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History of Boone Grove



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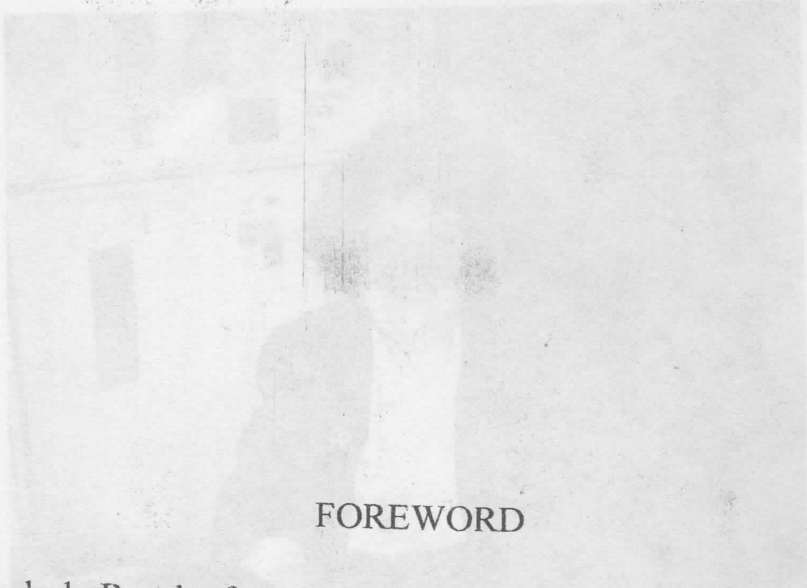
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FOREWORD

Louise Wacholz Roeske found the following composition in her scrapbook. The original copy is in her sister, Annabelle's, handwriting and was written when she was attending the Porter Cross Roads School. Annabelle does not know when she wrote this, but it must have been written in about 1933, when she was in the 7th grade. She says that most of the credit should be given to her teacher, Louise Cobb Kaltenbach.

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SCHOOLHOUSES

Old schools in Porter Township
As written by Annabelle Wacholz

Approx. 1933

1. Located on Pendowski's farm where the orchard is; a frame schoolhouse built 70 years ago.
2. Beech School, located on Walter Williams' farm, in the woods north of Walter Pahl's farm; a brick schoolhouse, built 60 years ago.
3. Skinner School, south of Birdie Bridge; built 75 years ago.
4. Cross Roads School, located north of Waldorph's.
5. North of Ernie Williams'; a frame building.
6. West of Ed Hahn's; a frame building.
7. Schoolhouse across from the home of Frank Phillips; a frame building.
8. Mud Lake School, east of Kenworthy home; built 60 years ago, when Jim Phillips was the trustee.
9. Hurlburt schoolhouse in Hurlburt.
10. North of Charles Quinn place.
11. Cobb's School, 1.5 miles southeast of Gates Corner.
12. Gates Corner, a frame building, built 1906. George Williams was trustee.

13. Porter Cross Roads, brick, built 1916.
14. Grove School on Ora Clites farm.
15. Schoolhouse north of Ai Baird.
16. Across from Shook's farm--built 1908.

TERM

Two months in the fall, three months during the winter, and two months in the spring. School began at 9:00 a.m. with recess at 10:30 a.m. Noon hour was from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. A second recess started at 2:30 p.m. Dismissal was at 4:00 p.m. Subjects included history, grammar, writing, spelling, reading, and arithmetic. School took place mostly in one-room schoolhouses with benches and desks around the outer edge of the room, stove in the center, etc.

SCHOOL DISTRICT #1

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Documentation</u>	<u>Nearby Landowner</u>
District #1	135 S Co Rd 200 W	1876 Plat	W. McConkey
District #1	149 S Co Rd 200 W	1895 Plat	James N. Cobb
Cobb School	Same	1906 Plat	James N. Cobb
	Not shown on map	1921 Plat	

PLEASE NOTE that school district numbers were discontinued effective with the 1906 Plat.

SCHOOL DISTRICT #2

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Documentation</u>	<u>Nearby Landowner</u>
District #2	304 W Co Rd 100 S (NORTH SIDE S.R. 2)	1876 Plat	L. Gates
District #2	Same	1895 Plat	J. W. Smith
Gates Corner	Same	1906 Plat	J. W. Smith
Gates Corner	Same	1921 Plat	John W. Smith

Annabelle Wacholz wrote in her composition that the building as they knew it in about 1933 was built in 1906 when George Williams was the trustee. The building was closed in 1931 and razed in 1950.

SCHOOL DISTRICT #3

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Documentation</u>	<u>Nearby Landowner</u>
District #3	502 W Co Rd 100S	1876 Plat	R. Quinn
District #3	Same	1895 Plat	Robert Quinn
Quinn School	Same	1906 Plat	Robert Quinn
	Not shown on map		

SCHOOL DISTRICT #4

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Documentation</u>	<u>Nearby Landowner</u>
District #4	721 W Co Rd 100 S	1876 Plat	J. H. Kenworthy
District #4	Same	1895 Plat	James Kenworthy
Kenworthy School	Not shown on map	1906 Plat	James Kenworthy
Kenworthy School	721 W Co Rd 100 S	1921 Plat	Owen Kenworthy

This school was also called the Mud Lake School due to its proximity to a swamp which had a large pond. The swamp was to the east. According to Annabelle Wacholz's essay, the Mud Lake School was built in 1874 when Jim Phillips was the trustee. Mud Lake School was closed in 1930.

SCHOOL DISTRICT #5

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Documentation</u>	<u>Nearby Landowner</u>
District #5	401 S Co Rd 200 W	1876 Plat	Elias Merriman
District #5	Same	1895 Plat	Elias Merriman
Merriman School	Same	1906 Plat	Elias Merriman
Merriman School	417 S Co Rd 200 W	1921 Plat	Hazel E. Shurr

The second Merriman School was built in 1916 and was a brick building. It was razed in 1934 and its bricks were used in the construction of a house.

SCHOOL DISTRICT #6

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Documentation</u>	<u>Nearby Landowner</u>
District #6	325 S Co Rd 350 W	1876 Plat	R. Jones
District #6	Same	1895 Plat	Irvin D. Jones
Jones School	Same	1906 Plat	Christ Frailey
	Not shown on map	1921 Plat	C. L. Quinn

Cross reference is #10 on the Annabelle Wacholz listing.

SCHOOL DISTRICT #7

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Documentation</u>	<u>Nearby Landowner</u>
District #7	540 W 261 S on S.R. 2	1876 Plat	S. Ross
District #7	Same	1895 Plat	Samuel C. Ross
Cross Roads School	Same	1906 Plat	S. Ross
Porter Cross Roads School	250 S 500 W on S.R. 2	1921 Plat	A. & L. Weiler

The Porter Cross Roads School was built in 1916. It was a brick building that consisted of two rooms, a basement, a library, and cloak rooms. The "little room" was on the left facing the road, the "big room" faced the rear. The library was at the back between the two classrooms. The cloak rooms were across the front of each classroom. The Porter Cross Roads School was closed in May 1935, but not razed until the fall of 1946. It's bricks were used in the construction of a house.

Item #7 on the Walchoz list is a reference to the old Cross Roads School. Marie Shook Forbes provided this descriptive article above and remembers that the transition from the horse drawn buses to motorized buses was made in October 1924. She also believes that there were times when the horses were reactivated due to bad roads, bad weather, and other emergencies that the motorized bus could not handle.

SCHOOL DISTRICT #8

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Documentation</u>	<u>Nearby Landowner</u>
District #8	680 W Co Rd 250 S	1876 Plat	L. A. Cass
District #8	719 W Co Rd 250 S	1895 Plat	Miles Williams
Beech School	Same	1906 Plat	W. S. Williams
	Not Shown on map	1921 Plat	

Cross reference is #2 on the Annabelle Wacholz list. Our research indicates that cross references #1 and #2 on her list are both District #8 schools. The frame building built on the Pendowski farm (where the orchid is) built in 1863 was later replaced by a brick school house which was built some time after the 1876 plat was published. The Beech School was closed in the fall of 1916. Edwin Claussen says pupils went to school there for two months before the Porter Cross Roads School was ready to enroll them. This pinpoints down to about November 1, 1916. The pupils used to walk to the Beech School, but they were transported to Porter Cross Roads School by a horse drawn bus.

SCHOOL DISTRICT #9

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Documentation</u>	<u>Nearby Landowner</u>
District #9	453 S Co Rd 500 W	1876 Plat	L. DeFord
District #9	Same	1895 Plat	James Miller
Hurlburt School	561 W Co Rd	1906 Plat	Emma E. Ross
Hurlburt School	Same	1921 Plat	Emma E. Ross

The original District #9 school was commonly referred to as the Baker School. This school was replaced by the new building that was constructed in Hurlburt in 1904, Mr. R. Phillips was trustee at the time. The Hurlburt School burned down in the 1924 and the pupils were transferred to Porter Cross Roads. We have very good documentation from Ruth Adams Rigg whose father ran the store and Post Office in Hurlburt.

