

Washington County, Names in the 1915 Educational Report

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In 1915 Indiana was preparing for its centennial in 1916. The one hundred years between statehood and centennial were full of change and development both for the country and for the state. The Civil War had divided the country for five years, the rural-agrarian culture was shifting to a more urban-industrial one, and, in Indiana, the literature and art scenes that celebrated the region had reached their heyday.¹ The Progressive Era, which saw reform movements in areas like business and government, was in full swing by the time Indiana celebrated its centennial. Education—both how children were educated in the schools and how the public schools were organized—was also a subject of reform during the era, though education reform had begun in the latter part of the nineteenth century. Indiana’s educational system was no exception.²

The course of Hoosier education has never been smooth. Education in Indiana was first hampered by language in the 1816 state constitution, which promoted the theory of universal education yet did not provide guidelines for how that was to be achieved. It was not until 1885 that the 1867 law enabling cities, towns, and townships to levy taxes for school funds was declared to be constitutional.³ In the early twentieth century, rural schools faced increasing pressure to be more like their urban counterparts. At this time, America’s city schools were becoming more centralized, bureaucratized, and professionalized, while rural schools were still often multiple one-teacher schoolhouses in townships and counties that were operated by county trustees.⁴

In 1915 Washington County in south-central Indiana published an educational report to “show what is being done towards making our schools practical and socially efficient.” The report, which consists of histories, individual schools’ events, photographs, and even some student work, does not directly discuss the reform movement that was occurring. The report’s purpose was to show that the county’s rural school system was working regardless of the reform

happening all around them that would eventually lead to mass consolidation, closing the one-teacher schoolhouses and becoming more like the system we know today.⁵

Below is an every-name index of the *Educational Report* of Washington County. Names are listed in the order in which they appear in the booklet. Some names may be repeated.

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Names in the 1915 Educational Report of Washington County

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Orra Hopper, Superintendent

County School Officers (1835–1915)

Micajah Newby

John Nixon

James G. May

Jeremiah Rowland

John H. Butler

B. M. Nice

J. G. May

J. N. Heylin

J. H. Butler

Lindley Sears

Elijah Newland

John I. Morrison

John M. Lord

Dewitt C. Thomas

James J. Brice

Zacharias S. Garriott

Thomas J. Jordan
Z. S. Garriott
James D. Wilson
W. C. McCoskey
Hamilton S. McRae
C. L. Paynter
William C. McCoskey
M. D. L. Prow
John L. Williams
A. A. Cravens

James M. Caress
John A. Beck
W. C. Snyder
W. W. Cogswell
S. H. Hall
J. C. Bush
Orra Hopper
Nathan H. Elliott
Dr. Charles Murphy

County Council, 1915

W. G. Hoffman
Edward Motsinger
E. F. Boggs
Ira Rutherford

Joseph Ribelin
William Day
Daniel Elrod
A. B. Frantz

Campbellsburg Schools

Walter Goldsberry
S. C. Morgan
Mary Overman
John J. Hardin
R. C. Wood
W. H. Krutsinger
James G. May
Dr. G. S. Hancock
M. B. Driskell

W. C. Snyder
R. P. Mather
J. C. Brown
Ira M. Houston
E. L. Woodward
Matthew Robertson
J. E. Stanley
F. W. Lewis

The Old Washington County Seminary and the Eikosi Academy

James May
James G. May
John I. Morrison
Rev. George W. Telle
George Thompson
William W. May
W. W. May
W. C. DePauw

James W. May
Ben A. May
Professor ——— Montgomery
Professor ——— Phillips
John Hay
Dr. Charles Hay
Helen (Leonard) Hay

Salem Public Schools

R. E. Cavanaugh
John I. Morrison
James G. May
William May

C. E. Morris
H. B. Wilson
L. D. Coffman
F. A. Gause

Carnegie Library

Jessie Lee Wilson
Frank Lockwood

Blue River Academy

William B. Lindley
Joseph Trueblood
Barnabas C. Hobbs
Samira B. Lindley
Benjamin Alberston
Aquilla Timberlake
Jane Moore
Joanna Morris
Abram Trueblood
Timothy Wilson
Catherine Trueblood
Joseph Moore
Cyrus Bond
Abigail Wilson
Calvin Moore
Luther B. Gordon
Nathan White
Elizabeth Albertson
Samira B. Trueblood
Emeline Trueblood
Rebecca Trueblood
Nathan Newby
Isaac Fawcett
Robert Style
Amanda Trueblood
Marietta Albertson
Sarah Lewis
Calvin W. Pritchard
Thomas Armstrong
Dorcas Armstrong
Alice Armstrong
Hannah Roberts
Mrs. Calvin W. Pritchard
Mila Trueblood
Anna M. Pritchard
Samuel Lloyd
Joseph R. Hunt
Angelina Harvey

