

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS WEST UNION MONTHLY MEETING EDUCATION COMMITTEE RECORDS, 1849-1866

Collection #
BV 0548

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 item
COLLECTION DATES:	1849-1866
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RELATED HOLDINGS:	SC 2546, Evan Hadley Papers; BV 0217, Evan Hadley Commonplace Book; Pamphlet by Evan Hadley about White Lick Monthly Meeting (pam BX 7780 .W55 H2 1890)
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HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Society of Friends began in eastern Indiana, and spread westward across the state, gradually establishing and splitting off new monthly meetings. The first monthly meeting in central Indiana was Lick Creek, set up in 1812 in Orange County as an offshoot of Whitewater Monthly Meeting. In 1823 White Lick Monthly Meeting in Brown Township, founded from Lick Creek, became the first Quaker group in Morgan County. James Hadley became its first teacher and resident minister. In 1832 West Union Monthly Meeting was established in Monroe Township under White Lick, and in 1849 West Union was set off as a separate monthly meeting. In the same year Highland Monthly Meeting in Gregg Township was set up under West Union, and from 1849 on West Union's Education Committee controlled the schools in both West Union and Highland.

Sources: Materials in collection

Willard Heiss, *List of All the Friends Meetings That Exist or Ever Have existed in Indiana 1812-1955*

Evan Hadley, *Historical sketch of the settlement of Friends...in Central Indiana* (1890)

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection contains one item, the minutes and records, 1849-1866, of the Education Committee of the West Union Meeting in Morgan County. They show that the committee met regularly, and regularly visited the schools under their charge at Highland and West Union, which apparently served about two-thirds of the school-age population in the area. It formulated rules for both the schools and itself. Courses taught, in addition to the "three Rs," included algebra, geography, natural philosophy (science), physiology, and astronomy. In addition, "the Holy Scriptures are used in all our schools as a class book, and a part of them read each day by the teacher observing pause."

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