SCHOOL DISTRICT #10

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Documentation</u>	<u>Nearby</u>
District #10	648 W Co Rd 500 S	1876 Plat	E. Morrison
District #10	654 W Co Rd 500 S	1895 Plat	James E. Carson
Carson School	Same	1906 Plat	J. C. Douglas
Skinner School	753 W Co Rd 450 S	1921 Plat	Jacob Wright

This school has an interesting history. It is #3 on the Annabelle Wacholz list where it is indicated that the Skinner School, south of Birdie Bridge, was built 75 years ago which goes back to about 1858. The Skinner and Carson both refer to the same school. We have documentation that James E. Carson was a nearby landowner as of 1895. We are not sure who came first or second, in other words, who was the predecessor or who was the successor. This school has also been referred to as "Carson College" and "Skinnerville" (by the children, we presume).

It was relocated some time between 1906 and 1921 at which time it was situated directly across the road from the farm residence of Dr. Levi Cass, later that farm was owned by Thomas Wood, and in 1920 purchased by Mr. and Mrs. William A. Shook who resided there until May 1928. Ruth Adams Rigg and Marie Shook Forbes supplied this information.

SCHOOL DISTRICT #11

<u>Name</u> <u>Landowner</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Documentation</u>	<u>Nearby</u>
District #11	352 W Co Rd 550 S	1876 Plat	A. R. House
District #11	327 W Co Rd 550 S	1895 Plat	S. E. Cornell
Boone Grove School	Same	1906 Plat	Serena E. Cornell
Boone Grove School	Same	1921 Plat	Serena E. Cornell

Serena E. Cornell was a very interesting person. Her maiden name Serena House, a daughter of A. R. and Sophia House. Her relatives started moving into this area in 1835. She was born about one mile east of Boone Grove on February 6, 1851. Her father was a tenant farmer, but after a few years, he bought the farm of 160 acres that is documented in the 1876 plat. It was on the southeast corner of this farm where the District #11 school was built. As a child her parents had to provide for her education from personal funds as there was no public school. At one time, the neighbors pooled their resources to provide private schooling for two dozen children in the "Samuel Eaton home", where they were taught by Miss Russell. Apparently this was the Grove School on the Clites farm referred to n #14 of the Annabelle Wacholz list. It was located at 300 W County Road 550 S.

She married Merritt Cornell in 1873. All four plats, commencing with 1876, list the farm in her name. District #11 school was originally built on her father's farm. When the railroad was constructed in 1882, its location caused the school to be relocated to it's present location, which is commonly referred to as the Merritt Cornell farm. Early in its history, the Cornells donated one acre to the school. In 1932, the widow (Serena Cornell) donated another acre.

What we have said about the history of Boone Grove before the public school could also be applied to all the other ten districts. Prior to the public schools, the parents had to provide education for their children from personal funds.

Boone Grove High School had its first graduating class in 1899. Information about the high school is already quite well documented and will not be a part of this project.

The following pages list Boone Grove graduates.

Class of 1899

Thomas Mason-Deceased

Amy Dye (Frank Roy)-Deceased

Charles Quinn (Edith Rigg-Marietta Resh)-Deceased

Class of 1900

Clarence Huffman (Sadie Bush)-Deceased

Ella Jones-Deceased

Class of 1901

Aggie Mae Stewart (Charles Simpson)-Deceased

Nellie Stewart (Otto Gibbs)-Deceased

Loren Cornell (Bessie Rigg)-Deceased

Lynn Dye-Deceased

Brice H. Lantz (Martha Dollover)-Deceased

Class of 1902

Maud Baird-Deceased

Florence Baird (Dick Ludington)-Deceased

Class of 1903

Maud Rigg (Glenn Thatcher)-Deceased

Bertha Weiler (Clarence Frailey)-Deceased

Tilla Wittenberg (Carl Dye)-Deceased

Edith Rigg (Charles Quinn)-Deceased

Class of 1904

Florence Quinn (Loren Hildreth)-Deceased
Bessie Aylesworth (Arthur Breed)-Deceased
Pearl Sawyer (Earl Alyea)-Deceased
Anna Jones-Deceased
Ross Ludington (Blanche Rigg-Edith Foltz)-Deceased
Herbert Holland-Deceased

Class of 1905

William Hildrith (Louella Quinn)-Deceased
Myra Jones (William Rigg)-Deceased
Pearl Aylesworth (Isaac Jones)-Deceased

Class of 1906

Mabel Wittenberg (Harry Eaton)-Deceased
Marcia Dye (Jesse Boling)-Deceased
Marian Thatcher (Merril McLwain)-Deceased

Class of 1907

Lee Nelson (Hazel Hanson)-Deceased
Abbie Mae Harding-Deceased
Maud Williams (Roy Sherwood)-Deceased
Ethel Williams-Deceased
Mabel Sawyer-Deceased
Anna Mary Ludington-Deceased
Ima Ludington (Charles Skinkle)-Deceased
Eva Foltz (Ross Baker)-Deceased

Class of 1908

None

Class of 1909

Francis Ludington (James Skinkle)-Deceased
Claude Walters (Edith Dunne)-Deceased

Class of 1910

Bessie Baird (Hubert Thatcher)-Deceased
Golda Rigg (Emery Baker)-Deceased
Hazel Merriman (Vernon Shurr)-Deceased
Roy Clinedinst (Edna LaCostke)-Deceased
Craig Stevens (Bernice Wood)-Deceased
Martha Stevens (Allen White)-Deceased

Class of 1911

Bessie Shreve (Earl Roseberry)-Deceased
Blanche Ludinton (Ross Skinkle)
Ruth Love (Frank Collins)-Deceased
Wilmer Love-Deceased
Clayton Reif (Eva Noland)-Deceased

Class of 1912

Ethel Loomis (Lester Wilson)-Deceased
Laureame Clinedinst (William Rampke)-Deceased 1989
Mildred Uyy (Lester Douglas)-Deceased
Lynn Allenbrand (Evelyn WestbayO-Deceased
Kathleen Foltz (Albert Homfeld)-Deceased

Class of 1913

Fay Walters (Mrs. McCalmon-Wenkburg)-Deceased

Mabel Loomis-Deceased

Ruth Adams (Glenn Rigg)-Deceased

Class of 1914

Harold Stevens-Deceased

Lucy Adams (Elbert Antrim)-Deceased

Edith Dunne (Claude Walters)-Deceased

Josie Rigg (Roy Bartz)

Grace Baird (Amos Thatcher)-Deceased

Mabel Sawyer-Deceased

Class of 1915

Alma Stevens (Coit Dolhover)-Deceased

Nellie Baker (Hugh Long)-Deceased

Margaret Antrim (Myron Thatcher)-Deceased

Mabel Aylesworth (Vere Clevenger)-Deceased

Class of 1916

None

Class of 1917

Frances Wittenberg (Clويد Weiler)-Deceased

Mary Graeber-Deceased

Josie Aylesworth (Clifford Clark)-Deceased

Carrol Reif (Myra Dolch)-Deceased

Audra Hutton-Deceased

Class of 1918

Mark Stevens (Audrey Myers)-Deceased
Floyd McGinley (Hazel Claussen)-Deceased
Thelma Antrim (Dan Guild)-Deceased

Class of 1919

Myron Clites-Deceased
Emery Stevens-Deceased
Lester Ludington (Gladys Greenlee)-Deceased
Clinton Thatcher-Deceased

Class of 1920

Hazel Gossett (Orval Burns)-Deceased
Ada Casbon (Horace Albertson)-Deceased
Catherine Graeber (Edward Sebens) *deceased 98*
Edith Foltz (Ross Ludington)-Deceased
Madge Aylesworth (William Bennett)-Deceased

Class of 1921

Oyal McGinley (Ralph Shock)-Deceased
Mabel Clites (Gust Olson)
Miriam Clinedinst (Les LaCount)-Deceased 1989
Rodney Plummer-Deceased
Pierce Thatcher-Deceased

Class of 1922

Vernon Casbon-Deceased
Wallace Aylesworth (Auretta Rigg)-Deceased
Edward Leighly-Deceased

Class of 1923

Edwin Frailey (Emma Hahn)-Deceased
Louise Dye (U. Cherry)-Deceased
Mary Alice Thatcher

Class of 1924

Miriam Shearer (Van Winkle)
Elsie Storey (Reid Westbay)-Deceased
Wilma Sherrick (Arthur Rampke)-Deceased
Evelyn Hittle (Holmgren-DeVault)
Jeanette Thatcher
Ferrol Walters (Paul Billings-Fisher)

