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WILLIS R. REVELS PORTRAIT, CA. 1870

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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COLLECTION
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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Willis R. Revels (ca. 1817–?) was born in North Carolina. Both he and his younger brother, Hiram Rhoades Revels, were educated at the Union Literary Institute. (Representing the state of Mississippi, Hiram R. Rhoades was the first African American to serve in the United States Senate. He served during the Reconstruction Era.) The school, operated by the Society of Friends as early as the 1840s, was a manual training boarding school located in a community that crossed state lines. The community sat between Randolph County, Indiana and Darke County, Ohio.

According to the 1860 federal census, Willis R. Revels was living in Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana. He appears on the *U. S. IRS Tax Assessment List, 1862–1918* as a property owner and physician in 1862. Revels, pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Indianapolis, served as an advocate for the 28th United States Colored Troops regiment formed in Indiana during 1863.

Sources: Material in the collection.

Gayle Thornbrough, Dorothy Riker, and Paula Corpuz, editors. *The diary of Calvin Fletcher*, Indianapolis: Indiana Historical Society, 1972–1983

Website: <http://www.ancestrylibrary.com> Accessed on May 30, 2008.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection includes one sepia-toned photograph, ca 1870. It is “9 X 7 ½” in a mat “11 ¼ X 8”. It is a portrait of “Rev. W. R. Revels, M.D.” in a three-piece vested suit seated next to a small table. His left hand, holding what appears to be a Bible, is resting on the table.

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“Rev. W. R. Revels, M.D.,” ca. 1870

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