In 1915 Indiana was preparing for its centennial in 1916. The one hundred years between statehood and centennial were full of change and development both for the country and for the state. The Civil War had divided the country for five years, the rural-agrarian culture was shifting to a more urban-industrial one, and, in Indiana, the literature and art scenes that celebrated the region had reached their heyday. The Progressive Era, which saw reform movements in areas like business and government, was in full swing by the time Indiana celebrated its centennial. Education—both how children were educated in the schools and how the public schools were organized—was also a subject of reform during the era, though education reform had begun in the latter part of the nineteenth century. Indiana’s educational system was no exception.

The course of Hoosier education has never been smooth. Education in Indiana was first hampered by language in the 1816 state constitution, which promoted the theory of universal education yet did not provide guidelines for how that was to be achieved. It was not until 1885 that the 1867 law enabling cities, towns, and townships to levy taxes for school funds was declared to be constitutional. In the early twentieth century, rural schools faced increasing pressure to be more like their urban counterparts. At this time, America’s city schools were becoming more centralized, bureaucratized, and professionalized, while rural schools were still often multiple one-teacher schoolhouses in townships and counties that were operated by county trustees.

In 1915 Washington County in south-central Indiana published an educational report to “show what is being done towards making our schools practical and socially efficient.” The report, which consists of histories, individual schools’ events, photographs, and even some student work, does not directly discuss the reform movement that was occurring. The report’s purpose was to show that the county’s rural school system was working regardless of the reform
happening all around them that would eventually lead to mass consolidation, closing the one-
teacher schoolhouses and becoming more like the system we know today.\textsuperscript{5}

Below is an every-name index of the \textit{Educational Report} of Washington County. Names
are listed in the order in which they appear in the booklet. Some names may be repeated.

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\textbf{Names in the 1915 Educational Report of Washington County}

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Orra Hopper, Superintendent

\textbf{County School Officers (1835–1915)}

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Micajah Newby & J. H. Butler \\
John Nixon & Lindley Sears \\
James G. May & Elijah Newland \\
Jeremiah Rowland & John I. Morrison \\
John H. Butler & John M. Lord \\
B. M. Nice & Dewitt C. Thomas \\
J. G. May & James J. Brice \\
J. N. Heylin & Zacharias S. Garriott \\
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Thomas J. Jordan  
Z. S. Garriott  
James D. Wilson  
W. C. McCoskey  
Hamilton S. McRae  
C. L. Paynter  
William C. McCoskey  
M. D. L. Prow  
John L. Williams  
A. A. Cravens  

James M. Caress  
John A. Beck  
W. C. Snyder  
W. W. Cogswell  
S. H. Hall  
J. C. Bush  
Orra Hopper  
Nathan H. Elliott  
Dr. Charles Murphy  

**County Council, 1915**

W. G. Hoffman  
Edward Motsinger  
E. F. Boggs  
Ira Rutherford  

Joseph Ribelin  
William Day  
Daniel Elrod  
A. B. Frantz  

**Campbellsburg Schools**

Walter Goldsberry  
S. C. Morgan  
Mary Overman  
John J. Hardin  
R. C. Wood  
W. H. Krutsinger  
James G. May  
Dr. G. S. Hancock  
M. B. Driskell  

W. C. Snyder  
R. P. Mather  
J. C. Brown  
Ira M. Houston  
E. L. Woodward  
Matthew Robertson  
J. E. Stanley  
F. W. Lewis  

**The Old Washington County Seminary and the Eikosi Academy**

James May  
James G. May  
John I. Morrison  
Rev. George W. Telle  
George Thompson  
William W. May  
W. W. May  
W. C. DePauw  

James W. May  
Ben A. May  
Professor ——— Montgomery  
Professor ——— Phillips  
John Hay  
Dr. Charles Hay  
Helen (Leonard) Hay  

**Salem Public Schools**

R. E. Cavanaugh  
John I. Morrison  
James G. May  
William May  

C. E. Morris  
H. B. Wilson  
L. D. Coffman  
F. A. Gause
Carnegie Library
Jessie Lee Wilson
Frank Lockwood

Blue River Academy
William B. Lindley
Joseph Trueblood
Barnabas C. Hobbs
Samira B. Lindley
Benjamin Alberston
Aquilla Timberlake
Jane Moore
Joanna Morris
Abram Trueblood
Timothy Wilson
Catherine Trueblood
Joseph Moore
Cyrus Bond
Abigail Wilson
Calvin Moore
Luther B. Gordon
Nathan White
Elizabeth Albertson
Samira B. Trueblood
Emeline Trueblood
Rebecca Trueblood
Nathan Newby
Isaac Fawcett
Robert Style
Amanda Trueblood
Marietta Albertson
Sarah Lewis
Calvin W. Pritchard
Thomas Armstrong
Dorcas Armstrong
Alice Armstrong
Hannah Roberts
Mrs. Calvin W. Pritchard
Mila Trueblood
Anna M. Pritchard
Samuel Lloyd
Joseph R. Hunt
Angelina Harvey

