HENRY LESTER SMITH
PHOTOGRAPHS, CA. 1897–CA. 1920

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Henry Lester Smith (2 April 1876–25 October 1963), was born in Bloomington, the son of Samuel and Ella (Cathcart) Smith. He received the A.B. and A.M. degrees from Indiana University in 1898 and 1899, and a second A.M. and Ph.D. from Columbia University in 1910 and 1916. Smith married Johnnie Rutland in 1915, and the couple raised two daughters.

He began his career as a teacher and administrator at Hayden, Indiana in Jennings County in 1897. He later taught and served as principal at Brookville, North Vernon, and Indianapolis before joining the faculty of Indiana University in 1914. Smith was dean of education at the Indiana University School of Education; two years later he became dean of the school and continued in that capacity until his retirement in 1946. Since that time he was active in the planning of school buildings. In addition to his work as dean, he was director of the Indiana University Summer School from 1919 to 1942 and a member of the Indiana Historical Society since 1932.

Sources:

Items in collection

Dr. Henry Smith is dead at 87, “Indianapolis News, 26 October 1963, p.7, col.5
Indiana Historical Society Bulletin 4: 31 (January 1964)
The Arbutus, 1917. Bloomington: Indiana University, 1917

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection includes seventy-eight black and white photographs, and two photographic postcards made or collected by Henry Lester Smith during his career as a student, teacher and public school administrator. The photographs include portraits of family members, students at rural schools in Jennings and Franklin counties, and group portraits of students at Indiana University. Seven group portraits show students and teachers from Brookville School in Franklin County from ca. 1897 to ca. 1902. These items are identified. Other identified portraits include students who attended school in Brookville, Hayden, and North Vernon. Family photographs include two portraits of Smith as a young man.

Photographers represented in the collection include Spriggs and Whilhite and Nicely of Bloomington, Otto White of Hayden, Otto Sarony of New York, and G.W. Glanville, of Idaho. Printed material consists of a program from Jennings County Teacher’s Institute meeting, August, 1897. The photographs are stored in one document case, and in 4 OVA photograph folders. Photographs in the OVA folders include group portraits of Brookville students.
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