



# SCHOOL SOUVENIR BOOKLETS



School Souvenir Booklet Collection of Deborah Eidson  
Records were compiled from this collection in March 2009.

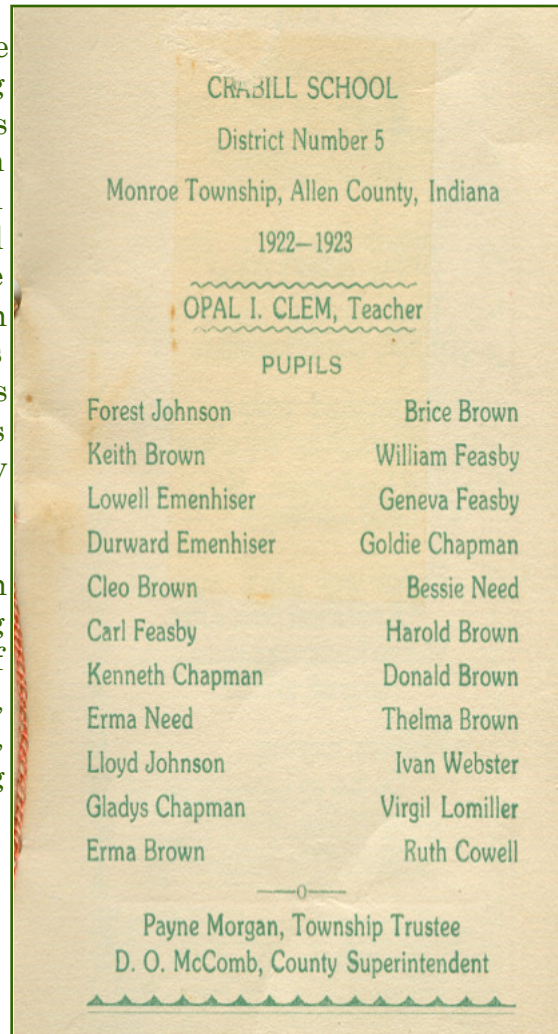
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The school records were compiled and transcribed “as is” in March 2009 by Deborah Eidson of Monroe Township, Monroeville, Indiana from her collection of school souvenir booklets. The collection developed through a growing interest in the district schools of Allen County, Indiana. Her grandparents attended district one-room schools in Jackson, Madison and Monroe Townships of Allen County, Indiana. In addition to Allen County, other counties in Indiana along with the states of Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wyoming are also represented in this collection.

The teacher presented these souvenir booklets to the students at the end of the school year in memory of their school days spent together. The booklets contained names of students as well as the teacher and members of the school board. The district number, name of the school, township, county, and state were also printed on most of the souvenir booklets.

School souvenir booklets are valuable to the genealogist for historical researching in giving information about where families were located. The booklets in the Eidson collection date back to 1896. The colorful embossed covers of the booklets were held together with string, and photos of the teachers, students, and schoolhouses often graced the cover. Poems and drawings added to the special charm of these booklets that were treasured not only by the students receiving them a century ago but also by collectors today.

Most of the booklets in the collection were printed in Ohio. The publishing companies included: Bixler Printing of Canal Dover, Ohio; W. E. Seibert Publishing, New Philadelphia, Ohio; Colonial Printing, Mansfield, Ohio; and The Ohio Printing Company, New Philadelphia, Ohio.



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