

Rev. Blackford Condit

Source: Saturday Evening Mail 21 February 1874

Rev. Blackford Condit has been seriously ill, but is now convalescing rapidly.

Source: Saturday Evening Mail Terre Haute 25 July 1874

Rev. Blackford Condit is up in Michigan seeking health. Mrs. Condit is at her old Crawfordsville home.

Source: Saturday Evening Mail Terre Haute 23 June 1894 p 8

Rev. Blackford Condit, of this city, was re-elected a trustee of Wabash College at the annual meeting at Crawfordsville this week.

Source: Saturday Evening Mail Terre Haute 14 May 1892

Rev. Blackford Condit and wife left Thursday for an extended western trip., They will spend all day tomorrow at Salt Lake City; then on to Portland, Oregon down to San Francisco and Los Angeles, coming home by the northern route taking in Yellow Stone Park and getting home the latter part of June.

Source: Crawfordsville Daily Journal 25 May 1892 p 3

Dr. Eastman of Indianapolis was in the city today in consultation in the case of B.M. Condit of Wabash College. Rev. Blackford Condit and wife of Terre Haute, arrived from Portland, Oregon this morning called home by the serious illness of their son.

Source: Terre Haute Daily News 22 March 1890 p 4

Allen and Blackford Condit returned home today to spend a two week's vacation.

Source: Crawfordsville Daily Journal 3 March 1891

Rev. Blackford Condit of Terre Haute is in the city today. Source: Terre Haute Evening Gazette 2 Nov 1872 Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Condit of Minnesota are visiting the Rev. Condit, father and friends in this city.

Source: Saturday evening Mail, Terre Haute 29 June 1895

Howe Allen Condit is the four member of this well-known firm, which endeavors to steer clear of criminal practice, confining its efforts as far as possible to commercial, probate and corporation law. Mr. Condit is a son of Rev. Blackford Condit (a member of one of the oldest families in Indiana) who uncle, Supreme Justice Blackford was noted in an early jurisprudence of the Hoosier state. Mr. Condit graduate from Wabash College in 1890, and at once began the study of law. He made rapid advancement in the profession and was soon admitted to the firm of which he is now a member. He is popular among the businessmen and has a reputation as a safe counsellor that may well be envied by men older in the profession. In conjunction with Mr. Higgins he manages the commercial law department of the firm, and they take a just pride in the immense collection business which the firm does. His industry and faithfulness have built up for him a large personal clientage. He is active in politics and well known as an ardent, energetic Republican. It is no secret The Mail tells when it says that he is good looking, and, strange to say, unmarried.

Source: Crawfordsville Weekly Journal 7 Feb 1891 p 3

Saturday evening Miss Emma Condit, eldest daughter of Rev. Blackford Condit and wife, died at her home in Terre Haute after a lingering illness. The funeral occurred there Monday. Miss Condit was a most estimable young lady and had many friends in this city where she frequently visited.

Source: Saturday Evening Mail, Terre Haute 2 August 1873

Rev. Blackford Condit started Monday evening for the Pacific Coast to enjoy a month's vacation. Mrs. Condit will stay at Crawfordsville.

