Linda	Franklin	nd
Womeldurf, Laura E	Linton	nd

Wood, Anna M.		Columbus	nd	
Wood, Desta		Michigantown	nd	
Wood, Olive		Hobart	nd	
Wood, Willard L.			nd	
Workman, Mabel			nd	
Wright, Lillian		Salem		nd
Wright, Sarah			nd	
Unidentified Woman	(1 photo)		nd	
Unidentified Woman	(6 photos--Tintypes)		nd	
Unidentified Woman	(2 photos--Cartes de visite)		nd	
Unidentified Man	(1 photo)		nd	
Unidentified Man	(4 photos--Tintypes)		nd	
Unidentified Man		Terre Haute	nd	
Unidentified Man		Danville	nd	

Box 4

GROUP PHOTOGRAPHS

Anna Harper, Madge Patton, Mr. Boyd	nd
Freshman Class, Normal School	Spring, 1891
(some names on back)	
Students Who Lived at Boarding House,	1893
514 N. 5th St., TH (names on back)	
Class of 1897, Class Day Exercises	1897
Mystical Novem (names on back)	1897
Choir, Normal School	c. 1897
Choir, First Baptist Church, Terre Haute	1898
(names on back)	

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