

**McLean County Museum of History**

**Rutledge School (Downs Township) Collection**

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**Collection Information**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 Box
COLLECTION DATES:	1868 - 1895
RESTRICTIONS:	None
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ALTERNATIVE FORMATS:	None
OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	See also

## **Brief History**

Rutledge School District was laid out in 1862, but not organized until 1867. The school was named after Charles Rutledge, who had donated some land. James Covey was the first teacher, beginning in October 1867. The original cheaply built school house, erected in 1867, was replaced in 1874. The school was kept in good condition and was well equipped. The district was divided between Downs-Ellsworth and LeRoy Units in 1948.

## **Scope**

The collection includes School Board Records and photocopy of some pages relative to Rutledge School from *The Story of McLean County And Its Schools*.

## **Box and Folder Inventory**

### **Box 1**

#### **Folder 1: Ledger**

Includes the Minutes of the School Board and the Minutes of the annual school meeting. There are receipts of payments made to teachers for their salary. Receipts of payments to suppliers of things such as chalk, wood, coal, and building materials. A Cash Book for the school, listing all transactions. A Register of Directors elected to the School Board. Census of the number of students in the school (does not include names). Printed pages of "Rules and Regulations for Public Schools," and a register of teachers, listed alphabetically by surname. Ledger cover is missing.

#### **Folder 2: School History**

Photocopy of pages from Brigham's *The Story of McLean County And Its Schools* listing Rutledge School.