

Mount Prospect School (Old Town Township) Collection

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VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	One box
COLLECTION DATES:	1910-1927
PROVENANCE:	Collection donated by M. Suzanne Dady, September 2008, the ledgers and paperwork were found by Dady at the former residence of Helen Killian, 406 E. Walnut, Bloomington
RESTRICTIONS:	None
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LOCATION:	Archives

Brief History

The Mount Prospect School started as a small frame house built around 1855. The School was situated to be convenient for the pupils, however as Old Town Township grew, the school moved to the Northwest corner of Section 12 on Bentown Road. The schoolhouse was destroyed by fire in 1907, but a new house was ready for lessons the following Fall. The origin of the name is a mystery. The area voters approved the merging of the school with the Downs-Ellsworth Unit in 1948.

Scope and Content Note

This collection contains receipts, ledger book, and financial information from the school.

Box and Folder Inventory

Folder 1: Township Treasurer's Semi-Annual Statements

- 1.1 June 30, 1919 through April 9, 1920
- 1.2 April 9 - May 26, 1921
- 1.3 June 30, 1921 - June 21, 1922

Folder 2: Teachers Pension and Retirement Fund

- 2.1 Margaret Griffin July 3, 1922
- 2.2 Margaret Griffin July 6, 1925

Folder 3: Supplies and School Maintenance

- 3.1 Frink Bros. & Sons, work inside school, n.d.
- 3.2 W.B. Read & Co., school supplies, Feb. 1, ?
- 3.3 W.B. Read & Co., supplies, October 5, 1921
- 3.4 Harrison, Ward & Co., Nov. 16, 1921
- 3.5 Waterman-Waterbury Co., Repair Order, May 25, 1922
- 3.6 Robt. Van Winkle labor and material, September 28, 1922

Folder 4: Miscellaneous

- 4.1 Calendar for School Officers of Illinois, n.d. 2 copies
- 4.2 Newspaper article, "School Fund in Townships," 1913 ?
- 4.3 List of numbers, no identification, n.d.
- 4.4 Bank of Holder stationery, note requesting number of males and female student for census report, June 21, 1921
- 4.5 District Poll Book April 1922
- 4.6 Illinois Farm Tornado Policy, The American Insurance Company of Newark New Jersey covering June 20, 1927-June 20 1932

District Board Ledger Book

Old Town Township 23N, 3E, Mount Prospect School (5) #96

1st Part - Proceedings of the District Board - 1915, 1916, 1915-1921

Record of Annual School District Election 1910-1920

Clerk's Report of Organization 1910, 1911, 1912, 1915, 1916-1919

Directors Tax Certificate 1916-1918, 1919

Register of School Officers 1915-1918

Teachers Contracts

Register of Orders Drawn 1910-1913, 1916-1918

Township Treasurer's Semi-Annual Statement 1910

Teacher's Contract

Miss Nettie Weakly 1910 \$60 per month

Miss Mary Moore	1911	\$50 per month
Miss Mary Moore	1912	\$60 per month
Miss Mary Moore	1913	\$60 per month
Marguerite Miller	1914	\$50 per month
Rebecca Hawthorie	1918	\$75 per month
Miss Evelyn Huber	1916	\$60 per month
Mary (Minnie) Meiner	none	\$65 per month
Mary Power	1917	\$70 per month

Township Treasurer's Semi-Annual Statement

1910 April 20, Gertrude Coale – Teaching \$45

May 21 Gertrude Coale - Teaching \$45

June 9 Gertrude Coale – Teaching \$45

Oct. - Nettie Weakly starts teaching

Separate Contracts

1919 - Grace B. Ubrech	\$85
1921 - Margaret Griffin	\$125
1924 - Margaret Griffin	\$125
1925 - Margaret Griffin	\$125