Akers School, Shannon County, Missouri Records (R0480)

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Grandin, Missouri, School Record Book (C0849)
Mill Creek School, Texas County, Missouri Records (R0651)


Historical Note:

The community at Akers grew up along the Current River at the crossing of the Salem road. A dozen to fifteen extended families lived in the area by the 1850s. Following the Civil War, Akers grew to include a post office, a general store, a grist mill, and a one-room log school. During the 1920s an automobile ferry began operating at Akers. This ferry, one of the last of its kind in the state, was still in operation in the 1990s. In 1970 the town site and much of the community became part of the Ozark National Scenic Riverways, operated by the United States National Park Service. The Park Service has since developed a major campground and recreational site at Akers.

The first school at Akers was a log building. It was replaced in 1898 by a new structure when the Cedar Hill School District Number 1 was created. However, the school has always been known as “Akers School.”

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following two series:

Teachers’ Records
District Clerk Records

Scope and Content Note:

Teachers’ Records

This series include records of attendance, classification, and standing, reports to district and county officials, and lists of visitors to the school. Especially interesting are comments left for succeeding teachers, which include observations on various students and on other matters of concern.

District Clerk Records

This series includes minutes of annual, special, and directors’ meetings, annual enumeration of children, teachers’ contracts, oaths of directors, records of warrants issued, and reports to the county superintendent and county clerk.

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