Class of 1925

Edith Rief (Carlton Bearss)-Deceased 1996
Alice Phillips (Marion Maxwell)-Deceased 1996
Hulda Rampke (Elmer Werner)
Golda Clites (Algot Olson)-Deceased
Chester Gilson (Edna Rampke)-Deceased
Robert Quinn (Grace Shover)-Deceased 1994
Kenneth McConkey (Audrey Powell)-Deceased
Harold McGinley

Class of 1926

Edna Erwin (Peter Hallberg)-Deceased
Neva Casbon (Harold Dinsmore)
Helen Thatcher (Harry Casbon)-Deceased
Max Hildreth (Esther Winters)-Deceased
Berwyn Jones (Wilda)-Deceased 1996
Donald Jones (Vivian Leigh)
Walter Shearer (Mary Alice Nelson)-Deceased 1996
Helen Aylesworth (Wayne Sherrick)

Class of 1927

Lorene Clark (Eno Sager)

Leslie Clites

Irene Ludington (Fredrick Hawton)

Maurice Ludington (Viviam Perril)

Class of 1928

Iris Baird (Carl Augustine)

Edna Ranyke (Chester Gilson)-Deceased 1995

Ferne Rittel-Deceased

Marjorie Cain (Maudlin)-Deceased

Harold Quinn (Charlene Leonard)-Deceased

Owen Philliys

Class of 1929

Jane Bilbo (Jack Malte)

Eileen Baker (Richard Huffman)

Marcele Quinn (Eric Hayden)-Deceased

Thelma Ellis (LeRoy Johnson)-Deceased 1997

Leona Eaton (Paul Sharr)

Herbert Casbon (Evelyn Stupeck)-Deceased

Robert Shearer-Deceased

Bennett Eick (Jannice Watt)-Deceased 1997

Joe Myers

Russell Ludington (Clarabelle Anders)-Deceased

Class of 1930

Anna Troester (Arthur Blackard)
Dorothy Eaton (Robert Allett)
Marguerite Homfeld (Joe Hairston)-Deceased
Harriet Van Orman-Deceased
Duward Eaton
Melvin Clites
Harold Homfeld-Deceased

Class of 1931

Helen McConkey (Frank Phillips)
Dorothy Shearer (Larry Bryne)
Donald Cashon (Marjorie Rigg)
Donald Myers
Harry Hickey
Gordon Skinkle
Harold Skinkle
Allen Tucker
Neil Rigg (Charlotte Norton)-Deceased

Class of 1932

Doris Bauer-Deceased 1997
Nora Henderson (Roger Stewart)
Alice Hallberg (Arno Miller) *Deceased 2000*
Ruth Lane (Stanley Barr)
Florence Myers (Oliver Nelson)
Audrey Quinn (Arthur Chelf)
Helen Skinkle (D. Linn)
Marybelle Westbay (Richard Hargrave)
Jean Bilbo-Deceased
David Daniels
Roger Henderson (LaVonne Lawrence)-Deceased
William Roeske (Louis Wacholz)-Deceased

Class of 1933

Marshall Baker-Deceased 1995
Ann Fitzgerald (Mox Ruge)
Ralph Herren (Marjorie Robbins)
Arthur Householder
Thelma Klukas (Kenneth Brown)
Margaret Kjos (Leslie Esserman)
Herbert Roeske (Juanita Sanders)-Deceased
Marjorie Rigg (Donald Casbon)
Harvey Shurr (Mary Link)
Glenn Stanley-Deceased
Russel Steinhilber (Ruth Stands)
Bryce Williams
Alma Koepke (Charles Spratley)-Deceased

Class of 1934

Bernard Baird (Ruth Slimy)-Deceased
Jack Baird (Virginia Myers)-Deceased
Barbara Bilbo (Scott Smith)-Deceased
Benjamin Bilbo
Kathryn Cain (Vernon Massom)
Delbert Casbon (Maedella Ludington)
Ora Clites
Agnes Eick (Leland Dockery)
Winifred Fitzgerald
Ross Wayne Gunder
Hazel Hallberg (Harry Peterson)
Dorothy Mae Kreiger (Ray Sawtelle)
Lawrence Ludington (Mary Alice Waldorph) *deceased 2000*
Martha Marshall (Jack Fulton)
Donald Mosher
Lois Rittel (Jim Garvey-Wilson)-Deceased
Helen Shurr (Wilbur Herlitz)-Deceased 1997
Jerrols Vergin (Iola Anyder)-Deceased 1995
Mary Alice Waldorph (Lawrence Ludington)
Gladys Wilson (Ray Miller)-Deceased

Class of 1935

Gracecaryl Lantz (Wilford Uglund)
Velma Skinkle (Boyd Ostroot)
Robert Wacholz (Eleanor Nolan)-Deceased
Louise Wacholz (William Roeske) *deceased*
Minnie Martin (Charles Bennet)
Josephine Poski (A. E. Swanson)
Casimir Poplawski (Bernice Osenga)
Byron Thatcher (Sally Metz)-Deceased 1997
Emmett Foreman-Deceased
Roger Baird (Wilma Herring) *deceased 2000*
Pierson Shumake-Deceased
Vraig Weddle
Helen Rampke-Deceased

Class of 1936

Bernice Aylesworth
Gordon Bauer (Maxine Adams) *deceased 2000*
Paul Bently-Deceased 1990
Benedict Billets *deceased 2000*
Richard Herren (Helen Mae Adams)
Clara Kanschat (Howard Tidholm)-Deceased
John Kreiger (Eloise Born)-Deceased
Helen Schlobohn (Carrol Anderson)
Verna Ruth Shurr (Montoney-Kyle)
Maxine Skinkle (Dean Snider)
Max Skinkle (Agnes Weisjoohn)-Deceased
J. C. Henderson (Pauline Campbell)
Max Kenworthy
Gertrude Roeske (Carl Wood)
Louise Skinkle (John Reynolds)
Owen Weddle (Audrey M. Pickering)-Deceased
Lloyd Rigg (Darlene McGlaughlin)-Deceased

Class of 1937

Martha Brunicon (John Portella)
Phillip Cooper-Deceased
Mildred Daniels (Robert Goheen)
Dorothy Dibbern (John Carlson)
Thomas Fitzgerald-Deceased
Marie Ludington (Thomas Warner)
Kenneth Raser-Deceased
Melvin Schlobohm
Edward Cernoch
Roy Dickenson (Alice Tilton) *deceased 2000*
Virginia Miller (Edward Gloyeske)-Deceased
Byron Rigg (Vivian Briggs) *deceased 2007*
Vera Shearer (Charles Thayer)
Robert Stewart

Class of 1938

Edna Westbay (Ernest Everett)
William Waldorph
Ross Parker (Margaret Baker)-Deceased
Duane Roseberry (Deltha Johnson)-Deceased
Annabelle Wacholz (Roy Wittendorf) *deceased*
Ella Tucker (Gilbert Gullie)
Marie Westbay (Richard Stratton)
John Marshall
Alice Roeske (Edward Thompson) *deceased*
Eugene Phillips
Iola Snyder (Jerrold Vergin)
Anne Billets *deceased*

Class of 1911

Class of 1939

Fred Affeld-Deceased
Owen Antrim-Deceased
Ruth Beebe
Harold Benedict
Ovella Brewster (Levern Obenchain)
David Cooyer
Gladys Dibbern (Dan Erwin)
Lois Dolhover (Jack Sullivan)
Hary Dale Eaton-Deceased
Ella Mae Fitzgerald-Deceased
Margaret Henderson (Guy Indle)-Deceased
Max Homfeld-Deceased 1997
Ernest Moench
Douglas Parker (Joan Hooseline)-Deceased
Clarence Prochno-Deceased
Harold Rampke (Hulda Gesse)-Deceased
Clayton Sherman (Cleo Mae Jenson)-Deceased
Emerson Shurr (Mary Phillips)-Deceased
Mary Louise Stanley (Eugene Bussert)-Deceased
George Troester
June Quinn-Deceased

Class of 1940

Helen Bennet (George Kriston)

Harold Hawkins

Maxine Benedict (Sanford Gruel)

Phillip Glissman

Charlotte Denny (Fred Sheppard)-Deceased

Erhardt Roeske

Pauline Westbay (Bob Slingerland)

Roger Atwell (Elenor Dreske)

Eloise Marshall

Gloria Christopherston

Alice Jane Skinkle (Franklin Fitch)

Elizabeth Rigg (Charles Bogan)

Bessie Cernoch

Vernon Affeld

Fred Brunicon

Florence Pahl (Vince Pendowski)-Deceased

Irvin Keuhl

Herman Kanscat-Deceased

Erna Wacholz (Casimir Pendowski)

