

A SCHOOL TO REMEMBER--

Chapter I: Structural Statistics

Part 1--A Review of the Early Years

This supplement is written specifically for those associated with Miner School during the last decade. Since copies of "ON COMMON GROUND", a previous history written in 1952, are no longer available, it is only fair that we review some of the basic facts regarding the original building, subsequent changes, additions etc.

* The town or village of Fort Wayne was incorporated in 1840 with the official count of people listed as 2,080. By 1886, the year Miner was constructed, the town had experienced a steady growth and expansion and the population was nearing 35,000. Public schools already in existence (after a slow and difficult beginning) were as follows:

Clay School	erected in 1857
Jefferson School	erected in 1858
Hoagland School	erected in 1865
Washington School	erected in 1868
Hanna School	erected in 1869
Harmar School	erected in 1870
Bloomington School	erected in 1871

**Overcrowded conditions were the most constant problems of the day. Consequently, in June of 1886, Fred Kraft was awarded the contract for the construction of three new schools--one of which was Miner. The other two were the Holton Avenue School and the Nebraska School. Research provided us only with the total cost of all three schools, which was fifteen thousand, eight hundred ninety-seven dollars and forty-one cents. (\$15,897.41)

The school located one and quarter miles south and three quarter miles west of the Allen County Court House was named for one of the city's leading businessmen at that time -- Byrum D. Miner. It was erected at the south west corner of De-Wald and Miner Streets--the latter having been named for the same civic leader. His daughter, Leora Miner, taught at the school for a few years shortly after the turn of the century. She was still living when the previous history was written and gave much valuable information for it. She died just a short time later.

*Pictorial History of Fort Wayne

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