Source: Wabash Express Terre Haute 30 December 1888

The coming of Frances Murphy has been definitely arranged, and the committee in charge announce that the meeting will open next Sunday evening, January 6th, in Naylor's Opera house. Mr. Murphy wired his acceptance on Friday, and the latter part of this week, his son Richard J., who acts in the capacity of business manager, will be in the city to arrange all minor details. The coming of Mr. Murphy has already created quite an interest in the work which he will undertake. The invitation to come to this city was extended by a committee of ministers and laymen, of which the Rev. Blackford Condit is chairman, the Rev. B. L. Smith, secretary, and S. C. Stimson, treasurer. These gentlemen, together with the Rev. L. Kirtley and the Rev. S. B. Towne, constitute an executive having in charge all the details of the meetings. The general committee which took the work of securing Mr. Murphy in charge, consists in addition to the gentleman above named, the Rev. Towne, the Rev. Pierce, the Rev. Hollingsworth, Mr. L. P. Alden, Mr. I. H. C. Royse, Mr. H. Keyes, Mr. W. H. Wiley and Dr. Spottswood. The Rev. Blackford Condit has probably been more active in securing Mr. Murphy than anyone else, and some weeks ago wrote to Mr. Murphy while that gentleman was in Indianapolis, asking if it would be possible for him to come to Terre Haute, and inquiring into the conditions on which he would come. His reply was very hearty and strongly characteristic of the man. It was as follows: INDIANAPOLIS. December 13, 1888. My Dear Mr. Condit:— Hearty thanks for your kind Invitation. It will give me great pleasure to visit your city. Would like an invitation from ministers and business men, all who wish their brother man well. For remuneration I will accept the free will offerings of the people. The collections and entertainment for myself and secretary remaining with you at least ten days and the last night charging 25 cents admission as a farewell benefit to me. I hope this will be satisfactory to you all I wish you would come to Indianapolis and see me and spend Sunday God is wonderfully blessing us here. All to Him I owe. Many of the poor slaves of drink have been wholly saved by the loving mercy of our blessed Redeemer. Tours In heart, FRANCES MURPHY. Mr. Murphy's handwriting is very peculiar. The average letter reader would pronounce it almost illegible. It is very large, plain in style and penned regardless of lines or space occupied. Forty words fill one page on which most people could write 120, and some of the words are even then puzzles in deciphering. Mr. Condit has received a number of letters from Mr. Murphy during the last few weeks and each is in the same terse, pointed style. Mr. Condit has also received letters from a number of the ministers of Indianapolis, and Mr. Murphy is spoken

of highly by all. The praises of his work are sounded everywhere in that city. As to the practical results the Rev. M. L. Haines, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in that city, writes: "A large number have signed the pledge. But how many of these are drinking men I do not know. Certainly there are some very marked cases among them of men who have reformed after years of dissipation. I think the meeting exercise a strong and wholesome influence in toning up the minds of our good people on the temperance question, and in guarding the young men from taking the first glass. Mr. Murphy's spirit and words are helpful to the churches. First, middle and last he emphasized the need of the grace of Christ to save men from their appetites, and keep them from falling. His occasional criticisms upon church members and ministers are kindly in spirit, in all cases I have heard of deserved, and are free from that objectionable tone so marked in the scathing criticisms of Sam Jones." "Is there any doubt as to whether Mr. Murphy will be satisfied with the collections?" the reporter asked the Rev. Condit. "Not- at all, I think. I asked this question of Mr. Murphy's son Edward, and he replied: 'I am also further requested to say that if your committee will comply with the conditions named by Mr. Murphy, whether your collections be large or small all will be satisfactory to him.' To me this is convincing evidence of Mr. Murphy's true spirit in his work. He is aware how badly we are in need of him and he is more than willing to come." "Will his now famous son be with him here?" "As to that I cannot say as we have not yet fully arranged that part, but the business agent, Mr. Murphy's youngest son, will be here on Friday when this will then be definitely decided. Thomas Edward is a very brilliant speaker I am told. In a letter received the other day, the Rev. J. A. Roddthaler, who was chairman of the Indianapolis committee says: 'The son Edward is first-class in every way, and I consider him the strong feature of the combination.' We expect him here after the meetings are well under way. He will come to relieve the father." "Will there be any admission charged to the meetings?" "No, they are to be free except as Mr. Murphy has specified. The meeting are for the people, everybody, and Mr. Murphy will stay until the people consider his work finished. Yes, all the churches are co-operating in the work and all the usual church services on Sunday evenings will be suspended during his stay. The Sunday meetings will be held in the Opera house, and the week meetings in the First Baptist Church. Mr. Naylor has very generously offered us the house free of charge, and he will also see that it is properly heated. Mr. Naylor has made this offer for the entire time Mr. Murphy will be in the city. The Baptist Church has been rented, the committee paying only for the gas and heating, however. The meetings are entirely undenominational, and the Baptist people wish it to be understood that their house is rented for three meetings, and wish it to be considered a public hall