Class of 1941

Eileen Deardurff (Lester Mansfield) *deceased*
Evaline Hawkins (Roy Shinabarger)
Martha Cooper (Roland Hawkins)
Adaline Moench (Harold Shurr)
Ruth Alyea (McCoy Hall) *deceased*
Virgil Schneckenburger (Margurite Brunder) *deceased*
Florence Affeld-Deceased 1990
Elizabeth Kreiger (Al Homan)
Isabelle Dye (Morris Reinke)
Homer Sexton
Craig Denny (Beverly Smith)-Deceased 1997
Charles Bogan (Elizabeth Rigg)
Peter Adamski
David Stanley (Mabel Brown)
Loretta Kanschat (Bob LaBreque)
Janet Westbay (Clarence Wente)
Betty Jean Harris (LeRoy Gaston)
Hilbert Roeske (Flora Shinabarger)-Deceased 1997
Ruth Kenworthy (Fred Phillips)

Class of 1942

Julian Knoph (Wilma Poisel)
Carl Roeske (Phyllis Schlobohm) *deceased 2007*
Marjorie Henson (M. Chandler)
Jeanne Williams-Deceased
James Bennett (Donna Davis)
Jack Foster-Deceased
Clara Wacholz (Richard Ludes)-Deceased
Edith Emerson
Charlotte Thatcher
Marion Skinkle (James Hooseline)
Millicent Skinkle (Donald McCathern)
Robert Sherman (Jane Laszlo)-Deceased 1985

Class of 1943

Margaret Denny (Norman Dibkey)
Harold Eaton
Joseph Fitzgerald
Nan Marshall (Ray Irvin)
Virginia Foster (Clarence Davis) *deceased*
Oakley Moench (Florence Hayes)
Lucille Laszlo (Walter Mullins)-Deceased
Mary Parker (Phillip Jonas)
Dorothy Schneckeburger (Joseph Schnirer)
Harold Schroeder (Rosemary Miller) *deceased*
Eugene Smith (Cleo Mae Sherman) *deceased*
Elsie Jean Storey (Robert Rampke)

Class of 1944

Catherine Alyea (Alfred Pivarnik)
Robert Kenworthy
Jane Laszlo (Robert Sherman)
Betty Lou Roberts (Elmer Baugher)
Roma Mae Sederberg (Sherman Cotterman)
Myron Thompson
Lois Tucker (Robert Joyce)
Russell Schrider-Deceased 1998

Class of 1945

Shirley Jean Albertson (Max Beier)
Cenevieve Jane Benedict (Bob Pivarnik)
Doris Jean Daniels (Al Phillips)
Alfonce Billets (Mickey Hough)-Deceased
Elmer Griffen
Cleo Mae Jensen (Clayton Sherman) *deceased*
William Kanscat (Pam Marquart)-Deceased 1997
Carl Irelan (Ruth Ketterman)
Lawrence Miller
Dorothy Miller (John Sterk)
Laura Schultz
Lois Jean Holmes

Class of 1946

Janet Schroeder (Bill Clark)
Corrine Dolhover (Robert Gray)
Mary Alice Skinkle (Dale Barnes)
Lois Roeske (Wilbur Lottes)
Patricia Sherrick-Deceased
Walter Roeske-Deceased
Max Graeber, Jr. (Jessie Guthrie)
Lois Prosser (Culver)
Phyllis Dibbern (Howard Stipp)
Iris Birky
Marilyn Albertson (Thomas Houston)
Ella Claus
Iona Bennett (Don Murley)
Ruby Struble (Harry Dale Casbon) *deceased 2010*
Betty Gernez (Ed Hubbell)
Roland Baird (Fern Russell)
Robert Osenga *deceased 2008*
Bettejane Weddle (John Garriott)
Mary Louise Homfeld (Robert Osenga)
Shirley Mathias

Class of 1947

Doris Birkyh (Joseph Hook)
Mary Jean Birky (Cethas Troyer)
Donald Cowan-Deceased
Marie Day (Mrs. Mueller)
Jeanette Dorwin
Katherine Jean Douglas (James Cody)
Helen Hanson (Carl Graeber)-Deceased
Dorothy Danschat (Scott)
Carl Rutt (Beverly Jane Kuss)
Ruth Schroeder (Harry Gonlag)
Dorothy Thatcher (George Stoner) *deceased*
Charles Walters (Fern Wallace)
Fern Wallace (Charles Walters)
Donald Breitzke

Class of 1948

Marilyn Belcher (Andy Anderson)

Shirley Bowersma (Don Chappel)

Harry Dale Casbon (Ruby Struble) *deceased 2000*

Geraldine Clark

Morris Emerson-Deceased 1990

Jeanette Finney (Edwin Roeske)

Elinor Womfeld (Kenneth Krahn)

Delores Landorf (Harod Nuest)

Delbert Mace-Deceased

Robert McIntyre (Marjorie Casbon) *deceased*

Rachel Ranyke (Edwin Dierking)

Edwin Roeske (Jeanette Finney)

Paul Skinkle

Frank Smith *deced 2006*

Irene Westbay (Richard Carlberg)

Class of 1949

Donald Smith-Deceased *1954*

Phyllis Williams (Carl Hartman)

Randall Kenworthy

LaGrace Walters (Ellsworth Hammel)

Dorothy Smith (Warren Wright)

Rupert Briggs

Jean McIntyre

Virginia Mace (Alva Hitesman)

Myles Horst

Mary Margaret Soliday

William Benedict (Barbara Deevers)

Marilyn Sederberg (Richard Delmastro)

Betty Wallace (A. Mayle)

May Jean Goffe

Lyle Ludington (Louise Hunter)

Class of 1950

Richard Steinhilber-Deceased

Joyce Wallace (Eddie Blastic)

Glenn Irelan

Robert Schroeder-Deceased

Marjorie Casbon (Robert McIntyre)

deceased 2007

Harold Harris (Lorraine Short)

Beverly Smith (Craig Denny)

Lee Gordon Graeber (Anita Houbeck)-Deceased

June Smith (Robert McChristian)

Jim Williams

Peggy Graeber-Deceased

Vernon Olson (Merle Edith Blakesley)-Deceased 1998

Joan Goffe (Donald Fickle)

Lois Thompson (Edward Howe)

Marjorie Downs

Oscar Ruwersma

Class of 1951

Genevieve Trully (Ed Zacek)

Roger Kenworthy

Harlo Porter (Thelma Heaster)

Helen Finney (Joe Hicks)

Carol Sederberg (Robert Knoblock)

Dick Sterk (Betty Jean Tharp)

Robert Ludington

Marie Landorf (Henry Lachowin)

Alvin L. Wallace (Joyce Fifield)

Richard Troester

Class of 1952

Jenny Claus (Ken Powers)
Betty Smith (Gene Eaton)
George Sebens (Mary Lou Reif) *deceased 2007*
Wesley Dancey-Deceased
Doris Williams (Keith Bell)
Anita Bearss (Dan Buibish)
Bernard Kroft (Alice Greiger)
Marie Gonlag (Harry Saulgiver)
William Starke
Maxine Resh-Deceased
Rose Ann Genovese (Ronald Fisher)

Class of 1953

Marvin Briggs
Roe Claussen (Shirley Kasten)
Joan Charmichael (Don Porter)
Gloria Dancey (Lowell Stokke)
Gene Eaton (Betty Smith) *deceased*
Joan Ellis (Ray Kroft)
Jerome Hollandsworth (Floyd Hood)
Robert Knoblock (Caroly Sederberg) *deceased 2006*
Charlene Meadows (Louis Asher)
Bonnie Miller (Delbert Williams)
Arlene Wozniak (Donald R. Noggle)
Ailene Wozniak (William Hennings)
Marilyn Kasten (Roger Dodrill)
Roger Dodrill (Marilyn Kasten)

Class of 1954

Ronnie Finney (Norma Reinhart)

Barbara Frederick (Ronnie Lyone)

Roberta Hallberg (Ted Bibisch)

Ted Hamann (Patricia Smith)

Deceased

William Hennings (Ailene Wozniak)

Jerry Hood

Deceased

Maz Irelan

Deceased

Duane Kroft-Deceased

Kay Ludington (Norma Poe)

Jim Reisinger (Linda Albertson)

Deceased 2009

Vernice Rigg (Donald Buchanan)

Anthony Trulley

Betty Williams (Richard Doeyping)

Class of 1955

Kenneth Porter (Leona Henderson)

Juanita Ludington (Dean Hoyt)

Shirley Van Dan (Leon Nessziger)-Deceased

Scott Dodrill (Charlotte Manos)

John Holmes

Emma Akers

Robert Jones (Mary Wiencken)

Jack Merkin

Lester Kistler

Class of 1956

David Antrim (Norma Bergslein)
Sue Benton (Charles Osha)
Janet Bowman (McNarma)
Leonard Clark (Marjorie Hutton)
Richard Dolhover (Mary Alice Maxwell)
Leona Henderson (Kenneth Porter)
John Kroft
Charlotte Manos (Scott Dodrill)
Robert Markin (Marianne Sherry)
Robert Reisinger (Pat Hamann)
Paul Schroeder (Sharon Lacy)
Joyce Williams (Albert Ward)

