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CHARLES T. POWNER COLLECTION, 1916

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF
COLLECTION: 1 folder

COLLECTION
DATES: 1916–ca. 1920

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Charles T. Powner (ca.1853- ca.1920) arrived in Milford, Decatur County, Indiana with his family in 1857. According to the 1870 U.S. Census, Powner was teaching school by the time he was seventeen years old. He continued this career for most of his life. On December 25, 1882, he married Olive R. Davis, and they had four children. In 1892, Powner taught normal school courses in Greensburg, in which he helped prepare teachers to pass their licensing examinations. He was also a member of the Masonic Order, and master of the Concordia Lodge from 1896-97. By 1916, Powner had moved to Chicago, where he ran a bookstore located on Clark Street. In 1918, he relocated to Los Angeles, where he continued to sell books. According to Powner's obituary, he had a chain of bookstores in Chicago, Cleveland, and Los Angeles.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains a scrapbook with clippings from a serial story written by Charles Powner regarding his youth in Milford, Indiana. Most of the dated entries are from Fall, 1916. He describes the town, its businesses and industries, and his school and classmates. He also recalls events of national significance, such as President Lincoln's election, the start of the Civil War, and Lincoln's assassination. The scrapbook also includes an article about the town's centennial dinner which Powner attended, as well as articles pertaining to the 1916 death of his sister, Mary Belle Hodgson, and the anniversary of the First M.E. Church. Powner's obituary is also included in the scrapbook.

The news clippings are pasted on several sheets that are bound by a gray book jacket that has an unrelated title and illustrations. The serial appeared in the Greensburg Review.

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Scrapbook containing serial story of Charles Powner's youth and other newspaper clippings.

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