

McLean County Museum of History

Gridley Schools Collection

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 Box
COLLECTION DATES:	1895-1945
RESTRICTIONS:	None
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Brief History

The first school in the Village of Gridley was subscription-based, and it opened in 1859. The following year a public school opened in the village. The first high school class graduated in 1892. The Community High School District was organized in 1936. In 2004, Gridley merged with EL Paso in Woodford County to form El Paso-Gridley Unit District #11.

Scope

This collection includes school publications, issues of the student newspaper, and other items.

Box and Folder Inventory

Folder 1: School Publications

- 1.1 "School Manual and Guide Book of the Gridley Public Schools," booklet about the history, rules/regulations, and required courses of Gridley Public Schools with advertisements at the end, 1909.
- 1.2 "1910 Catalogue Gridley Public Schools," booklet about the history, rules/regulations, and required courses of Gridley Public Schools with advertisements at the end, second edition, printer Frank I. Miller, 1910. "Lloyd B... (writing covered by ink stain)" and "Alberta Steward" written on front cover.

Folder 2: Gridley School Daze student newspaper

- 2.1 Volume II (faded, possibly not II), edition III (also faded), February 1934.
- 2.2 Volume II, edition V, April 1934. "Edith Peyton" written at top of cover page.
- 2.3 Volume III, edition I, October 1934. – front and back cover loose from other text.
- 2.4 Volume III, edition II, November 1934. "Edith Peyton Nov. 22, 1934. Gridley, Ill.," typed at top of cover page.
- 2.5 Volume IV, edition II, December 1934.
- 2.6 Volume III, edition V, March 1935.
- 2.7 Volume (too faded), edition V, April 1935.
- 2.8 Volume IV, edition I, December 1935. "Dec. 4, 1935 Edith" written on top right corner of cover page.
- 2.9 Volume IV, number II, January 1936.
- 2.10 Volume III, edition IV, February 1936. "Edith Peyton" written on top right corner of cover page.
- 2.11 Two loose pages. Volumes, editions, and dates unknown.

Folder 3: School Events

- 3.1 Commencement ticket for the class of '99 of Gridley High School, June 1, 1899. Name card for Alberta Keller included with ticket.
- 3.2 "Reception and Banquet in honor of the Class '99," pamphlet with schedule and information about the reception and banquet, Gridley, Illinois, June 2, 1899.

- 3.3 Secretary notes from Mothers Meetings of Gridley, Ill., November 10, 1899-February 9, 1900.
- 3.4 "Programme of Mother's Meeting," flyer inviting mother's to attend school meeting, January 12, 1900. Two copies with handwritten notes on each about deaths and relatives of members of this group.
- 3.5 "12 Class", pamphlet for commencement of the class of 1912, Gridley, Illinois, May 31, 1912.
- 3.6 "Gridley Commenc"- (cut off), newspaper unknown, not dated. Article sharing date of commencement for the class of 1912 on May 31. Includes biographical information for the eight students in Gridley's class of 1912.
- 3.7 "The Junior Class of Gridley Community High School presents That Crazy Smith Family by Katharine Kavanaugh", program listing the participants and acts of the play, February 7, 1941.
- 3.8 "Gridley Community High School Gym Circus", list of participants in gym circus, March 28, 1845.

Folder 4: Autograph Book

- 4.1 Autograph book, Gridley, IL, January 1895. "John" or "Johnnie" owned the book. Sallie Reeves signed book as "your sister". Album made in Germany.