

Collection #
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CENTRAL NORMAL COLLEGE MATERIALS, CA. 1906-07

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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COLLECTION
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HOLDINGS: Pleasant Jenkins Family Papers, M0528; Annual Catalogue of
Central Normal College, LD881.D3 A3; The Centralian,
LD881.D435 C46; History of Central Normal College,
LD881.C32 H6 1939

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

Central Normal College opened on September 5, 1876 in Ladoga, Indiana with 48 pupils. The school was led by W.F. Harper and Warren Darst. In two years, attendance at the school had grown so much that Ladoga was unable to accommodate more students or buildings for the college. Harper accepted an offer from the town of Danville and moved the school and pupils there in on May 10, 1878. Many families in Danville rented rooms to students and local businesses employed students to help them pay tuition.

The college was in operation until 1946, and served about 75,000 students over the years. There were more women students than men. The college, whose campus eventually was made up of five buildings, offered courses in business, music and law, but was most renowned for its teacher training courses.

The college had a low tuition cost compared to other institutions, which allowed many people to receive an education who may not have otherwise been able to afford it. At the time it closed, it was the last self-supporting private normal school in the Midwest.

Sources:

Materials in the collection

Julian D. Hogate, *History of Central Normal College*, 1925

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Contained in this collection are materials most likely belonging to Miss Elsie Collicut of Greensburg, Indiana. There is a typewritten letter dated 25 October 1906 signed by G.W. Dunlavy informing Miss Collicut that he has sent a catalog, that she can enroll at any time, and encouraging her to enroll if she so chooses. Also included are two blank forms for prospective students, an advertisement pamphlet, and a catalog that explains curriculum and has pictures of buildings and faculty.

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