Deceased

Class of 1957

Carole Akers
Gene Bently
Sondra Bergslein
Larry Casbon (Linda Maul)
Joan Dixon
Sharon Hmann (Richard Smith)
Jim Kenworthy
Jim Kistler
George Lowman (Virginia Handiwork)
Marjorie Peck (Tom Schultz)
Margureite Ruwersma
Jerry Shiplov
Sally Stark
Marjorie Wiemuth
Darlene Williams (James Shelhart)

Class of 1960
Walter Allen
Wayne Allen
Robert Williams (Robert White)
Stephen Smith (Lynne Miller)
Tom King

Class of 1958

Ronald Briggs (Lenora Dee Smith)

Mary Lou Burkhart

Roy Dillabaugh

Kenneth Genovese

Alan Gustafson-Deceased

Jack Henson

Ted Henderson

David Jacobs

Eve Karaly

Thomas Klimek

Charles Martin (Delores Gaines)

Joe Norton

Eugene Schmidt

Kay Schroeder (Harry Baum)

Norman Seaton

Joann Sebens (Lester Wiseman)

Marjorie Sutter (LeRoy Urbus)

George Taylor

Chester Wallace

Sharon Wallace

Class of 1959

Donald Baird-Deceased

Jean Bowman

Roger Casbon (Diana Biggs)

Joan Clark (Robert Kingery)

Don Gufflo

Barbara Dehne

Lois Gruel (Bill Kerns)

Diann Jacobs

Roy Kasten (Jill Henson)

Peggy Lowman

William Roeske, Jr. (Eilene Lowe)

John Mitchell

Roger Rigg (Kay Baldwin)

Gloria Rogers

Mary Jane Schatz

Nadaline Shiplov

Roger Shurr-Deceased

Garrol Steinhilber

Barbara Trulley (Robert Bessler)

Carolyn White (Bob Poisel)

Virginia Wiemuth (Allison)

Class of 1960

Walter Ailers

Wayne Akers

Adair Ayelsworth (Robert Weise) *deceased*

Stephen Bennett (Myrna Sutter)

Steve Biggs

Jeanette Bogan (Jay Kendall)

Jerry Dixon

Lee Hallberg *deceased*

Jim Hayhurst

Dennis Holst

Joe Irelan

Mary Jensen

Sharon Jorgensen

Pricilla Lahody

Lana Lawrence (Nuest)

Diana Linsley (Biggs)

Delbert Massom

Sallie Max

Josie Norton

Sylvia Schmidt

Joyce Shiplov

Frances Stark

Suellen Stark

Sandra Steuer

Dominic Semento

Robert Taylor

Mike Wallace

Lorene White (Roger Kuehl)

Daniel Wilson

Gerald York

Class of 1961

Diana Biggs (Roger Casbon)
Penny Butler (Jerry Hines)
Curtis Casbon (Sandra Biggs)
Philip Casbon (Sharon Murphy)
Roger Clark (Beth Ewen)
Jean Cooper (Curtis Hunt)
Sharon Curtis (Tuthill) *Deceased 2000*
Thomas Dancey
Gene Eldridge (Diane Baird)
Russell Hamann
Donald Hayhurst
Darlene Hennings
Joseph Herren (Sharon Hoback)
Curtis Hunt (Jean Cooper)
Clifford Martin (Donna Martin)
Leonard Massom-Deceased
Sandara Pittas (Ken Coslet)
Victor Pollard (Sue Pittas)
Marilyn Roeske (Jeffrey Lindsey)
Stewart Ruwersma
Jerry Shurr (Sandy Kimberlin)
Rosalee Smetzer
Francis Soltis
Joan White (Betz)
Nancy Wilson

Class of 1962

Larry Ailes
Ralph Ammerman
Arden Aylesworth (Larry Lansing)
Diane Baird (Gene Eldridge)
Joanne Baird (John Miller, Jr.)
Nancy Bearss
Jerry Bird
Sandra Biggs (Curtis Casbon)
Charles Bogan
Floyd Briggs
Raymond Conners (Marian Lindsley)
David Cuffle
Wayne Dillabaugh (Ruth Schatz)
Kay Frailey (Paul DiPiola)
Barbara Giesler
Paul Hollandsworth
Sherry Holst (Larry Rosenbaum)
Natalie Jones (Bryan Jones)
Thomas Kreiger
Marian Lindsley (Raymond Conners)
James Max (Carol Ann Graham)
Bryon McKinney
Linda O'Neil
Robert Phillips
Ruth Schatz (Wayne Dillabaugh)
Daniel Schatz, Jr. (Donna White)
Robert Stark
Avis Seaton
Ronald Steuer
Sara Struble (Charles Cook, Jr.)
Myrna Sutter
Charles Wallace-Deceased
Marilyn White

Class of 1963

Shirley Akers
Ronald Bell (Harriet Trinosky)
Nancy Bowman
Bill Butler
Ronald Casbon (Becky Genovese)
Jim Cooper-Deceased
Kathleen Curtis
Tom Dickenson
Janet Good
Lynne Graham
Bill Hall (Sandra Boule)-Deceased
Richard Klimek-Deceased
Glenn Koepke
Nadlynn Kreiger
Ronald Lahody
Doris Lewin
Sandra Ludington (Bob Taylor)
Anita Phillips (Perkins)
Jennie Prochno
Frances Rogers (Mike Nichols)
Darlene Ruwersma-Deceased
Jean Sexton
Dave Shurr
Mike Smith (Beth Walters)-Deceased
Pat Smith
Janet Standiford
Chuck Stark
Carolyn Stump (Keith Hickman)
Susan Teufert
John Tobey (Louanna Clemans)
Bernard Trulley
Beth Walters (Mike Smith)
Diana White
Don Williams
Johanna Williams
Larry Wirick

Class of 1964

Dick Biggs
Janice Cowger
Marsha Dehne
Bob Dockery
Georgia Dooley
Edwin Frailey
Rebecca Genovese (Ronald Casbon)
Jonny Graham
Vern Hennings
Ron Herlitz (Karen Niksch)
Dennis Jacobs
Donna Martin (Clifford Martin)
Glen Morgan
John Schatz (Pat Lindsley)
Susan Schmidt
Judith Shurr (David Ewen)
Marci Smith (Bob Thiel)
Bill Sutter
Hugh Taylor
Dianna Uphaus
Dennis Wallace (Linda Brown)
Carroll (Buddy) Walls
Donna White (Dan Schatz)
Lloyd White (Peggy Steuer)
David Williams
John Zimmerman

Class of 1965

James Atkinson
Linda Baugher (Hayhurst)
Janet Bearss (Russell Bowen)
Lynn Beccue
Charles Black
Russell Bowen (Janet Bearss)
Kathleen Claussen (Larsens)
Rosanne Daniels
Carla Davis (Jerry West)
Gary Dillabaugh (Donna Keeling)
Joseph Fabian
Timothy Fitzgerald
Carol Ann Graham
Richard Hickman
Mark Hollandsworth
Janet Howatt
Gary Jorgenson
George Kreiger
Patricia Lindsley (John Schatz)
Dolores Neff (Mike Joyce)
Suzann Norton
Kathryn Oberg
Susan Pittas (Victor Pollard)
Linda Schiesser Hassell - deceased 2005
Judith Shinaberger (Tom Nelson)
Robert Smith
Kathleen Stark (Doug Willams)
William Teufert
Michael Tobey
Ernest Turner
Terry Wallace (Diana Carney)
Darlene White
David Willams
Douglas Williams (Kathy Stark)
Rodney Williams
Rebecca Wilson

Class of 1966

Gary Achgill
Edward Atkinson (Elizabeth Shnabarger)
Sara Atwood
Linda Banks
Phillip Biggs (Jill Bell)
Larry Chamness
Charlotte Cooper (Larry Brown)
Larry Evans
Elden Frailey
Roger Hamann
Terry Johnson
Anita Jones
Larry Jones
Michael (Delores Neff)
Albert Koepke
James Krieger
Michael Lindsley
James McGlothlin
David Metcalf
Lynda Miracle
Thomas Nelson (Judith Shinabarger)
Sherilyn Pahl (Morrow)
Thomas Payne
Michael Redmon
Sally Roeske *Harold Holmes*
Elizabeth Schatz
Emily Schell
John Seaton
Elizabeth Shinabarger (Edward Atkinson)
Kathleen Slusser
Patricia Slusser
Michael Smetzer
Ruth Stanley *James Cavanaugh*
Robert Watts
Lynn Wilson
Mary Zimmerman

Class of 1967

Donald Atkinson (Gail Good)

Philiy Bently-Deceased

Robert Black

Robert Bledsoe

Sharon Cashon

Beverly Channess (Ron Wittmer)

Patricia Cowger

Steve Curtis

Gail Good (Donald Atkinson)

Keith Gustafson

Duane Hunt (Gale Troutman)

Geraldine Jandula

Thomas Jessen (Kathy Stump)

