

P0138 Harlan, Dorothy Cochran (1924-2015), Photograph Collection, ca. 1898-1902

28 photographs

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INTRODUCTION

28 b/w photos of Missouri Training School for Boys in Boonville, Cooper Co., ca. 1900. Exterior and interior views of various buildings on campus, baseball team, school room, brick yard, dormitories, laundry and bath house, and bakery.

DONOR INFORMATION

The collection was donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Dorothy Cochran Harlan on August 5, 1997 (Accession #1997-0063).

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Missouri State Reform School for Boys, later known as the Missouri Training School for Boys, was established in 1887 by the Missouri General Assembly as a juvenile reform institution and opened in Boonville, Missouri on January 15, 1889. The School was intended as an alternative to committing juvenile offenders to jails with adult offenders. Boys sent to the institution attended school and worked in a number of industries on-site. The School also offered recreational opportunities, social services, psychological and medical treatment, and religious instruction.

As time went on, the facility was criticized for overcrowding, violence, dis-repair, poor living conditions, segregation and racism, ineffective supervision, an overly punitive approach, and a general lack of focus on education and reform. In 1938, a report by the Osborn Association identified the School as “among the worst” of institutions it inspected. The School operated as a penal institution until 1948. At that time, it was moved under the jurisdiction of the State Board of Training Schools and juvenile offenders began to be committed for an indeterminate period of time rather than a fixed term. In 1983, the facility was transferred to the Department of Corrections and became a medium-security facility for adult male inmates. Until then, the School was Missouri’s primary correctional facility for juvenile males.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains 28 mounted photographic prints depicting the grounds of the Missouri Training School for Boys, arranged by identifier.

IMAGE LIST

Identifier	Description	Creation Date	Photographer
138-01	exterior view of two dormitories	1898-07-04	Campbell, R., Jr.
138-02	exterior view of Main building from front	1900 ca.	
138-03	rear view of main building	1900 ca.	
138-04	interior view of superintendent's office	1900 ca.	
138-05	interior view of ballroom or auditorium; decorated with patriotic bunting	1900 ca.	Truby, Frank
138-06	interior view of dormitory	1900 ca.	

138-07	Mr. W. J. Cochran at machine in ironing room	1900 ca.	
138-08	exterior view of Dockery	1900 ca.	
138-09	interior view of bath room in laundry and bath house; showers all on	1900 ca.	
138-10	interior view of laundry room	1900 ca.	
138-11	exterior view of Laundry and Bath House building; "Francis Hall"	1900 ca.	
138-12	exterior view of barn; barn being built, some workers identified: Officer Gilbreth, Sam Darling, T. Hicks, B. Henderson, Huston, Officer Cochran, W.H. Harrison	1900 ca.	
138-13	barn	1900 ca.	Truby
138-14	view of field garden	1900 ca.	
138-15	exterior view of bakery and store room facility	1900 ca.	
138-16	interior of reading room & chapel	1900 ca.	
138-17	interior of dining hall	1900 ca.	
138-18	interior of dining hall; tables are set for meals	1900 ca.	
138-19	exterior of dining hall and reading room	1900 ca.	
138-20	interior of bakery kitchen; large oven sink shown	1900 ca.	Truby
138-21	exterior view of superintendent's residence; view of Boonville in background, two small children in upper windows	1902 ca.	
138-22	exterior view of brick yard	1900 ca.	
138-23	interior view of school room with unidentified students at desks	1900 ca.	
138-24	Baseball Team, Boonville; members identified, standing (l-r) : team captain Sampson, Vest (?), Huston, Beavers, Fife, Wasser; seated (l-r): Bailey, Wilson, Shoots, Shamlifer	1900 ca.	
138-25	boys in carpentry shop	1900 ca.	
138-26	boys in carpentry shop; those identified are: Mack Hocker, Harry Wasser, Theodore Hicks, Followell, Sam Darling, Officer Cochran, Claud Huston, Bill Henderson, Ted Tracy, Clarence Chapin	1900 ca.	
138-27	boys in tailor shop; those identified are: Hauser, Jacques, Rogers, Sanders, Horace, Malony, Grant, C. Johnson, H. Johnson	1900 ca.	
138-28	exterior front of main building	1900 ca.	Truby, Frank