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Summary Information

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Historical Note

Public schools begin to emerge in Miller County around the 1870's. The Miller County community did not want to engage in public schools fearing the required education for black children. There were six districts in Miller County by 1878 but no tax money going to the public school system. W.G. Cook was the second examiner for Miller County and fought to bring education to all children. He led a group of teachers to fight for school tax in order to fund public education. By the end of 1890 the county had twenty-three districts, sixteen school houses for white children, three school houses for African-America children, and a total of 3,274 children attending classes. Bright Star Public School was in the unincorporated town of Bright Star inside of Miller County. J.W. Maxwell was the principal for Bright Star Public School and the founder of Miller County Normal School. This collection contains an announcement for the closing exercises of Bright Star Public School in 1896 singed by J.W. Maxwell. This document details a night's entertainment with songs, comic dialogues, farces, and dialect recitation hosted by the school.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains one broadside announcement for Bright Star Public School, dated April 10, 1896.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Arkansas State Archives 8/15/2011

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

South by Southwest Books, Fayetteville, Arkansas, 1977.

Collection Inventory

1896 April 10: Announcement, "The Closing Exercises of the Bright Star Public School will be held at Bright Star, Arkansas, Friday April 10, 1896