School Exams

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Provenance


Lon McCann: Donated to Ralph W. Stark Heritage Center Lebanon Public Library February 28, 2017 by Larry Hysong.

Series III: unknown

Scope and Content

This collection contains school tests/examinations completed by Charley Mayes from 1890-1895, Lon McCann in 1901, and several exams/assignments from 1899-1900. The collection provides evidence of late 19th/early 20th century public school curricula in Indiana by indicating the subjects taught to students during that time. The series for 1891 in the Mayes collection is especially interesting in that it includes a copy of the test booklet which provides the specific questions to which Mayes responded.

Series

Series I: Charley Mayes

Subseries 1: 1890: Includes examinations in arithmetic, geography, grammar, history, reading, and spelling.

Subseries 2: 1891: Includes examinations in arithmetic, geography, grammar, history, physiology, spelling, and writing.

Subseries 3: 1893: Includes examinations in arithmetic, geography, grammar, history, physiology, reading, and spelling.

Subseries 4: 1894: Includes examinations in arithmetic, geography, grammar, history, physiology, reading, and spelling.

Subseries 5: 1895: Includes examinations in arithmetic, geography, grammar, history, physiology, reading, and spelling.

Subseries 6: Undated: Includes examinations in grammar, history, and physiology.
Series II: Lon McCann

Subseries 1: 1901: Includes examinations in arithmetic, geography, grammar, and music.

Series III: Other: 1899 (Physiology); 1900 (Grammar)

Biographical Note

Charles Shannon “Charley” Mayes was born in Jefferson Township, Boone County, Indiana, on April 28, 1877, the son of Joseph and Mary Mayes. By 1900, he had moved with his family to a farm in Harrison Township. The Mayes family may have owned a farm in Center Township beginning around 1888; if so, it is likely that Charley completed these examinations at Center Township schools (in 1895, the year Charley was taught by J. J. Evans, Evans was listed as a teacher in Center Township Schools). Mayes married Gertie Cunningham on March 1, 1905, in Boone County, and that year purchased his own farm on SR-39 in Harrison Township, just south of the Center Township boundary. They had no children. Mayes died November 18, 1965, and is buried in Lebanon’s Oak Hill Cemetery.

Alonzo “Lon” McCann was born in Boone County in 1886. It is likely that McCann attended school in 1901 in either a Lebanon or Center Township school. McCann joined the Lebanon police department in the 1930s, eventually becoming Chief of Police until his retirement in 1956. McCann died February 20, 1969 and is also buried in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Sources:

Boone County, Indiana, Official Farm Plat Book and Directory, 1956
Lebanon Patriot, October 3, 1895
Lebanon Reporter, November 18, 1965
Lebanon Reporter, February 21, 1969
Portrait and Biographical Record of Boone and Clinton Counties, 1895
US Census 1880, Boone County, Jefferson Township, District 117
US Census 1900, Boone County, Harrison Township, District 0011
US Census 1900, Boone County, Center Township, District 4
US Census 1910, Boone County, Harrison Township, District 0011
US Census 1920, Boone County, Harrison Township, District 0011
US Census 1930, Boone County, Harrison Township, District 10
World War II Draft Registration Card for Charley Mayes, Accessed through Ancestry.com

Access Restrictions: None
Related Holdings: Mayes Family History File; McCann Family History File

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