Scope and Content
From: http://www.nebraskahistory.org/publish/markers/texts/weeping_water_academy.htm
“This building was constructed by community effort in 1871 of native limestone as the Congregational Church and served in that capacity until a new brick church was constructed 1887-1890. The nearby stone parsonage, first occupied in 1867, was sold in 1870 to provide funds for the 1871 church.
The old church provided space for the chapel, classrooms, and library for the Weeping Water Academy which was established in 1885, as its founders felt their children could not receive adequate training in the local public schools of the day. An active promoter of the school was the Rev. George Hindley. Due to his efforts, the school became and remained identified with the Congregationalists, although the work was largely nondenominational. Three formal courses of study were offered including classical, scientific and English Normal.
As enrollment increased, other buildings were utilized or constructed with the largest being Hindley Cottage. The school closed in June, 1914, due to decreased enrollment as public schools improved. During its 29 years of existence, the academy had some 220 graduates. In 1917 this building became the "Weeping Water Academy Library" and continues to serve as the public library today.”

Arrangement
The arrangement of the collection has been done by the Doane College Archives staff.

Provenance

INVENTORY
Box 1 Fld 1 - 1886-1910: Weeping Water Academy catalogues. They include courses, books, board of trustees, tuition, etc.

Fld 2 - 1899-1908: The Academy Student. Seems to be a college news article written by the students. Includes fictional writing from the students, advertisements, and a list of events.


Fld 4 - Various Dates: Many handwritten and typed letters that go over multiple topics. Some include letter of recommendations, promotion letters, and more.

Fld 5 - Unknown dates: Random books that include fiction and nonfiction writing. Not sure how they relate to Weeping Water, possible class books.

Miscellaneous -
- 1901: Weeping Water Academy Catalogue. Includes courses, pictures, and expenses.
- 2013: Newspaper article talking about how Weeping Water was used for higher education. Also included other information about Weeping Water.

Grade Records - Late 1800s: Weeping Water Academy grades