

Collection #
OM 0625

**JEMIMA GORDON MATERIALS,
CA. 1876-1884**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 oversized folder and 1 B&W photograph folder

COLLECTION DATES: 1876-1884

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Jemima Gordon was born to James and Ruth Maxwell Gordon in Union County, Indiana, on presidential election day (November 7), 1836. Gordon was the youngest of her family of five children. When her father died, her mother married Thomas Gardner, a widower with eleven children. Thomas and Ruth then had four more children. Gordon's family was Quakers, but Gordon went to Thorntown Academy, a Methodist school, and was converted at a revival meeting with the Methodist Episcopal Church. She graduated valedictorian from Thorntown in 1860 and received her M.D. from Central College of Physicians and Surgeons, Indianapolis in March of 1882. During her life she was a matron at the Indianapolis Asylum for Friendless Colored Children. She died in Henry County, Indiana on February 10, 1926.

Sources:

Ancestry.com. *U.S., Find A Grave Index, 1600s-Current* [database on-line].

"History of Boone County: With biographical sketches of representative citizens and genealogical records of old families" by Leander Mead Crist. Published 1914. Online at archive.org. Accessed 1/10/2017.

Materials in the collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains one photograph of Jemima Gordon done by Huddleston, New Castle, Indiana (ca. 1880). It also contains a letter from Gordon to her brother from the Indianapolis Asylum for Friendless Colored Children dated July 2, 1876, a State Board of Health certificate to practice medicine in Missouri, and a State Medical Examining Board certificate to practice medicine in Minnesota.

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