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Summary Information

Repository	Arkansas State Archives
Title	Arkansas College Colony circular
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Language of Materials	Materials entirely in English.

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Biographical/Historical Note

Judson University was the dream of Professor Martin R. Forey of Chicago Illinois. Forey travelled to Arkansas in 1869 hoping to find a Baptist college; however, he met hostility and noninterest. Returning north, Forey promoted his dream in the Midwest and recruited a colony of 40 settlers to settle in Prospect Bluff, Arkansas, on the Little Red River. Forey purchased five acres and established his university, Judson University, named after Adonirum Judson the first American foreign missionary. Judson University boasted an ambitious curriculum and a professional staff. Forey purchased another 500 acres to generate income for the university. He hoped to sell the land and entice northerners to settle in Arkansas. In 1874, Prospect Bluff joined with a neighboring town, Judsonia and the new town was now known as Judsonia. Judson University was flourishing by 1875 and Forey travelled frequently trying to drum up support and new students. By 1883 the university had suffered a decline and closed at the end of the 1883 term.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains a circular from Arkansas College Colony, Judsonia, Arkansas that also has a letter written on the back from P.L. Barker to Dr. Amos Walker dated May 8, 1875.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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