Christina Kanschat

Deborah Kistler (Lester Raymond)

Dorothy Koepke

Howard McKean

Jo Ellen McKeen (Donald Metcalf)

Donald Metcalf (Jo Ellen McKeen)

James Neff (Karen Baugher)

Janet Nelson

Paul Pavnica

Edwin Potts

Donald Rayley

Brenda Roeske

Donald Roeske

Harry Schiesser *Ilw*

Walter Shiplov

Carol Shurr (Landgrebe)

Jeannie Smetzer

John Stanley *Darlene*

Anne Stark

Thomas Struble (Judy Osenga)

Sharon Stump

Alan Van Dan

Mary Williams (Gary Shomber)

Robert Wirick

Class of 1968

K. Michael Armstrong
Donna Berkshire
Alan Billets *divorced 2000*
James Black (Brenda Hancock)
Patricia Butler
David Campbell
Ricky Carlson
Dennis Claussen (Laura Anderson)
Michael Duncan
Michael Foster *Victor 10*
John Gruel
Maxine Hall (Donald Cox)
Susan Herlitz (Alan Hoagland)
Carl Keesler
Larry Nassom
Tom Miracle (Rose Finazzo)
Carol Morgan (Mike Tobey)
Marlene Newcomer
Harry Norton
Annette Osenga
Vernon Pahl
Janet Pendowski
David Reese
Roger Roeske *Martha Claypool*
Clinton Rigg
Larry Shiesser *Penny*
Arlene Stark
David Tobey
Charles Walters (Patti Drummond)
Larry White
Seth White *Sue Bowne*
Caroline Williams
Frances Wright

Class of 1969

Richard Anderson (Linda Pahl)
Karen Baugher (James Neff)
Marvin Benkowski
Irene Butler
Connie Casbon (Paul Fry)
David Chamness
Rhonda Curtis
Corky Davis (Jeanette Hancock)
Douglas Dedrick
Norman Dibkey
Dean Dillabaugh (Karen Slusser)
Patti Drummond (Charles Walters)
Heidi Eber
Janice Evans
Diana Graeber (Michael Pennington)
Madra Green (Frank Harrison)
Robert Hager (Kim Gant)
Brenda Hancock (Jim Black)
Wayne Herlitz (Cindy Wellsand)
Gene Hinderer
Mark Hinds
Laura Jessen
Bobbi Joyce
Alan Kingery
Walter Martin
Janie McGlothlin
David Michaels
Dennis Ortman
Linda Pahl (Richard Anderson)
Mark Papak
Bob Kompare
Pat Phillips (Saiken)
Dale Rigg
Larry Shurr
Steve Steuer
Kathy Stumpy (Tom Jessen)
Mark Wilson
Laurel Wright (Kuehl)
Wallace Wright

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Class of 1970

Barbara Banks
Joe Beier (Pattie Mae Sherman)
Susan Billets *Don Kelley*
Michael Cannon
Anna Carlberg
Leslie Choate (Joseph Yokshas)
David Christman (Jackie Joyce)
Connie Clemens (Gearhart)
John DeBruzzi
John Dedrick
Donna Denny (Robert Evans)
April Dillon (Dennis Mulkey)
Nancy Doeyping
Kevin Dooley
Charles Good
Caroline Hamel
Glenda Kingery *deceased 2000*
Vicki Lewis
Kathy Lundington (Chas Bower)
Cheryl Miller (Dave Nowlin)
Janet Oehlman
Judy Osenga (Tom Struble)
Lonette Reese (Paul Annen)
Ralph Roeske *To Ellen Somers*
Alan Schiesser
Margaret Schoonover
Barbara Shepard
Chris Skaltsas *- Jane Starck*
James Stanley
Mary Stefanich
Kathleen Tobey
Donald Walters (Toni Carlson)
Pamela Watts (Eric Stalbaum)
Pamela White (Jeff Achton)
Wanita Wilson (Wayne Brochard)
Dianna Woudema
Richard Wright (Pally Emerson)

Class of 1971

Glenda Atkinson
Michael Atwood
Mark Barnard *deceased*
Marcia Birkey
Aaron Carlberg
Suzann Collins
Jill Curtis
Janice DeBruzzi
Nancy Drummond
Rose Finazzo (Tom Miracle)
Renee Garriot
Steven Good
Patsy Hyndman
Jacalyn Joyce
Walter Kankowski
Carl Kubal
Elayne Marlow
Marcia Markis
Patti Nykiel
Penny Nykiel
Janice Ortman
Brian Papak
Dan Pivarnik
Randy Pullins
Jim Rogalski
David Sherman
Chris Shirley
Richard Stark
Paula Stark
Ruth Stark
Charlotte Starrick
Jane Stassek
Rich Sutton
Cheri Tyler
Fredia Walls
Robert Walters
Judy Watts
Elaine Williams
Terry Wine
Tony Wirick

Class of 1972

LeAnn Anderson
Mark Baird
Margaret Beaver
Charles Braiser
Jeffrey Cannon
Richard Casbon
Thomas Casbon (Theresa Koselke)
Clifton Chastain
Thomas Covault
Nila Davis
Dawn Eicher
Pally Ellenson
Sheree Ellis
Rita Garriott
James Genovese
Susan Gutt
Thomas Holst
Edwin Holten
Max Hood
Steven Huffman
Sally Hyndman
karen Kanschat
Debbie kompare
Randall Kuss
Jeffrey LaValle
Debbie Marlowe
Pam Massom

LeAnn Anderson
Sark e

Money Wright divorced 1999

Danny McGlothlin
Karen Meyne
Linda Michaels
Douglas Moesta
Joyce O'Malley
Edward Pahl
Sharon Reese (Brian Roeske)
Barbara Rigg
Betty Roeske
Brian Roeske (Sharon Reese)
Ralph Sanders
Bruce Schiesser
Paula Schultz
Michael Sebens
Thomas Shepherd
Russell Shirley
David Sibo
Danny Sibo
Daniel Speck
Marie Stanley
Debbie Sturdy
John Swardson
Vernon Tyler
David Wenger
Joyce West
Helen Woudema
Annette Wright

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Zimmerman

LeAnn Anderson

Bob W. Itfang

Class of 1971

Class of 1972

Class of 1973

Lou Ann Arendt
Bradley Baird
Bruce Bare
Mathew Barnard
Nancy Bedford
Lawrence Beier
Linda Beier
Arthur Biro
David Claussen
Denise Claussen
Donna Clemens
Desiree Cooke
Charles Davis

Pamela Doeyping (Joe Blackford)

Mark Ellenson-Deceased

William Fields
Jacqueline Fitch
Rachel Garriot
Michael Greenspoon
Steven Hager
Doris Hamel
Kevin Hennings
Douglas Jonas
Jon Kirkendorfer
Joseph Knoblock
Larry Kubal

David Wisdom - Gary Holmes

Thomas Layton
Theresa Lazar
Cheryl Lovely
Paul Marciniak
Linda Martakis
David Meyne
Daniel Moesta
Kenneth Motta
Daniel Mahod
Christine Osenga
Neal Pashchen
Roger Pendowski
Edward Pivarnik
Connie Pullins
Brenda Rigg
Donald Rittel
Rae Rodgers
Thomas Schmidt
Michael Skaltsas
Scott Slimm
James Smith
Sandra Speck
Danny VanDan
Lee White
Michael Wright

Class of 1974

Laura Akers
Marcia Baird
Becky Bakalyar
Mike Barron
Jack Biggs
Debbi Birky
Nina Birky
Patricia Cannon
Randy Cartwright
Danny Choate
Dale Coffman
Leonard Cooke
karen Dansereau
Susan Deardurff
Ward Decker
Jim Erbesti
Susan Foster
Mary Ellen Goetz
Greg Hager
Connie Hershman
Charbeau Hood
John Hutchinson
Robert Hyndman
Mike Jabo
Jack Johnson
Kathy Kanschat
James Kloss

Bill Snider

Tim Knoblock
Larry Layton
Larry Lee
Robert Legler
Dennis Lewis
James Mason
Laurie Miller
Lisa Papak
Vicki (Beatty) Pivarnik
Terry Pullins
David Roeske - Pam
Dianna Ruwersma
Ricky Shiesser - Chris Finney
Andrew Schreyfer
Dick Shroeder
Joann Schutz
Linda Scobey
Beckie Sebens (Biggs)
Nancy Searles
Greg Skaltsas
Scott Stoner
Mark Tobey
Don Tyler
Claudin Walsh
Danny Wenger
Richard West
Patricia Wright

