



## History of Schools in Eastern Howard County

The History Center of the Greentown Historical Society is pleased to host an exhibit which chronicles the history of education and schools in eastern Howard County. On display are many kinds of artifacts and photos of early one-room schools, Union School, Jackson School, Greentown School, as well the earlier days of Eastern High School, which was created in 1950.

Maps of the area dating from 1890, 1894, and 1906 show the locations of the many one-room or common schools that were the mainstays of formal education until early in the 20th century for children of approximately four-square-mile areas: Jackson Twp. had Powell, Reynolds, Honey Creek, Knowlton, Sycamore Corners, and Jesiop Schools; Union Township had

Coffle, Phlox, West Liberty, Schrader, Elmore, Jerome, Burns, and Lorts Schools; Liberty Township had Greentown, Lindley, Foreman, Martin, Flabby, White, Miller, and Murphy Schools.

Museum visitors will be able to peruse many old yearbooks which record the names of stu-

dents, classes, clubs, athletics, and student life for earlier generations.

The centerpiece of the school exhibit is found hanging from the ceiling: senior cords, class sweaters, and athletic jackets from Union, Jackson, and Eastern high schools.



*Sycamore School, unknown date. Photo donated by Mary Mast Pier*

### Tribute to Tom Manderfield

Greentown Historical Society is greatly saddened to learn of the death of GHS board member Tom Manderfield on July 27, 2006. His fellow board members will always treasure his love of history, his unselfish service, and his energetic and generous spirit. Tom was one of the persons to attend the first meeting held after the Sesquicentennial celebration to assess the interest in forming a local historical society. He had been the first writer of the flashbacks feature of the Greentown Grapevine and a member of the Greentown Area Residential Association. Tom became a Charter Member of the GHS and member of the first GHS Board of Directors. In addition, Tom served as Treasurer, Secretary, and Chairman of the Nominating Committee and the Building Search Committee. Tom relished assignments where he was meeting and greeting people; his smile was always ready to say "welcome". Tom's long-term goals for GHS were to involve youth in history and to create an exhibit about Greentown during the interurban years. Our heartfelt condolences go to his family at this time of loss.

#### *GHS Calendar*

- **July 8-Dec. 17 History of Schools in Eastern Howard County**
- **September 23 Greentown Community Fest**
- **November 9 Annual Meeting and Dinner**
- **Christmas Home Tour December 3; details in Grapevine**

## 2006 Annual Meeting

A fun evening of musical entertainment, dinner, and silent auction is planned for the 2006 Annual Meeting on Thur., Nov. 9, 6:30 p.m. at the Jerome Christian Church. After dinner and a short business meeting, the Hoosier String Players, composed of banjo, guitar, bass, fiddle, hammered dulcimer, auto harp, and dulcimers, will perform folk and mountain music. Reservations are required and cost is \$15.00 per person. Now is also a good time to renew your membership for 2007. Please send the enclosed form back with your check to P.O. Box 313, Greentown. If you have silent auction items to donate, call 628-3800 and leave a message. For more information, call Lisa at 765-610-8461.

## Fair Parking Project

Because the Society was permitted to use the Kokomo Grain parking lot along with the Greentown Equipment parking lot, our fair parking money-maker project earned a total of \$835. We would like to give special thanks to George Howell and Mick Ortman and to all of the workers who spent many hours parking fair visitors' cars, and especially to Ron Simpson who headed the project and was responsible for the parking signs each evening. Fair parking helpers: Barbara Middleton, Sally Im-

bler, Lisa Stout, Joe and Carolyn Smith, Melody Sumpter, Bob and Susann Sumpter, Joyce Lantz, Rita Kingseed, Barry Carstensen, Ronda Eldridge, Mike Frazier, Charlie and Betty Swisher, Ron and Jean Simpson.

## History Center Docents

Many thanks to the following docents who volunteered to staff open hours at the History Center during June, July and August: Janalyce Hatton, Sue Clouser, Charlotte Nulf, Rita Kingseed, Dwight Schaaf, Jean Simpson, Ron Simpson, Bonnie Turner, Julia Bright, Juanita Morton, Nella Padfield, Martha Lou Zirkle, and Betty Swisher. And additional thanks to GHS members who opened and closed the History Center for the docents: Rachel Jenkins, Barbara Middleton, and

Dave Turner.

## Fair Tent

Thanks to all those who volunteered their time to the fair tent this year. With the help of the Howard County Historical Alliance, activities and entertainment were provided as well as prizes given away each evening. Stacy Maines won the \$25 gift shop gift certificate on Tuesday.

