

## Schools, Early 20th Century Textbooks

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### *Provenance*

Items belonging to Inis McDonald, Lena Kouns, and Kathleen Kouns were donated by Linda Silverberg on behalf of the Dr. Paul Honan, Jr., estate in June 2018; Lena Kouns and Inis/Inez McDonald were Silverberg's maternal grandparents and Kathleen Kouns was her mother. Provenance of the other books is unknown.

Note: Due to space limitations, it is unlikely that the Heritage Center will add items to this collection.

### *Scope and Content*

This collection contains textbooks used by Boone County students in the early 20th-century. Subjects covered range from elementary readers to high school mathematics texts. Most, if not all, of the books have the names of the student owners written on their inside covers; several also include the name of the teacher. Two of the books are not textbooks but novels awarded to students by teachers. As artifacts of Boone County schools, these books provide evidence for what students in the early 20th century learned and how they learned it.

The collection also includes ephemera found inside some of the books. These items include notes and assignments from students and advertisements. The ephemera is organized based on the book in which it was found.

### Series

#### I. Textbooks

##### A. English

##### 1. Spelling

- a) Alexander, Georgia. *A Spelling Book*. New York: Longmans, Green, and Co., 1906. (Inis McDonald)
- b) Hawkins, Edward. *Spelling Book*. Indiana State Series. Revised Edition. Indianapolis: Indiana School Book Company, 1901. (Inis McDonald)
- c) Hawkins, Edward. *Spelling Book*. Indiana State Series. Revised Edition. Indianapolis: Indiana School Book Company, 1901. (Lena Kouns)

##### 2. Readers

- a) Hawkins, Edward. *Fifth Reader*. Indiana State Series. Revised by S. H. Clark and H. S. Fiske. Indianapolis: Indiana School Book Company, 1899. (Inis McDonald)

b) Hawkins, Edward. *Fourth Reader*. Indiana State Series. Revised by S. H. Clark and H. S. Fiske. Indianapolis: Indiana School Books Co., 1899. (Lena Kouns)

3. Grammar

a) Hyde, Mary F. *Two-Book Course in English*. Book One. Boston: D. C. Heath & Co., 1901. (Inis McDonald)

b) Hyde, Mary F. *Two-Book Course in English*. Book One. Boston: D. C. Heath & Co., 1901. (Lena Kouns)

c) Morrow, John. *Language for Little People*. New York: American Book Company, 1912. (Ethel Parks)

d) Scott, Fred Newton and Gordon A. Southworth. *Lessons in English*. Book Two. Boston: Benj. H. Sanborn & Co., 1906. (Inis McDonald)

e) Scott, Fred Newton and Gordon A. Southworth. *Lessons in English*. Book Two. Boston: Benj. H. Sanborn & Co., 1906. (Lena Kouns)

4. Literature

a) Halleck, Reuben Post. *History of American Literature*. New York: American Book Company, 1911. (Inis McDonald)

b) Painter, F. V. N. *Introduction to English Literature*. Boston: Sibley & Company, 1906. (Inis McDonald)

B. Foreign Language

1. Bennett, Charles E. *Caesar's Gallic War*. Books I-IV. Bennett's Latin Series. Boston: Allyn and Bacon, 1903. (Inis McDonald)

2. Collar, William C. and M. Grant Daniell. *First Year Latin*. Boston: Ginn & Company, 1909. (Inis McDonald)

3. Malot, Hector. *Sans Famille*. New York: American Book Company, 1931. (Kathleen Kouns)

C. History

1. United States

a) Channing, Edward. *A Students' History of the United States*. New York: The MacMillan Company, 1912. (Inis McDonald)

b) Gordy, Wilbur F. *American Leaders and Heroes: A Preliminary Text-Book in United States History*. Indiana Edition. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1905. (Inis McDonald)

c) Montgomery, D. H. *The Leading Facts of American History*. Boston: Ginn & Company, 1899. (Lena Kouns)

d) Woodburn, James A. and Thomas F. Moran. *The Makers of America*. Longmans, Green and Co., 1922. (Russell Dale French)

2. European

- a) Myers, Philip Van Ness. *Medieval and Modern History*. Revised Edition. Boston: Ginn & Company, 1905. (Inis McDonald)

