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Summary Information

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Historical Note

In 1853, Little Rock opened a one room school at the intersection of Seventh and Scott Streets under the direction of Hiram Scofield (1830-1906). Scofield was from Saratoga County, New York, and received his education there before going to Arkansas where he became the first public school teacher hired by the Committee on Schools of the Little Rock City Council. While in Little Rock, Scofield read law in Albert Pike's law office. Scofield was an 1856 graduate of the Albany Law School. He later removed to Iowa. At the outbreak of the Civil War Scofield enlisted in the 2nd Iowa Infantry for the Union cause and rapidly rose through the ranks. He eventually was given command the 8th Louisiana Regiment of Colored Troops (in 1864 renamed the 47th U.S. Colored Infantry), which he recruited and trained at Lake Providence, Louisiana. Scofield commanded the regiment for almost three years and served throughout the lower South. He was mustered out as a Brigadier General. After the war he returned to Washington, Iowa and resumed his law practice.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains an 1853 report from the Little Rock Standing Committee on Schools.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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