Special thank you's to Dave Turner who gave appraisals even though it was a rainy evening, to Michelle Bulin for making a new artifact board for the sandbox, and to Joyce Eikenberry for telling the story of Old Bob the Civil War horse. Others who volunteered their time were Debbie Lanning, Mike and Brenda Imbler, Jean Simpson, Lisa Stout and Bonnie Turner.

*Lindley School, built 1896 and torn down in 1982. Located at 700 E. 50 S. Photo courtesy of Dwight Schaaf*



## Two Early Greentown Teachers

*Excerpted by Joyce Higginbottom from Counties of Howard and Tipton Historical and Biographical, Charles Blanchard, Editor, 1883*

“**Charlton Bull** is a native of Greene County, Ohio. He was born in 1847, and was reared on a farm. He remained at home until 1861, when he attended school for three years at the Xenia (Ohio) Academy. After leaving school, he enlisted in the Sixtieth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged at Camp Chase, Ohio, in 1864. After he came home, he again attended school at Xenia, Ohio, and the following spring commenced work in a photograph gallery, continuing in this business until the summer of 1865, when he came to Howard County and worked in a saw mill, and in 1866 began teaching school. He commenced reading law in 1871, and was admitted to the bar in 1879. He is at present engaged in school teaching in the Greentown graded schools. Mr. Bull was married in 1869 to Miss Mary E. Zerbe, of Howard County. They have had four children, two of whom are living—Nina E. and William S. Mr. Bull also attends to the practice of his profession, being at this time the only attorney in Greentown. He is one of the

rising young men of Howard County.”

“**L.M. Herrington** was born at Mapletown, Greene Co., Penn., July 22, 1857, of Scotch-Irish and Dutch parents. He resided in Mapletown until 1864, when his parents moved into Fayette County, of the same State, but returned to Greene County in 1867, locating in the village of Davistown; his parents again removed to Fayette County in 1873, and the father and sons secured labor at the coke works, near Broad Ford, where the subject of this sketch labored until 1877, when, through the advice of John C. Barr, of the Pittsburgh Post, he determined to re-enter school. Accordingly, he attended a graded school in Greene County, Penn., for a period of two years, working during vacation at the works; he taught school at Broad Ford the winter of 1879-80, refused to teach the succeeding term, and again repaired to the works, where he remained until June, 1880. He was appointed Census Enumerator, and completed the work of his home township. In July, 1880, he went to Valparaiso, Ind., and graduated from the Northern Indiana Normal School in 1881, after which he was employed in Chicago, in the clothing trade for James Wilde, Jr., & Co., and H. Hart & Bro. In November, 1881, he came to

Greentown to accept the Principalship of the schools. Mr. Herrington is an excellent teacher and worthy citizen; is well liked by his patrons, and is a credit to the community in which he lives.”

## Rosenthal Papers Reveal Unusual Fair

*This article was taken from the Howard County News dated Aug. 19, 1976. Submitted by Joyce Higginbottom, Research Chairman*

*“Indianapolis Steel Range worth \$40 given free to the man who drives four horses to a wagon and brings to town from his neighborhood the greatest number of people of any age or size and to pass by our store, Wednesday 10 a.m.”—Holiday and Ware.*

*“Two dollars for the lady putting up 25 pound dumb bell for the most times without stopping.”—W.D. Wattles.*

*“Fat women’s race--ladies to weigh from 150 to 200 pounds, to run 10 rods. Prize is a lawn dress.”—Mrs. Jennie Woods.*

“These are just a few of the many, many prizes given by Greentown merchants during the 1901 Greentown Street Fair. It was a fun time during the early 1900’s as hundreds of people traveled from miles around to enjoy the street fair in this thriving community.

"Little has been known by local citizens of the Street Fair, but papers discovered by Dr. James Measell, National Greentown Glass Assn. newsletter editor, reveal the fact that this was certainly a spectacular event in the history of Greentown. The papers belonged to Jacob Rosenthal, owner of the famous Greentown Glass Factory.

Included with the papers was a brochure listing the prizes to be awarded at the street fair, which was conducted August 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>, 1901. Greentown's business district was one of the strongest in the area during the early 1900's, and the street fair was one way the businessmen promoted the downtown area. The following is a list of just a few of the remarkable prizes and events which were part of the carnival:

*"A fine high grade "Ben Hur" \$40 sewing machine given to the lady who, brings her machine, cuts out and makes the neatest and best gingham apron in 10 minutes."*—*Holiday and Ware*

*"To the tallest woman, who will be measured in my store during the fair, one fall street hat, valued at \$2.50."*—*Miss Henderson*

*"50 cigars 'Henry George' to the second place in the mule race."*—*Hall and Willcutts*

*"One box of Quaker Girl cigars to the winner of a 100 yard wheel barrow race, value*