#### D. Mathematics

1. Strayer, George Drayton and Clifford Brewster Upton. *Arithmetics Higher Grades*. New York: American Book Company, 1928. (Kathleen Kouns)
2. Wells, Webster. *Algebra for Secondary Schools*. Boston: D. C. Heath & Co., 1907. (Inis McDonald)
3. Wells, Webster and Walter W. Hart. *New High School Algebra*. Boston: D. C. Heath & Co., 1912. (Olive Parks)

#### E. Science

1. Bergen, Joseph Y. *Essentials of Botany*. Boston: Ginn & Company, 1908. (Inis McDonald)
2. Conn, H. W. *An Elementary Physiology and Hygiene*. Enlarged Edition. New York: Silver, Burdett and Company, 1906. (Lena Kouns)

#### F. Geography

1. Atwood, Wallace W. *New Geography*. Book Two. Boston: Ginn and Company, 1920. (Anna Lucile Edens)
2. Frye, Alexis Everett. *Advanced Geography*. Boston: Ginn & Company, 1899. (Stella McCann)
3. Frye, Alexis Everett. *Introductory Geography*. Boston: Ginn and Company, 1901. (Inis McDonald)
4. Frye, Alexis Everett. *New Advanced Geography*. Boston: Ginn & Company, 1904. (Lena Kouns)
5. Frye, Alexis Everett. *New Advanced Geography*. Boston: Ginn & Company, 1904. (Hazel Korb and/or Orpha Ethel Kolb)

#### G. Novels

1. Alger, Horatio. *Jack's Ward, or the Boy Guardian*. New York: Hurst & Company, [nd]. (Lena Kouns)
2. Carey, Rosa Nouchette. *Not Like Other Girls*. New York: Hurst and Company, [nd]. (Inis McDonald)

## II. Ephemera

- A. Bergen, Joseph Y. *Essentials of Botany*. Boston: Ginn & Company, 1908. (Inis McDonald): Hand-drawn map of Hawaii and Connecticut; pictures of American mistletoe and yucca tree
- B. Collar, William C. and M. Grant Daniell. *First Year Latin*. Boston: Ginn & Company, 1909. (Inis McDonald): Pittsburgh-Hickson Co. factory at Butler, PA, card; Third Annual Hamilton County Declamation and Musical Contest, 1910, program
- C. Frye, Alexis Everett. *New Advanced Geography*. Boston: Ginn & Company, 1904. (Lena Kouns): Sweet Memories cutout; House

- advertisements; hand-drawn map of New York; hand-drawn map of South America; hand-drawn map of Australia; Hand-drawn map of Africa
- D. Frye, Alexis Everett. *New Advanced Geography*. Boston: Ginn & Company, 1904. (Orpha Ethel Kolb): November 1909-1910 Memoranda sheet with list of exams.
  - E. Hawkins, Edward. *Spelling Book*. Indiana State Series. Revised Edition. Indianapolis: Indiana School Book Company, 1901. (Inis McDonald): Trade mark stamp (with elephants)
  - F. Hawkins, Edward. *Spelling Book*. Indiana State Series. Revised Edition. Indianapolis: Indiana School Book Company, 1901. (Lena Kouns): Spelling test
  - G. Myers, Philip Van Ness. *Medieval and Modern History*. Revised Edition. Boston: Ginn & Company, 1905. (Inis McDonald): "Trails in Brown County State Park," Exploration and colonies of the 15th-17th centuries (map), Europe after the Peace of Westphalia (map), Europe in the time of Charles the Great (map), Europe after 1815 (map), Europe at the accession of Charles V (map), The Baltic lands c. 1701 (map), Europe and the Orient in 1096 (map)
  - H. Painter, F. V. N. *Introduction to English Literature*. Boston: Sibley & Company, 1906. (Inis McDonald): Envelope from Stanley & Beauchamp, Sheridan, Indiana
  - I. Scott, Fred Newton and Gordon A. Southworth. *Lessons in English*. Book Two. Boston: Benj. H. Sanborn & Co., 1906. (Inis McDonald): Note written November 9, 1908; notes on Boone County Tuberculosis Association; Afternoon questions, common school and primary; pattern cutting guide; written assignments; blue bookmark
  - J. Scott, Fred Newton and Gordon A. Southworth. *Lessons in English*. Book Two. Boston: Benj. H. Sanborn & Co., 1906. (Lena Kouns): page from undated issue of *Side Lights*.
  - K. Strayer, George Drayton and Clifford Brewster Upton. *Arithmetics Higher Grades*. New York: American Book Company, 1928. (Kathleen Kouns): receipt from Woods Wholesale House, Albany, Indiana; Cynthia Smart Stamped Linen Sampler advertisement.
  - L. Wells, Webster. *Algebra for Secondary Schools*. Boston: D. C. Heath & Co., 1907. (Inis McDonald): notes
  - M. Wells, Webster and Walter W. Hart. *New High School Algebra*. Boston: D. C. Heath & Co., 1912. (Olive Parks): "The Professor Mistakes"

