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CA. 1890S–1939, N.D.; COPIED 1980**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

The area that is Martin County, Indiana, was first part of Knox County, when it was formed in 1790. When Daviess County was created in 1817, its Perry Township included most of what is now Martin County. Martin County was established in 1820, carved out of Daviess County and including a strip from Dubois County. The county's population at that time was 1,032. The identity of the person after whom Martin County was named has never been determined. Eight towns were at various times the county seat of Martin County, beginning with Hindostan in 1820. Shoals ultimately became the county seat in 1876.

Hindostan was platted in 1819, although both gristmills and sawmills were likely operated there as early as 1818 by Frederick Sholts. Sholts's mill was probably located at the site of a dam constructed below Hindostan Falls on flat rock that extended two-thirds across the East Fork of the White River. A post office was established in 1819 but closed in 1830. The village was named Hindostan (pronounced with the accent on the middle syllable) by Captain Caleb Fellows, the oldest lot owner in the area, who had served in India for many years. In the early 1820s disease (perhaps yellow fever or cholera) ravaged Hindostan. Many of those who survived moved two miles north to Mount Pleasant, which became the new county seat in 1828.

Mount Pleasant was platted in 1817. A post office was established there in 1824 but closed in 1862. In 1833 its population was 150, and the town had thirty houses, a jail, a spacious brick courthouse, four mercantile establishments, a tavern, two ministers, two physicians, a common school, several craftsmen, and a horse-powered mill.

Trinity Springs derived its name from three adjacent large mineral springs. The town was platted in 1837 as Harrisonville. An adjacent town called West Harrisonville was platted in 1845. A post office was established in 1848 with the name of Trinity Springs. In 1895 the town's name was officially changed to Trinity, although it was still known locally as Trinity Springs. The town attracted tourists, peaking in 1900 when as many as 2,000 people were present in the village on special occasions. In 1908 Edward and George Ballard began construction of the New Trinity Springs Hotel. The hotel was brick, included sixty guest rooms, and had electricity. Trinity Springs was one of the first towns of its size in Indiana to have electric lights.

The area known as Shoals was first platted as Memphis in 1844. Early settlers included Wilson Chenoweth, who arrived around 1857. He was a farmer and operated a grist mill at a dam on the White River. One of his sons, John A. Chenoweth, went into partnership in 1867 with Benjamin C. Johnson to form the Johnson Chenoweth Hardware Company, which expanded to include building material, coal, garage, groceries, and a harness shop, becoming the oldest continuous business firm in Shoals. The name of the town was changed to Shoals in 1872. The town thrived and eventually absorbed the nearby towns of McCormickstown, West Shoals, and Ironton. Shoals is divided into two parts by the White River. The Martin County Bank was established in Shoals in 1887.

Dover Hill was platted in 1845 under the name of Hillsborough. The name was changed to Dover Hill in 1848. The town has the highest elevation in the county, at more than 680 feet above sea level. A post office was established in 1846, the county seminary was erected in 1847, and *The Dover Hill Comet*, the first newspaper in the county, was published in 1859.

Loogootee was platted in 1853 by its founder, Thomas N. Gootee. A post office was established in 1857. Construction of the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad in 1857 contributed to the growth of the town as it developed into an important shipping center. By 1900 the population was 1,382, and in 1903 Loogootee was incorporated as a city.

There was a railroad accident in Lawrence County on 18 September 1906. A westbound Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern flyer, collided with the side of an accommodation train while the latter attempted to back into a siding at Huron, southwest of Bedford. The flyer's engineer, Theodore Leyhan [or Lehan], and fireman, John C. Williamson, both of Seymour, Indiana, were killed. The flyer's mail and baggage cars and one passenger coach left the rails. On the accommodation train, engineer Lee Michaels of Washington, Indiana, and fireman Harry Drall of Seymour, were able to jump to safety.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of twenty-nine black-and-white copy photographs made in 1980 of photographs dating from ca. 1890s to 1939. The collection is arranged into three series: Martin County People and Places; Train Accident at Huron, Lawrence County, 18 September 1906; and Sullivan and Unknown Locations.

Series 1, Martin County People and Places: This series include subjects such as street scenes, portraits of Civil War veterans, people with their homes or businesses, hotels, a school, and a church. Locations include Shoals, Dover Hill, Loogootee, Trinity Springs, and Hindostan Falls. Three photos are of an 1886 painting of Mount Pleasant as it was remembered to have appeared in 1850. One photo is of a certificate signed by Abraham Lincoln for a Loogootee Civil War veteran.

Series 2, Train Accident at Huron, Lawrence County, 18 September 1906: This series is composed of three photos by W.C. Landis of the wreckage.

Series 3, Sullivan and Unknown Locations: This series contains a November 1923 photo of a crowd gathered in the Sullivan town square, as well as a photo of a work train and one of an interurban railcar in unknown locations.

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Series 1: Martin County People and Places

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Portrait of Levi Wildman (1839–1945) seated in a chair outdoors on his 100th birthday [30 March 1939]. [Civil War veteran, Corporal with the 65th Indiana Infantry, Co. F. Born in Ohio; died on 21 May 1945 in Shoals, Ind.]

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Group portrait of 40+ Civil War veterans at reunion of the 123rd Indiana Volunteers, held at Greensburg, Indiana, on 18–19 September 1913. One man is identified as Thomas J. Johnson [1847–1930] of Shoals, a private in Co. K, who operated a drugstore for many years.

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Martin County Bank in Shoals, with cashier James L. Passell [1839–1921] and assistant Edgar Witcher [1874–1967] standing in front [ca. early 1900s]

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Chenoweth family posed in front of their home on S. Main Street in Shoals. Identified are boys Wilson Chenoweth [1893–1958] and Ainslie Campbell Chenoweth [1895–1947]. [Information that came with the photo states that it is John Chenoweth's home, but Wilson and Ainslie's father was Samuel Albert Chenoweth (1856–1904) and their mother was Susan Brooks Chenoweth (1867–1931). The boys had two sisters, Ida (1890–1966) and Laura (1891–1969). Samuel's mother, Mary Chenoweth (1831–1926) lived with the family at the time of the 1900 census.] The photograph shows two boys, two girls, two men, an older woman, and a younger woman. [ca. 1900]

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Unidentified family standing in yard with house in the background and picket fence in the foreground. Written on back: "Near Shoals." [ca. 1900]

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South Main Street, Shoals [ca. 1910s]

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People standing outside of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad depot in Shoals. Man in the ice wagon at far right is George Dustin, ca. 1900.	Folder 1 of 2
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