*\$2.50."*—*Ocheltree Bros.*

*"For the lady running the 100 yard dash, we will give one-half pound of perfume, value \$3."*—*W.M. Manring.*

*"To the person buying the most goods of us during the fair, we will give choice of the largest size of Mosquet or Smyrna Rugs."*—*E.G. Scott*

*"We will give a \$3.50 silk parasol to the lady that will in the shortest time put the harness on her horse, hitch to a buggy and drive two squares on Main Street on the second day of the fair at 2 p.m."*—*A.J. Haworth*

*"To the most popular man in Greentown or vicinity, voted by the ladies at the Art Hall, one Rex Hat, value \$3."*—*Weaver Bros*

*"To the lady coming nearest the mark at a distance of 20 steps with a .22 caliber rifle, single shot, we will give a fine piano box clock, value \$8."*—*W.H. Needham*

*"Shoes of contestants to be placed into a barrel, put them on, lace them up and run back to starting point. To the winner of the race, a pair of dress shoes, value, \$3."*—*W.H. Needham*

*"20 rolls fancy embossed wall paper, worth \$10, to the lady guessing nearest to the number of single rolls of paper hung by me from January 1 to August 8, 1901. Each lady allowed only one guess."*—*W.E. Swisher*

*"Center table to the largest lady visiting the fair the first*

*day and a \$5 oak rocker to the lady whose combined weight of herself and husband is the nearest the weight of the largest lady visiting the fair the first day. Also, a \$8 Reed Rocker to the lady driving the greatest number of nails in one minutes time."*—*C.F. Templin*

*"A fountain pen to the subscriber living the farthest distance from here who attends the fair and registers their name at the Gem office."*—*The Weekly Gem*

There were prizes given for drawing, artwork, embroidery, penmanship, plants and baking goods."

### **Pandemonium Reigns As Greentown Gets "Kidnapping Scare"**

***This article was taken from the issue of The Kokomo Tribune, dated Monday, Apr. 26, 1937. Submitted by Joyce Higginbottom with thanks to Jean Simpson for the information that led to finding the article.***

"Call out the guards!" "Telephone the police!" "Write your congressman!" were some of the almost hysterical utterances in Greentown last week, when the town, located 10 miles east of Kokomo, had its first "kidnapping scare." The popular president of the high school juniors, George Hershberger, had been sequestered away, and nobody

knew his whereabouts or the reason of his abduction.

After several hours of anxious waiting, the parents of the young man, Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Hershberger, were contacted, and the abductors explained if the senior pennant, which had been stolen by members of the junior class, was returned, George would be returned to his home unharmed. However, a large "IF" remained unsolved. [According to George in a brief interview in June 2006, a group of junior boys had observed Rev. Gates take the flag to the Methodist Church parsonage after baccalaureate service. George sneaked into the parsonage, stole the flag, and took it to his house where the junior boys painted it.]

Arrangements went forward immediately to locate the senior flag, and when it was restored to the proper persons, the hostage was released. In turn the junior flag, which had been stolen by senior members, also was

returned to its rightful possessors.

It was learned from the "spent" captive, after he had amply recovered from his harrowing experiences, how he was spirited away from the school building, driven up one road and down another, so as to confuse his directions, then taken to the home of a senior girl, Miss Margaret Little, near Plevna, and locked in an oats bin, with some senior boys remaining on guard.

Fearing pursuit, the captors removed their prisoner and took him back to Greentown to the home of Russell Stepler. In order to "keep a jump ahead" of the juniors, who were "hot on the trail," the seniors took their hostage to a tourist camp south of Kokomo [owned by the father of Charles Evans], rented a cabin and prepared to "put up" for the night.

About midnight, sleep finally overcame the weary guard, and George cleverly made his escape, hurrying

down the highway, intending to "thumb" his way back to Greentown. His escape, however, was soon discovered, and he was overtaken, and rushed back to the cabin. His release came only when the juniors had met the demands of the kidnapers.

Interviewing one of the senior guards, a Tribune correspondent learned George made a model prisoner, with the exception he had too healthy an appetite. The "board" bill was rather high, and some of the seniors had to cancel their "dates" Sunday night because of lack of funds. However, the girls didn't seem to mind, at least not "too much."

*Plevna Boys, 1904, on Main St., Greentown. The boys went to school in Greentown: Raymond Wise, Lloyd Schaaf, Floyd Lantz, Roy Troyer, Roscoe Zerbe, George Troyer, Lester Dawson, Gary Bagwell, Omen Schaaf, Lester Lantz. Photo donated by Juanita Petty*



**Liberty Township Schools** *excerpted from the ledger containing the record of the Board of Trustees of Liberty Twp., Howard Co., Ind., beginning date of April 14, 1853*

The 1864 record for Liberty Twp. begins a new procedure for that school year—each common school and its teacher files a report of basic statistics for that school, similar to this one:

Report of School No. 2: Emanuel J. Kendel [sic], teacher

Classes began on Nov. 11, 1863, and ended on Feb. 6, 1864, in session for 65 days.

