

# JENKS G. BANES CIRCULAR, 1855

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Collection #  
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## USER INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 item

COLLECTION DATE: 1855

PROVENANCE: G. L. Bailey, Ridgeville, IN, September 1965

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS: None

OTHER FINDING AIDS: None

RELATED HOLDINGS: BV 105-106, J. W. Jackson; BV 2103, John C. Armstrong (both ran stores in Metamora)

ACCESSION NUMBER: 65.0909

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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Jenks G. Banes was born in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, the son of Jonathan and Anna (Gillingham) Banes. From about 1845 to 1855 he "engaged in the mercantile business" with his brothers Calvin and Jonathan in Metamora,

Franklin County, Indiana. His brother Jonathan Banes (1817-1906), trained as a carpenter, came to Brookville in 1837 to work on the Whitewater Canal. He was responsible for building several locks. When the canal company failed, he set up a store at Brookville, then in 1845 moved to Metamora to set up a store and a cotton factory. Jenks Banes, who may have followed his brother west, moved on further west in 1855.

Sources: Materials in collection  
*History of Franklin County* (1913), 713

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### **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

This collection contains one item, a printed circular of July 1855 sent by Jenks Banes to lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The circular announces that Banes is moving west, to Illinois or Iowa, and will hold a lottery of his belongings, the proceeds to go to the "Widows and Orphans Funds" of the lodges of Indiana, Illinois, and Iowa.

A hand-written postscript to J. B. Branson describes the mechanics of the lottery: 135,000 tickets will be sold; the largest item to be drawn is "the Jones farm."

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### **CATALOGUING INFORMATION**

MAIN ENTRY: Barnes, Jenks G.

SUBJECT ENTRIES: Banes, Jenks G.

Independent Order of Odd Fellows--Charities

Lotteries--Indiana--Metamora

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