William P. Pinkham
Lydia Stanton
Mary Anee Trueblood
Milea Trublood
Emma C. Pinkham
Eliza Clark
Annie Gove
Sarah Clark
Ruth Anne Armstrong
Martha Jane Jones
Sylvanus Wright
Hanna Wright
Angie Hough
Malinda Trueblood
Albert H. Votaw
Marietta Harvey
Ella Moore
Emily Trueblood
Alice Unthank
Roland Estes
Mabel Trueblood
John Boyd
Jennie Wright
Amos Sanders
Anna Belle Trueblood
Ruth Anna Sanders
Alida Trueblood
Frank Moore
Lydia Moore
Fred Albertson
Edwin P. Trueblood
Samuel Mills
Lizza Thompson
Mary Pickett
Joseph Moore
Benjamin Trueblood
Lewis Dennis

New Pekin
Warder Meador
Pioneer Schools of Washington County

Lewis N. Smith  
—— McCarty  
—— Williams  
James G. May  
George May  
Rowland May  

John McNamara  
James McCoy  
John M. Stalker  
J. J. Hungate  
John I. Morrison

The Livonia School

D. E. Zink  
Mrs. ——— Zink  
Carry Morris  

Geo. Tatlock  
Jacob Purlee

The Saltillo School

O. A. Trinkle  
Opal Gould  
H. P. Case  
Barney Gould  

Isaac Holler  
J. C. Clipp  
W. E. Cox  
Orra Hopper

Rural Schools

Walter Elliott

Farewell Address

B. F. Taylor  
P. G. Houston  
Charles Hartley

Franklin Township’s Oldest Teacher

Jason Brown

Chestnut Grove School

P. G. Huston  
Stanley M. Baker  
Alva W. Russell  
Alice M. Dismore  
Tina M. Mull  
Grace M. Hartley  
Edith L. Dement  
Laura Blankenbaker  
Gilbert Pearson  
Grace Wilson  
Herbert Baker  

Lola Miller  
Hazel Dismore  
Willis Naugle  
Clifford Baker  
Floyd Miller  
Edna Dismore  
Edward Adkins  
Ralph Gray  
Stanley Baker  
Alice Dismore  
Robert Baker
### Washington County, Names in the 1915 Educational Report

**McKnight Fort**
- E. D. Tatlock
- William McKnight
- John McKnight
- Raleigh Elliott

**Gibson Township**
- W. A. Thompson
- Joseph Lester
- Alvin R. Franklin

**Monroe Township**
- Vinnie Denny
- Lonnie Winslow
- Clara E. Unnewehr
- Hattie Cauble
- Marjorie Jamison
- Mary Borden
- Mary Ryan

**Franklin School Program**
- Arthur Fisher
- Stella Stewart
- Florence Plott

**Jackson Township**
- Lennie Martin
- Lee Naugle
- Greeta Bierly
- Daisy Roberts
- Fillmore Hein
- Bonnie Karnes
- Golda Hottell
- John Roberts
- Aley Brock
- Walter Bell

**Howard Township and Others**
- M. U. Huff
- Mrs. Edgar D. Rush
- Juanita Durnil
- Hazel Dean
- Helen Schaffer
- Gladys Wyman
- John A. Beck
- Lawrence Beck

- Albert Winslow
- Robinson McKnight
- Charles McKnight
- William Tokay
- Clarence Hawn
- Mima Huckelberry
- Carrie Ryan
- Myrtle Denny
- Gladys Jackson
- Gayle Jackson
- Charly [Wenny/Denny]
- Charly Bru[nal?]?
- Irene Sifers
- Bernard Motsinger
- Edward Walters
- Lillian Voyles
- W. T. Roberts
- Ovel Corn
- Ida Sloan
- A. B. Frantz
- Pearl Bartlett
- Nada Blackman
- Estella Bartlett
- Bernice Graves
- Joe Hahn
- Polly Roberts
- Nelle Caspar
- Lillian Baker Jean
- A. C. Williams
- Roy Hardin
- Eva Lois Parlee
- C. H. Smedley
- Bertha Putoff
Lucretia Payne

The County Spelling Bee
Orra Hopper
Lee Mitchell
Susan Baynes
Gilbert Matthews
Edna Martin
Ralph Turner
Mabel Wright
Herman Gray

Bible Stories
Richard Brock
Doris E. Gibson
Bruce Hoar
J. Frank Hanly

Heacock Fruit Company
A. L. Stout
J. L. Tucker
F. J. Heacock
R. R. Newlon
Chas. Lindley

County Board of Education and Town School Boards
A. L. Freed
William Huston
William Wilson
Frank Beck
Chas. Winslow
Clyde Patton
Newton Booker
Augustus Miller
Elza Bartlett
Clyde Schleicher
Frank Crane
M. L. Smedley
Lemuel Purlee
Theo. Wilson
W. C. Shanks
Frank Summers
Ed. Woodward
Geo. Hedrick
Ed. Hughes
Harry Allen
E. E. Andrews
R. T. Ellis
Geo Harvey
Fred Summers
W. A. Hulgan
Rufus Mayfield
Jas. Denny
W. B. Bridgewater
W. S. Workman
Ezra McGrew
Jas. E. Coulter
N. S. Martin
Cicil T. Nale
H. C. Littell
Hiram Case
I. N. Holler
Barney Gould