Class of 1975

Elaine Agonis
Tom Anderson
Mark Andress
NANCIE Andrews
Louis Asher
Robert Bachich
Kathy Bailey
LaDonne Beck
Jon Beier
Carol Bedford
Lori Berkshire
Ruza Beslic
Bridget Buttles
Rhonda Cartwright
Karen Casbon
Desiree Fitzgerald (Claussen)
Bonnie Clemans
Floann Conrick
Shalinar Curtis
Richard Davis
Scott Dodrill (Penny Best)
Robert Fields
Mark Fushion
Robert Greiner
James Haddock
Tom Hager
Tim Handwork
Steven Hahn
Michael Hayward
Leslie Hendricks
JoAnne Jabo
Robert Jerkovic
Cindy Jonas

Stephen Jurecky
Karen Lewis
Jeff Luebker
Janet Marciniak
Leona Martin
Glen Mead
Gerrie Mitchell
Steve Nahod
Mike Oldfield
Margaret Osenga
David Peterson
LuAnn Phillips
Sandra Dick (Pietrowski)
Tim Pivarnik
Doug Poncar
Gary Porter
Harlo Porter
Robert Rapley
Mark Reichanadter
Sue Rogalski
Mark Rowan
Thomas Scallon
Joan Shepard
Kathy Sherman (Don Smith)
Sherry Rosenbaum
Peter Shiplov
Mike Starrick
Jeff St. Aubin
Kim Szczerba
James Wright
Karen Wright-Deceased
Randy Wright

Class of 1976

Lori Beaver (Morris Aplin)
Raymond Benninger (Pam Paschen)
Karen Bertig (Ron Sheets)
Penny Best (Scott Dodrill)
Donna Birky
John Blank
Linda Blume
Kim Briesacher (Tom Hager)
Julie Buhrts
Marianne Bushwty
Deb Carmichael
David Coffman-Deceased
Rhonda Cooke (Robert Walters)
Cathleen Covault
Joe Dansern
Gary Davis
Teresa Dudek
Judy Greenspoon
Clyde Greiner
Sue Gullic
William Hoddack
Mitch Handwork
Denise Hazaga
Barbara Hendricks (Clen Mead)
Bill Hennings
Tammy Henson
Janet Hyndman
Sally Jonas
Craig Johnston
Donna Kesot
John Kloss
Jill Knoblock *deceased 2000*
Karen Kuruc
Richard Lamphear
Richard Lewin
Teresa Mayhew

Johnny Maynard (Nancy Searless)
Nancy Meyer (Tim Newland)
Bruce Miller
Jennifer Oehlman
Michael Osby
Janet Owen
Mary Ann Pahl (Danny VanDan)
Pam Paschen (Ray Benninger)
Bonnie Paxton
Pat Pictor
Kathy Pittas (Len Cooke)
Stephanie Pittas
Art Powers
Jeffrey Pullins (Sara Huck)
Cheryl Rapley
Debbie Rabo (Neal Paschen)
Kevin Riley
Michael Roeske *Sophie*
Michael Samik
Kim Schmidt
Bonnie Schultz (Tim Broviak)
Georgette Segan
Tim Shepard
Gale Smith
Mark Stanley *-Rachel*
Kathy Stassek
Nancy Stassek
Steven Such
Judy Swartz
Mary Tyler (Jim Mason)
John Walker
Wayne White
Kenny Williams
Patty Williams
Daniel Yoemans
Heather Yorston

Class of 1977

Pamela Beatty (Ty Sherer)
 Kim Bennett
 Tomislav Beslic
 Russell Bible
 Patty Birky
 Mari Blume
 Timothy Briggs (Dawn Michaels)
 Kimberly Canzoneri
 Coreen Cernak (Robert Meyne)
 Jerry Coffman
 Mary Coffman (Choker)
 Crystal Curtis
 Carl Decker
 Teri Dixon (Bachman)
 Nobert Dobrolecki
 Phoebe Doms (Pollack)
 Donald Dusch, Jr.
 Paul Ellenson
 Robert Erbesti
 Linda Fields
 Pamela Fuller (Mike Shook)
 Rhonda Garratt (Chabane)
 Michele Gilbert (Kelly)
 Todd Green
 Fredrick Hager
 Russell Handwork
 Mary Hannon
 Robert Heymer

Sue Hindman
 Raymond Iyiu
 Jean Ireland
 Linda Jank (King)
 Nadine Jerkovic
 Pamela Karmastuski
 Gofko Kasich
 Allison Kimble
 Victor Kessler
 Cathryn Kleist (Cain)
 Debra Klenz
 Cathy Landman
 James Ludington (Pat Downing)
 William McCoy (Barb Anderson)
 Keith McKeen
 Douglas Marlow
 Robert Mason
 Vicki Matusiak (Dan Prochno)
 Wayne Maynard-Deceased
 Annette Melton (Walters)
 Janet Metcalf
 Joan Metcalf
 Robert Meyne (Coreen Cernak)
 Terrence Mitchell
 Timothy Motta-Deceased
 Cheryl Nigliazzo (Honoroff)
 Janet Norfleet (Joyce)
 Ronald Norfleet

Kimberly Nyman
 Diana Oldfield (Louis Asher)
 Nancy Osenga (Peretti)
 Brian Porter
 Dan Prochno (Vicki Matusiak)
 Judy Radwin
 Victoria Rapo (Lauri)
 Timothy Rahn
 Ronald Rucke
 Susanne St. Aubin (Mark Tabor)
 Robert Seman
 Ronald Schen
 Michael Schmidt
 John Schooner
 Brian Spornberg
 Frank Stassek, Jr.
 David Stoner-Deceased
 Wanda Tarbitan
 John Tjier
 James Walker
 Terry Weaver
 John Wiant
 Charles Williams
 Michael Williams
 Dale Wint
 Robert Wint
 Cheryl Wright (Richard Daniels)
 Nancy Wright

Class of 1978

Gary Andrews (Ginger Kaston)
Kathleen Asher
Jeffrey Axley
William Barclay
Jeffrey Barron
Vernon Beck
Jerry Birky
Fred Black
Janice Black
Janice Blank
Nancy Briggs
Jimmie Brown
Robert Bushwty
Yolanda Carmichael
Robert Cashon
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A History of the Boone Grove Post Office

by Cleo Sherman and William F. Roeske

Since the Boone Grove Post Office has been in existence just a few months short of 155 years, it will be necessary for this report to be divided into three logical parts as follows:

- I. Prior to the Railroad**
- II. The Era of Railway Service**
- III. After the Era of Railway Mail**

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Boone Grove, Porter County, Indiana
Established as Jumbo, Indiana on June 14, 1883
Name changed to Boone Grove on July 20, 1883

Postmasters

Jefferson B. Woods
 Hiram Wells
 Melvin Feltz
 Jefferson B. Woods
 Frederick Wittenberg
 Jefferson B. Woods
 Alfred J. Wittenberg
 Crawford E. Baker

Marshall Baker

David M. Stanley

Vernon R. Lawrence
 William F. Roeske

Appointment Dates Thru September 30, 1971

June 14, 1883
 February 26, 1886
 March 13, 1888
 July 30, 1889
 September 25, 1893
 August 10, 1897
 March 10, 1920
 July 1, 1949 (assumed charge)
 August 14, 1950 (confirmed)
 March 31, 1959 (assumed charge)
 April 7, 1959 (acting)
 July 12, 1962 (assumed charge)
 August 3, 1962 (assumed charge)
 September 9, 1966 (assumed charge)
 April 17, 1971 (assumed charge)

Boone Grove, Porter County, Indiana.
Established on December 28, 1843 **Discontinued on March 27, 1849**
Reestablished on September 18, 1849 **Discontinued on July 31, 1855**
Reestablished on March 3, 1856 **Discontinued on September 28, 1868**
Reestablished on October 27, 1868 **Discontinued on June 14, 1883 (mail to Hebron)**

Postmasters

Aaron Little
 Shivrick Weeks
 Ira Clement
 Isaac Cornell
 Aaron Little
 Stephen R. Chapin
 Timothy Squier
 Joseph Jones
 Abraham Bremer
 John Fishburn
 William Bissell
 William Nichols
 Abraham Bremer
 John Fishburn
 Enoch Jones
 Enoch Jones

Appointment Dates Thru June 14, 1883

December 28, 1843
 March 6, 1846
 March 8, 1847
 November 30, 1848
 September 18, 1849
 May 7, 1852
 March 3, 1856
 November 10, 1858
 October 11, 1860
 May 5, 1862
 November 15, 1862
 April 21, 1863
 August 7, 1863
 September 20, 1866
 March 12, 1867
 October 27, 1868 (reappointed)

Part I. PRIOR TO THE RAILROAD

The National Archives at Washington, D.C., show that the Boone Grove Post Office was established on December 28, 1843, with Aaron Little as postmaster. Just six years earlier, the Tassinong Post Office was established with John Jones as postmaster. Since there were no railroads in Porter County both of these postmasters must have handled stagecoach mail. It is very likely that the original Boone Grove extended from the corner of 200 W and 450 S to the junction with 250 W. To this day the Boone Grove Road winds through a grove of trees in that area from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Baird to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hilbert Roeske.