Daily compensation: \$1.23

Number of male students between 5 and 21 years of age—30

Number of female students between 5 and 21 years of age—17

Number of male students more than 21 years of age—3 (this was the only Liberty Twp. School with this age group during 1864)

Total number of pupils admitted within the term—50

Average daily attendance for the term—27 (54% of total enrolled)

<u>Subjects</u>	<u>No. enrolled</u>
Orthography	29
Reading	21
Writing	30
Arithmetic	11
Geography	2
English Grammar	2

The record does not reveal more details about the age groups of the students who studied the different subjects. For example, which students or how many of the same students took both writing and orthography?

**Teachers in Common Schools**

At first teachers were licensed by examiners appointed by county commissioners and given oral examinations in reading, spelling, grammar, arithmetic, history and geography. Licenses were issued for six months, one year, two years, and three years. In the early days, it was customary to place teachers in different schools during each school year, at the discretion of the trustee and school patrons. For example, only five teachers taught three years or more at Martin.

*Union School, in 1921 Unionette yearbook. Donated by Carol Carlile.*



**Taken from Counties of Howard and Tipton Indiana Historical and Biographical, Charles Blanchard, Editor, 1883**

### Schools

“The first school in Liberty was taught by Miss Lillis Cook in a diminutive log shanty which stood about one and one-half miles northwest of Greentown, on the claim of William Cox, who erected it. It was used by Cox as a residence for several years, but was afterward abandoned. The neighbors fitted it up for school purposes, and it was in use only during the one term, the winter of 1848-49. The first schools were supported by subscription and generally lasted about three months. Among the early pedagogues of the township were L.F.

Springer, P.F. Peters, Milton Garrigus, George Hazzard, R. Gray, B. Moon, H. Deyo, Luther Gray, John Power, William Styer, O. Free, and Alexander Hopkins. The township was supplied with public schools in 1853, at which time the school land was sold, and the citizens taxed for educational purposes. The first public schoolhouse [common school] in the township was a hewed-log structure, which stood a short distance east of Greentown. It was used for a number of years, serving as school and meeting house. There are at the present time nine good, substantial buildings in the township in which schools are taught from five to seven months of the year. Five of these houses are frame and four, brick; the Greentown Public School

building is the finest structure in the county outside Kokomo, and cost about \$3000. It has four rooms, all of which are well finished and furnished. It stands in the southern part of the village, and is an ornament to the town and township. The village schools at the present time are under the efficient management of Prof. L.M. Herrington, Principal; Charlton Bull, teacher of the intermediate; and Miss Amanda Turner, who has charge of the primary department. The other teachers in the township are Belle Wooters, Cora Powell, O.P. Kemp, W. O. Nelson, D. C. Peters, D.W. Garrison, W.B. Woods and W.D. Hamer. The amount expended for tuition for 1882-83 was \$2,565.76.”

*Submitted by Joyce Higginbottom, Research Chairman*



*Martin School, 1890. Built in 1862, used until 1917. From 1898 to 1901 six former Martin students became teachers: J.N. Johnson, Roscoe Murphy, Ben Johnson, Walter Saul, Delmar Johnson, and Florence Smith. Later Martin students to become teachers were Glen Brunk, Omen Schaaf, and Cleo Dailley. Photo courtesy of Dwight Schaaf*

**G.H.S. Monetary Donations, May through August 2006:**

Janice David, Jim and Janet Smith, Mary E. Scott, Marjorie Longshore, Sally Imbler, Jolene Rule, Virginia Coan, Fred and Rachel Jenkins, James and Marie Doty, Simpson Jewelry, Mary Helen Florea, Joe and Madeline Deckard, Dwight Schaaf, Frank Conway, John A. Pickett

**G.H.S. Material Donations, May through August 2006:**

Jean Simpson, Mike and Joyce Lantz, Ron Simpson, Barbara Middleton

**Wanted: Books**

The Greentown Historical Society plans to have a used book sale at the Greentown Community Fest on Sept. 23rd. We are seeking donations of books, magazines, tapes, videos, games and puzzles. Call Jean Simpson at 628-7674 for pick up, drop them off at 323 E. Main St., or bring them to our booth on North Meridian St. on Sept. 23rd.

**Garage Sale Success**

The Society would like to thank all of those who donated items for our annual garage sale in June. Through your efforts, along with workers Sally Imbler, Becky Middleton, Barbara Middleton and Pam Kolalisyn, we made a total of \$538.50.

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