William P. Pinkham
Lydia Stanton
Mary Anee Trueblood
Milea Trublood
Emma C. Pinkham
Eliza Clark
Annie Gove
Sarah Clark
Ruth Anne Armstrong
Martha Jane Jones
Sylvanus Wright
Hanna Wright
Angie Hough
Malinda Trueblood
Albert H. Votaw
Marietta Harvey
Ella Moore
Emily Trueblood
Alice Unthank
Roland Estes
Mabel Trueblood
John Boyd
Jennie Wright
Amos Sanders
Anna Belle Trueblood
Ruth Anna Sanders
Alida Trueblood
Frank Moore
Lydia Moore
Fred Albertson
Edwin P. Trueblood
Samuel Mills
Lizza Thompson
Mary Pickett
Joseph Moore
Benjamin Trueblood
Lewis Dennis

New Pekin

Warder Meador

Pioneer Schools of Washington County

Lewis N. Smith
——— McCarty
——— Williams
James G. May
George May
Rowland May

John McNamara
James McCoy
John M. Stalker
J. J. Hungate
John I. Morrison

The Livonia School

D. E. Zink
Mrs. —— Zink
Carry Morris

Geo. Tatlock
Jacob Purlee

The Saltillo School

O. A. Trinkle
Opal Gould
H. P. Case
Barney Gould

Isaac Holler
J. C. Clipp
W. E. Cox
Orra Hopper

Rural Schools

Walter Elliott

Farewell Address

B. F. Taylor
P. G. Houston
Charles Hartley

Franklin Township's Oldest Teacher

Jason Brown

Chestnut Grove School

P. G. Huston
Stanley M. Baker
Alva W. Russell
Alice M. Dismore
Tina M. Mull
Grace M. Hartley
Edith L. Dement
Laura Blankenbaker
Gilbert Pearson
Grace Wilson
Herbert Baker

Lola Miller
Hazel Dismore
Willis Naugle
Clifford Baker
Floyd Miller
Edna Dismore
Edward Adkins
Ralph Gray
Stanley Baker
Alice Dismore
Robert Baker

McKnight Fort

E. D. Tatlock
William McKnight
John McKnight
Raleigh Elliott

Albert Winslow
Robinson McKnight
Charles McKnight
William Tokay

Gibson Township

W. A. Thompson
Joseph Lester
Alvin R. Franklin

Clarence Hawn
Mima Huckelberry

Monroe Township

Vinnie Denny
Lonnie Winslow
Clara E. Unnewehr
Hattie Cauble
Marjorie Jamison
Mary Borden
Mary Ryan

Carrie Ryan
Myrtle Denny
Gladys Jackson
Gayle Jackson
Charly [Wenny/Denny]
Charly Bru[nal?]

Franklin School Program

Arthur Fisher
Stella Stewart
Florence Plott

Irene Sifers
Bernard Motsinger
Edward Walters

Jackson Township

Lennie Martin
Lee Naugle
Greta Bierly
Daisy Roberts
Fillmore Hein
Bonnie Karnes
Golda Hottell
John Roberts
Aley Brock
Walter Bell

Lillian Voyles
W. T. Roberts
Ovel Corn
Ida Sloan
A. B. Frantz
Pearl Bartlett
Nada Blackman
Estella Bartlett
Bernice Graves
Joe Hahn

Howard Township and Others

M. U. Huff
Mrs. Edgar D. Rush
Juanita Durnil
Hazel Dean
Helen Schaffer
Gladys Wyman
John A. Beck
Lawrence Beck

Polly Roberts
Nelle Caspar
Lillian Baker Jean
A. C. Williams
Roy Hardin
Eva Lois Parlee
C. H. Smedley
Bertha Putoff

Lucretia Payne

The County Spelling Bee

Orra Hopper
Lee Mitchell
Susan Baynes
Gilbert Matthews

Edna Martin
Ralph Turner
Mabel Wright
Herman Gray

Bible Stories

Richard Brock
Doris E. Gibson

Bruce Hoar
J. Frank Hanly

Heacock Fruit Company

A. L. Stout
J. L. Tucker
F. J. Heacock

R. R. Newlon
Chas. Lindley

County Board of Education and Town School Boards

A. L. Freed
William Huston
William Wilson
Frank Beck
Chas. Winslow
Clyde Patton
Newton Booker
Augustus Miller
Elza Bartlett
Clyde Schleicher
Frank Crane
M. L. Smedely
Lemuel Purlee
Theo. Wilson
W. C. Shanks
Frank Summers
Ed. Woodward
Geo. Hedrick
Ed. Hughes

Harry Allen
E. E. Andrews
R. T. Ellis
Geo Harvey
Fred Summers
W. A. Hulkan
Rufus Mayfield
Jas. Denny
W. B. Bridgewater
W. S. Workman
Ezra McGrew
Jas. E. Coulter
N. S. Martin
Cicil T. Nale
H. C. Littell
Hiram Case
I. N. Holler
Barney Gould

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