Boone Grove was established by pioneers under primitive circumstances. The economy was agricultural with the horse being (for all practical purposes) the only source of power and conveyance. There was a huge marsh to the east and there also was swampland to the south. Obviously these early settlers supplemented their diets with fish, wild game, berries, and nuts.

We can readily assume that there were a very limited number of dirt roads that trails were still commonly in use. According to the 1840 census there were 2,172 people in Porter County and only 4,470 people in Chicago. It is interesting to note that there is no census for Valparaiso, but the population of Valparaiso is reported as 520 in the 1850 census.

The postage stamp was not in existence. If anyone wanted to mail a letter it was mailed without postage and the fee was collected from the addressee. It is known that Zachary Taylor caused much confusion when he refused to pay the postage for a letter which (unknown to him) contained a request that he accept his political party's nomination for the presidency. The postage stamp, as we know it, was introduced on an optional basis in 1847 but in 1855, congress passed a law to obligate the sender to affix a stamp to prepay the postage.

The postal money order was unknown until 1864 when it was introduced to enable the Civil War soldiers to mail money home to their females.

From December 28, 1843, to June 14, 1883, Boone Grove had fourteen postmasters of which only three appear to have etched a place that

identifies them with current history. Isaac Cornel was postmaster for less than a year; whereupon he apparently moved to Hebron because Marshall Baker reports that his father, Emery Baker, believes that the Cornel Cemetery in Boone Township was named after this former postmaster.

John Fishburn was postmaster for six months. It is believed that he was the owner of the Fisburn Farm and that the post office was in his farm home. The antiquated brick house on the former Fishburn Farm (now the Roeske Farm) was virtually destroyed by severe winds during a rainstorm in August, 1965.

Enoch Jones was appointed postmaster on March 21, 1867, and served for sixteen years until June 14, 1883. He was the great-grandfather of Berwyn Jones and his farm home was located at the corner of 200 W and 450 S. For several decades, the established residents of Porter County referred to that location as Jones's Corners. Berwyn Jones makes the observation that his great-grandfather, as a farmer, probably was too busy to operate the post office but everything functioned smoothly because (in all likelihood) Mrs. Enoch Jones did it in her husband's name with, understandably, some help from him. Women weren't even permitted to vote in those days! Currently, there are approximately 11,000 women who are postmasters and that represents more than one-third of the total postmanships.

The first railroad reached Valparaiso in 1858 and the railroad from Kouts to Hebron was built in 1865. The archives show that the Boone Grove mail was channeled through Hebron, but we can only speculate that from 1858 to 1865 the mail was probably brought to Boone Grove by a courier on horseback from Valparaiso. Ultimately both of these railroads became a part of the Pennsylvania System. It wasn't until 1881 that a railroad was built through Porter Township and it caused the relocation of Boone Grove.

II. THE ERA OF RAILWAY MAIL SERVICE

A document in the National Archives at Washington, D.C. shows that on June 5, 1883, J. B. Woods filed an application, which was certified by A. S. Baird, postmaster at Hebron, Indiana, to establish a new post office by the name of "Jumbo" on the Chicago and Atlantic Railroad. The application pinpoints the location of Jumbo as six and one-tenth miles from Kouts (via the railroad), six and one-tenth miles from Palmer and two and one-fourth miles from Boone Grove. Along with his application he sketched a map which pinpoints the Boone Grove Post Office as being on the corner of what is currently 200 W and 450 S, the residence of Enoch Jones. His application was accepted and within nine days the post office of Jumbo, Indiana was established, with Jefferson B. Woods as postmaster. On the very same day (June 14, 1883) the Boone Grove Post Office was discontinued with the notation that all Boone Grove mail would be rerouted to Hebron.

Further information in the archives shows that the name of Jumbo, Indiana, post office was changed to Boone Grove on July 20, 1883. Apparently, J. B. Woods didn't get the papers necessary to effect this until August because on August 6, 1883, he signed a document which pinpoints the Boone Grove Post Office ("formerly Jumbo") as being six and one-tenth miles from Kouts, three miles from Hurlburt, six miles from Hebron, and ten miles from Valparaiso. It is interesting to note that the Post Office Department required J. B. Woods to document that the Boone Grove Post Office was five miles north of the Kankakee River and one mile north of the Cornel Creek. This indicates that great importance was given to natural landmarks.

The railroad carried the mail to and from Boone Grove for 71 years. As shown previously it originally was called the Chicago and Atlantic but eventually it became known as the Erie. To those of us who knew him, J. B. never wearied to state, "I came here from Griffith." He was about thirty years old when he established himself in this community and he remained a positive influence in Boone Grove for more than sixty years. It has been rumored that his original business venture was financed by the railroad.

The building that housed his general store is still standing but it has been remodeled and is now known as the Van Dan apartments.

Due to the political spoils system which was in practice in that era, J. B. Woods lost his postmaster position twice but he persisted and was reappointed the third time on August 10, 1897, whereupon he served continuously until his retirement on March 10, 1920. His three hitches as postmaster add up to 29 years.

He was succeeded by Alfred J. Wittenberg, whom everybody refers to as Freddie Wittenberg. Freddie was a veteran of World War I. His father was well enough established in business by 1893 to have been appointed postmaster for four years before J. B. Woods was reappointed in 1897. Between the senior Wittenberg and Freddie the Wittenbergs operated the Boone Grove Post Office for 33 years in what is now known as the Boone Grove Country Store, except for the first four years. Freddie's contributions to the success of this community are legion.

After Freddie retired, Crawford E. Baker became the postmaster and he moved the post office from Wittenberg's store to a frame building that used to be a barber shop. This move is documented in the National Archives under the date of October 18, 1949. Crawford Baker was succeeded by Marshall Baker (no relation) on March 31, 1959, at which time Marshall also acquired the post office building and he is the owner of it to this very day. With the advent of August 1, 1954, the United States Postal Service discontinued sending mail to Boone Grove via the Erie Railroad and a nostalgic era of 71 years came to an end.

The Boone Grove Post Office was elevated from fourth class to third class on July, 1953, and has maintained that status to this current day.

AFTER THE ERA OF RAILWAY MAIL (1954-1977)

On or about August 1, 1954, the panel truck or the small van replaced the railroad as the means for carrying the mail to and from the Boone Grove Post Office. During this period of 23 years, there have been four postmasters in addition to Crawford Baker of whom Marshall Baker and David Stanley still reside in the community. Vernon Lawrence died while in office as postmaster and was succeeded by Helen L. Kingery as officer-in-charge for 27 months before William F. Roeske was sworn in as postmaster on April 27, 1971.

We now have moved into space rented for us from Mr. and Mrs. William McGhee after having occupied the previous building for 28 years from 1949 to 1977.

In 1899, the first county-wide rural delivery mail service was established in Carroll County, Maryland. Today about 41,000,000 Americans are served faithfully by more than 31,000 rural carriers who travel two million miles per day. Meanwhile, the number of post offices has declined from the peak of 76,945 in 1901 to 30,521-of which 753 are in Indiana.

There were as many as 10,000 trains nationwide that carried mail of some size, shape, form or description when the railroads had the monopoly on mail transportation. Now all of the local mail is transported by trucks; the long haul mail is transported by airplanes; and the mail train has greatly diminished. Many of those 10,000 mail trains were sophisticated railroad post offices (RPO's) manned by highly esteemed railway mail clerks who sorted and disbursed the mail enroute. The railway mail clerks established a reputation for thier expertise so much so that there are people today who maintain that the mail service was better in the era of the railroad than it is now. They refer to it as the "golden age of the postal service".

Every small post office used to fasten its outgoing mail pouch on a flexible cross arm which was mounted on a solid pole near the right of way and the mail car would snatch it by means of a hook-type gadget as the train roared by. At the same time, the railway mail clerks would throw out the sacks of incoming mail, which the postmaster would pick up and carry back to his postal facility for distribution to his customers.

The first railroad post office was put into operation on August 28, 1864, between Chicago and Clinton, Iowa, on the Chicago and Northwestern Line. There was a gradual but unrelenting increase in their numbers until the 1930's at which time there was a slight decline but they recovered and were given renewed life temporarily by the increase of wartime rail traffic. Gasoline and rubber tire rationing during World War II forced the nation to once again rely on the railroad for transportation with the result that 30,000 railway mail clerks were sorting mail in 4,000 RPO cars criss-crossing the nation on 1,500 different routes at its peak of operation shortly after World War II. Our own Charley Quinn served as a railway mail clerk for a number of months about 75 years ago.

The sharp decline of RPO's set in during the 1950's. The railroad post office became a nostalgic memory of the past when the last one was phased out on July 1, 1977, on the run between New York City and Washington, D. C. Thus, came to its end an era that had lasted 113 years.

In closing I submit two interesting observations: namely, each American today receives an average of 420 pieces of mail annually, contrasted with six letters per year in 1847; secondly, the annual Christmas commemorative stamp was first introduced in 1962.

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