INTRODUCTION

This is a booklet produced by the *Steelville Ledger* for a reunion of former students of the Steelville Normal and Business Institute, 25-27 June 1936. It consists of fourteen issues of the newspaper, each containing one or more articles on the school and the reunion, bound into a single volume. The stories include character sketches and reminiscences of students and teachers, along with portraits of the faculty and many of the students.

HISTORY

The Steelville Normal and Business Institute began in 1887 at Vichy in Maries County, Mo., as the Vichy Normal and Business Institute. Prof. James B. Hayes and J. A. Ferrell owned and operated the school, which offered courses in two departments, normal and commercial. A former student at Vichy, John T. Woodruff, interested Hayes in moving the school to Steelville, the seat of Crawford County, and led fundraising efforts resulting in the purchase of three acres of land adjacent to the town and construction of a three-story brick edifice. The Steelville Normal and Business Institute opened in late 1890 with an expanded faculty. Local subscriptions paid for the land, but the school was unable to repay construction costs and failed in 1896. Despite its short life, the Institute was popular with local students seeking instruction beyond the public, primary schools then available. Several hundred individuals are known to have attended. Many former students became prominent attorneys, physicians, ministers, and businessmen who formed the professional class of the region.

There had been several reunions of the Institute’s former students of the Institute prior to 1936, but that year seems to have been the largest and best recorded of the events. The *Steelville Ledger* publicized the occasion with stories, biographical sketches and reminiscences of faculty members and students in thirteen issues of the newspaper beginning on 2 April and continuing through 2 July 1936. Following the three-day reunion, the Ledger bound the separate issues together with a cover bearing a photograph of the faculty and students of the Institute in 1894, and pages bearing portraits of faculty members (Profs. J. B. Hayes, William M. Chapman, John A. Ferrell, Ferd W. Hemker, O. L. Lyon, Charles H. McIntosh, Albert L. Reeves, T. O. Renfrow, and George H. Sugrue) and prominent former students (William E. Barton, Rev. A. T. Carr, Rev. H. H. Diestelkamp, Dr. W. G. Dillon, Henry L. Easman, Albert L. Freeman, William A. McAtee, George W. Shelton, Dr. J. D. Smith, John W. Terrill, Rev. George B. Thomas, Chris Veasman, John T. Woodruff, and Dr. John Zahorsky). The reunion “book,” offered for sale by the Ledger, is the single best source for this important early educational institution.
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16 April 1936  Character sketches of students; sketch of James B. Hayes (part 2).

23 April 1936  Character sketches of students.

30 April 1936  Character sketches of students; Planning Committee for the reunion.

7 May 1936  Biographical sketch of George H. Sugrue by Dr. Zahorsky; “What I Remember,” students’ memories of SN & BI.

14 May 1936  Biographical sketch of James B. Hayes (part 3).

21 May 1936  Character sketches of students.


4 June 1936  Biographical sketch of Chris Veasman.

11 June 1936  Biographical sketch of Dr. O. L. Lyon by Dr. John Zahorsky Character sketches of students. Plans to bind reunion issues of the newspaper. List of students attending SN & BI.

18 June 1936  Sketch of William A. McAtee by Judge A. L. Reeves.

25 June 1936  Banquet to be held at Wildwood Springs Hotel. Former students now deceased. Sketch of William J. Underwood. SN & BI student reminiscences. Program of events; 25—27 June.


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Bowen, Thomas Franklin.
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Halbert, Clara Gillies.
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Rohrer, John.
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Williams, Clyde.
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Wood, Pearl A.
Woodruff, John T.
Woodruff, Josie Bacon.
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ALUMNI OF THE STEELVILLE NORMAL AND BUSINESS INSTITUTE
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Abram, Gus
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* Adams, John Quincy
Adams, Minnie [Craig]
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* Anderson, F. M.
* Anderson, Molly [Coppedge]
Anthony, Jennie [Everson]
* Arnest, Grover
Arnett, W. F.
Arthur, Eugenia [Ferguson]
* Arthur, Willis [Dr.]
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Ball, Arthur A.
Bangert, Carrie
Barnhart, J. M.
* Barton, Alice [Self]
* Barton, Florilla
Barton, Lon
Barton, William E. [Judge]
Bass, Claude
*Bass, E. R.
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Bauer, Ada [Bouse]
Bealk, Edith [Dotter]
Beckham, Maude [Marsh]
Beezley, Rufus G.
Beezley, Ruth Adele
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Boas, Lucy [Haley]
* Boerner, Zelma [Halbert]
Borberg, A. M.
Bouse, Arthur
* Bowen, Nellie V. [Wright]
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Bowers, J. O.
Bowers, Rose [Walker]
Bowles, John A. [Dr.]
Bowles, Joseph
Bowles, William M. [Judge]
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Brewster, Bart [Dr.]
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* Buckley, Harvey
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