This is a photograph of the football team of Moothart College at Farmington, St. Francois County, Missouri. The view has been copied on one 35mm slide.

George Washington Moothart, a native of Illinois, organized the first of his chain of business colleges in De Soto, Missouri, in 1899. Other schools were subsequently established at Cape Girardeau, Bonne Terre, Dexter, Kennett, and Farmington. The latter became the headquarters of the chain in 1904. The policy of placing schools in small towns reflected Moothart’s beliefs that the high cost of living kept many students from attending urban institutions, and that the moral environment was higher in small municipalities. Moothart students were trained in accounting, bookkeeping, and stenography.

Two of the eleven players in the photograph have been tentatively identified by the donor. The figure on the far left of the upper row may be Lionel Tetley; the second from the left in the second row may be “Bud” Spaugh.