in which all have equal rights and privileges." "Will the church be large enough for the meetings?" "It has a seating capacity of 800 including the gallery chairs, and will certainly do for the first meetings. If the attendance becomes large some other place will probably be found. Yes, we expect to have afternoon meetings." "Will there be music?" "Yes. Mr. R. L. Alder has that in charge, and he has been instructed to organize a choir of 2001 voices. This choir is to be in place fifteen minutes before the opening of the meetings and will sing Gospel songs. We expect Colonel R. W. Thompson to introduce Mr. Murphy at the opening meeting. Mr. Murphy and sons will be entertained at the Terre Haute house, Mr. Baur having made a very generous offer to us." Mr. Condit has never seen Mr. Murphy, but became enthused through the accounts of the work done in Indianapolis. Mr. Murphy has never been in this city before, to remain even so long as one day. Indeed, Terre Haute has had no revivals since the Hammond meetings, in 1876 and 1877. How badly the city is in need of such help as Mr. Murphy can give, can be appreciated by every citizen. Mr. Murphy is now in Connersville, and will continue his work there up to the time of coming here. The arrangements are now nearly all completed, but there will be a meeting of the executive committee on Monday afternoon, at 1:40 o'clock, in the Baptist Church parlors, to finish up a part of the business remaining.

Source: Daily Tribune 4 Dec 1902 (Terre Haute)

Leading Educator Was Father of Mrs. Blackford Condit of This City— Indiana Club Interested. A movement is on foot to erect a large and handsome monument to the late Caleb Mills, one of the early educators of Indiana and a founder of Wabash college. Mr. Mills was the father of Mrs. Blackford Condit of this city. The movement is said to have started at Chicago, in the Indiana Club and has now been taken up by interested person in Indianapolis and other parts of the state. If built, the monument will be placed at Indianapolis. The matter has been favorably accepted and a general movement amongst the schools of the state is contemplated by the projectors of the plan. Mr. Mills was one of the most noted educators in the country and developed many features of the public school system which are now in general use throughout the country. He Was known to the older residents of this city. Attorney Allen Howe Condit of this city is a grandson of Mills.

Source: Crawfordsville Daily Journal 9 Sept 1892 p 5

Rev. Blackford Condit of Terre Haute is in the city. Source: Crawfordsville Weekly Journal, 26 April 1895 The following letters, relative to the Chapman meetings, are self explanatory. Letter from Dr. Condit – Friend Thompson: Mrs. Condit and I are only too willing to have you utilize the ground on the corner of Pike & Marshall Streets. Yours cordially: Blackford Condit Source: Crawfordsville Daily Journal 20 June 1893 p 4 The semi-annual meeting of the board of trustees of Wabash college occurred to-day. Several committees met yesterday and submitted their reports to-day. It was quite a large meeting, only Bix out of the twenty-one members being absent. Those present were John M. Butler, Judge Wm. A. Woods, Simon Yandes, and Dr. M. L. Haines, of Indianapolis, Rev. Blackford Condit, of Terre Haute, Dr. Charles Hutchinson, of New Albany, Dr. W. P. Kane, of Bloomington, 111., Thomas R. Paxton, of Princeton, Capt. R. E. Bryant, T. H. Ristine, Judge A. D. Thomas, O. M. Gregg, Alexander Thomson and Dr. J. F. Tuttle. The business of the morning was mostly of uninteresting details. President Burroughs made his first annual report showing what had been done during the year, all of which has been made public from time to time. Librarian Thomson made his report showing an increase of 752 books since last year, making a total of 29,745. (there is more) Note: Condit graduated in 1854