

McLean County Museum of History

Simmons School (Dale Township) Collection

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 Box
COLLECTION DATES:	1900-1937
RESTRICTIONS:	None
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OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	

Brief History

Simmons was built in 1856 when Joel Simmons sold the district the site at the southeast corner of the N.W. ¼ of Section 8 for \$20. It was replaced in 1878 and remodeled in 1926, when a basement was added. Often called *Freeman School* for Caleb Freeman, a land owner in the early days, yet continued to be known as *Simmons School*. Rodney R. Cool, a highly educated young engineer from New York, was the first teacher. It consolidated with Stanford in 1946. (Adapted from *The Story of McLean County and Its Schools* by William B. Brigham)

Box and Folder Inventory

Loose Items:

Register Book: "Teacher's Daily Register No. 9"

Daily register for Winter Term- September 1900-February 1901. Minnie Anderson, Teacher.

Daily Register for Spring Term- February 17th-May 18th, 1901. Minnie Anderson, Teacher.

Daily Register for Fall Term- December 30th, 1901 -April 18th 1902. Hattie B. Hulva, Teacher.

Daily Register for Spring Term- April 21, 1902-June 4, 1902. Hattie B. Hulva, Teacher.

Daily Register for Fall & Winter Term- September 30th 1902- March 6, 1903. Albert Wise, Teacher.

Minutes Book- Simmons Community Club Meeting Minutes

This book includes officers, meeting minutes (to include business and entertainment); treasure reports; the constitution and by-laws; committee members; and thank-you notes. Some pages missing.

Folder 1: History

- 1.1.1 Simmons School sketch in *The Story of McLean County and Its Schools* (1951) by William B. Brigham. Page 125-126

Folder 2: Correspondence

- 1.2.1 Envelope says "Simmons School" in pencil. Inside is a folded sheet of paper, written on it is a thank-you for the flowers that were sent to the hospital. Signed Bower Culbertson and Sherrilyn Dale.
- 1.2.2 Envelope says "Simmons Community Club" in pencil. Inside is a thank-you card signed Mrs. Alfred Lane and Marcia Ann
- 1.2.3 Envelope says "Simmons Community Club" in pencil. Inside is a thank-you card signed Mrs. Ray Huffman and daughter Ina Louise
- 1.2.4 Envelope says "Simmons Community Club." Postmarked November 16, 1937. Inside is a condolences card for the family of Mrs. Cora Combs.

Folder 3: Miscellaneous

- 1.3.1 19 exercise cards to practice writing letters