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HISTORICAL SKETCH

Floyd County was organized in 1819 and was probably named for Davis Floyd who was a member of the Territorial Legislature and later a judge in Indiana and Florida. However, some historians believe the county to be named for John Floyd who was an outstanding Indian fighter. New Albany, the county seat of Floyd County, is located on the Ohio River in the southeastern region of Indiana. It was first laid out in July 1813 by brothers Joel, Abner, and Nathaniel Scribner who named it New Albany in honor of Albany, New York, which had been their former home. In 1850, New Albany was the largest city in Indiana.

Due to its closeness to the Ohio River and coal fields of southern Indiana, New Albany was a very important city for industrial development. The Kentucky-Indiana Bridge connecting New Albany and Louisville was another key factor. Steamboat building, glass manufacturing, and plywood and veneer plants were some of the most important products manufactured there. In 1920, for example, New Albany produced more plywood than any other community in the world.

At the turn of the twentieth century, there were around twenty churches, twelve school buildings, eight movie houses, a public library, and fifty social organizations active in New Albany. One of the schools, the De Pauw College for Young Ladies had been formed from the Asbury Female College in 1867. It was named for Washington Charles De Pauw who had contributed financially to get the city of New Albany off and running. The college lasted until around the year 1900. It was about this time also that New Albany saw its population fall from 21,059 to 20,628. While it had always been an important manufacturing center, the discovery of natural gas in north central Indiana caused many residents of the city to move northward for new jobs.

New Albany has dealt with severe flooding during the years of 1883, 1884, and 1913. In 1917, a tornado caused major problems for the city.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains 39 photographs printed on 10 contact sheets. The photographs show residences, street scenes, railway lines, DePauw College, and the interior and exterior of the New Albany Hosiery Mills in New Albany, Indiana between ca. 1880 and ca. 1900.

The contact prints have been numbered 1–10 with three to four images on each print. On the verso of the contact sheets the images are described with a copy negative number for each image listed. The descriptions with their copy negative numbers have been transcribed in the Contents section of the collection guide.

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