

INDIANAPOLIS HIGH SCHOOL RECORDS OF GRADUATES, 1869-1911

Collection #
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USER INFORMATION

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

Indiana, and Indianapolis, were slow to adopt the idea of free public schools. The concept gained acceptance largely

because of the work of two men, Caleb Mills and Abram Shortridge. The first free public schools were set up in 1853, and these included a high school which operated until 1858 but did not graduate any students. The entire system ran out of money in 1859.

Under Shortridge as superintendent, a new high school was set up in 1864 in two rooms of a grade school at the corner of Vermont and New Jersey Streets. In 1865 the high school moved to Circle Hall, the former home of the Second Presbyterian Church, on the northwest quadrant of the Circle. As the idea of secondary education caught on, this site became inadequate, and in 1872 the High School moved to the refurbished buildings of the Baptist Young Ladies Institute on the northwest corner of Michigan and Pennsylvania Streets. By 1878 there were 502 students and eleven teachers.

In 1884 Indianapolis High School moved into a new building on the same site, constructed at a cost of \$50,000. In the following year a high school for the south side of town, called Indianapolis Training High School, was split off, and in 1912 a third high school was set up for the east side of town at the Arsenal. Indianapolis High School changed its name to Shortridge High School in 1899, but the graduation programs in this collection used the old name through 1901.

Sources: Materials in collection

Laura S. Gaus, *Shortridge High School 1864-1981*, passim

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection contains one item, a notebook labeled "Indianapolis High School Graduates," listing graduates from 1869 to 1911. The first classes are entered in pencil; printed programs begin in 1881. The school is entitled "The High School of Indianapolis" through most of the period, then "Indianapolis High School," and finally "Shortridge High School" beginning in 1903. The graduation ceremonies took place mainly at English's Opera House and then at Tomlinson Hall. Later programs show the program of the whole ceremony, and list honors graduates.

CATALOGUING INFORMATION

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SUBJECT ENTRIES: Shortridge High School

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High Schools--Indiana--Indianapolis--Alumni

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