### *Background*

Inis McDonald was born in Boone County June 11, 1893. In her youth, she lived near Rosston and graduated from Sheridan High School in 1913. McDonald married Lena Kouns, born September 8, 1892, on December 22, 1915. Kouns attended several schools in eastern Boone County, including Hoboken, Rosston, Northfield, and Big

Springs. Their daughter, Kathleen Kouns, was born in Rosston May 26, 1922. The family moved to Lebanon in 1930, and Kathleen graduated from Lebanon High School in 1939. She married Dr. Paul Honan, Jr., in 1943.

Olive Parks was born in Boone County on December 9, 1906; she attended Lebanon High School her freshman year. Ethel Parks, her sister, born June 21, 1917, grew up and attended school near Elizaville. Olive died in 1964; Ethel died August 23, 2000.

Russell Dale French was born January 9, 1918, in Boone County. He graduated from Lebanon High School in 1936. He died January 25, 2000.

Anna Edens was born August 13, 1911, in Scott County, Indiana. She moved to Lebanon around 1915 and graduated from Lebanon High School in 1929. Edens married Buren Smith in Texas in 1943. She worked many years as a secretary for Winklers and Stewart-Warner in Lebanon. She died November 14, 1987.

Hazel Kolb was born in Boone County on June 24, 1897. She died in Jolietville, Hamilton County, February 10, 1911. Orpha Kolb, a cousin of Hazel's, was born February 11, 1890 in Tipton, Indiana, and grew up in Boone County's Union Township. She moved to Lebanon in 1977, where she worked at Witham Hospital and a canning plant. She died June 7, 1984.

Stella McCann was born March 1, 1883, in Boone County. She married Hiram Carey Powell August 31, 1904, and died January 25, 1971, in Lebanon.

#### Sources

*Lebanon Pioneer*, February 16, 1911, p. 9.

*Lebanon Reporter*, May 9, 1961, p. 1.

*Reporter*, February 13, 1964, p. 7.

*Reporter*, January 25, 1971, p. 8.

*Reporter*, March 9, 1977, p. 1.

*Reporter*, June 8, 1984, p. 10.

*Reporter*, November 14, 1987, p. 10.

*Reporter*, January 26, 2000, p. 14.

*Reporter*, August 25, 2000, p. A6.

*Reporter*, September 28, 2016, p. 12.

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In the early 20th century the traditions of critical realism that had developed in the late 19th century were continued and developed. Three names were prominent among the writers who continued the traditions of critical realism. They were George Bernard Shaw, John Galsworthy and Herbert George Wells. A course of studies was dull for him. He left one school for another, and then another, but everywhere the dull textbooks were the same, and they could not rouse the boy's interest. He educated himself by reading, and by studying foreign languages. At the age of fifteen Shaw went to work as a clerk. 1. In the 19th and early 20th centuries, one room schoolhouses were the norm in rural areas. A single teacher taught grades one through eight together. The youngest students called Abecedarians, because they would learn their ABCs sat in the front, while the oldest sat in the back. The room was heated by a single wood stove. Early 20th Century The First World War. Ganga Singh, Maharaja of Bikaner 1880 – 1943. By Sir William Orpen (1878 – 1931) Oil on canvas, 1919 30 x 25 in. Early 20th Century The First World War. brilliant gold of his turban. His left shoulder is turned towards us and with his left eyebrow slightly raised, he engages us with a proud stare.