

SAINT MARY'S COUNTY SCHOOL RECORDS

The collection is primarily records of the various organizations of school trustees and commissioners from the 1840s to 1953. There are documents by and about George Wellington Joy, examiner/superintendent from 1896-1927. The contents of the folded, bundled, and tied sheets includes resolutions and orders of the commissioners, correspondence of the examiner (later superintendent), financial records of school building expenses, books and supplies, payment of teachers, commissioners and others, the overall budget, petitions from the public for establishment of schools, copies of teachers' examinations for a teaching certificate, a few examples of student examinations, and information and directives from the state Department of Public Instruction. These papers also include some records from the county Register of Wills, who was responsible for the funds of the schools during the 1850s. There are also some very early records of the Saint Mary's Savings Institution, probably because George Combs, who was Secretary/Treasurer of the Commissioners at one point, was a founder of that savings institution. There are also records of an estate administration involving Edward Mattingly. Beginning in 1900 and running until the 1924/25 school year, the papers are primarily Superintendent Joy's correspondence covering most of the above topics. There is a considerable amount of material on the Red Cross activity in the schools in 1918. Another sizable component of the collection is in book form: school registers, attendance records, annual reports filed with the state, records of teachers' certificates, receipt books for teachers' salaries and school expenses and one book covering the 1937 Saint Mary's County track and field competition. [1985.001+ There are comprehensive records for the school registers, with series records for the remainder. Each box of Mr. Joy's correspondence has a list of the personal names found in the box. We have been given 385 registers from the county's Afro-American schools from the 1920s onward. These have **not** been processed.]