

## Collection Summary

**ID Number:** CS 390

**Title:** Matthews, IN

**Extent:** 1 Folder(s)

**Span Dates:** 1970

**Language:** English

**Geographic Location:** Grant County, Indiana

**Abstract:** This collection consists of a paper written about the community.

## Selected Search Terms

**Subjects:** Gas fields—Indiana; Historic sites--Indiana--Grant County; Gas industry--Indiana--History

**Historical Notes:** Matthews, Indiana was founded in 1895 named in honor of then Indiana Governor Claude Matthews. Matthews is located in Southern Grant County in Jefferson Township. 2010 Census population was 596. In 1902, at the height of the natural gas boom, Matthews, was home to 15 glass factories, 4 churches, 4 drug stores, 7 restaurants, 2 newspapers, 2 banks, 7 blacksmiths, 1 dentist, 4 doctors, 24 general stores, 2 laundries, 1 bakery, 2 furniture stores, 2 morticians, 2 real estate agencies, 2 insurance men, 3 barbers, 3 attorneys, 1 jeweler, 1 photographer, 1 telegraph office, 2 ladies hat shops, 3 hardware stores, 2 candy stores, 4 sawmills, 6 livery stables, 22 saloons and a justice of the peace. Anyone who has been to Matthews would find it hard to believe that Matthews had the world's largest natural gas wells as well as being seriously considered in the running for the capital of Indiana, both of which are true. That may be why Matthews is best known as the Wonder City. Many "wonder" what happened! After the gas failed, most businesses and residents moved away and Matthews had to start rebuilding itself. <http://www.townofmatthews.com/>

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<b>Contents</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Container</b>	<b>Location</b>
Cole, Jack. "Matthews: A Forgotten City." Masters' thesis paper, Ball State University, Muncie, IN 1970	1970	Folder 1	Filing Cabinet 15-B