

## Moberly HighSchool: Alumni



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### "From the 1922 Yearbook"

The school board purchased the piece of ground now occupied by the High School in the summer of 1876 and began the erection of the old "Central Building" which stood for years afterward on the corner of Johnson and Rollins street. This building was a large brick structure with a basement, two brick stories and a third one on each end of the building. This first permanent school building ever erected in Moberly, although begin in the summer of 1876, was not completed until March 1877.

On March 1877 was opened the first school taught in the Central School Building. It was in charge of Prof. N.E. Walker as principal and Room 8 was the highest grade. At the opening of the school in September 1878 the High School was organized by Prof. Marian Bigley, who was the first Superintendent of the Moberly Public Schools.

On the evening of December 5, 1894, the old Central Building took fire in some unknown way and burned to the ground. An issue of bonds was at once voted by the people for the purpose of erecting a new and modern High School building upon the same site. The "old" part of our present High School building was thus erected, which up luntil 1916 housed the Central Grade School on the first floor while only the second floor was given over to the High School. From the time of re-building after the fire until 1916 nothing was done to alter the original building, only the necessary repairs being made. But in the year 1916 a bond issue was voted and plans were made to build an addition to the old building.

In the fall of 1917 the new addition, which included an auditorium, study hall, three class rooms, and the superintendent's office, was finished, and when school began the high school students came into their own. With the grade school moved into their own building the High School had the use of the entire old building and the new.

Our auditorium is the best in the state. It seats about nine hundred people, and when the lower floor is needed for gym use, the seats are folded up and put away and Lo! and Behold! we have a wonderful gym and Basket-ball court.

The first commencement of the Moberly High School was held in the "wigwam," an immense frame building erected on the corner of Reed and Fifth streets, in the spring of 1880 to accommodate the Democratic State Convention which met in Moberly in May of that year. The "wigwam" seated about 3,000 people and a tremendous crowd packed the building commencement night. The graduating class consisted of Arthur Grimes and Will A. Rothwell, the former, salutatorian and the latter, valedictorian. The first presentation of diplomas ever granted from Moberly High School was made that night by Dr. W.A. Rothwell, president of the Board of Education, assisted by S.C. Mason, secretary of the Board.

Since that time over thirteen-hundred people have graduated from Moberly High School. From the somewhat incomplete records and information that could be procured, we have compiled the following list of alumni of M.H.S. There are many errors, but we have done our best, and we ask you, readers, not to be too severe in your criticism."

[This Linked Chart has all of the Years and Names of Students.](#)  
The notes that follow each Section of dates will be added here:

#### 1880 - 1891

Notes from John Wayland:

1 - Henry Terrill, who graduated in 1889, is found in the front of the 1922 MHS yearbook as on the Board of Education. With his brother, he owned and operated the "Terrill Bros. Shoes and Hosiery" store in downtown Moberly. Henry was born 3 Dec 1868 and died 16 Mar 1943. He and his wife are buried in the

Oakland Cemetery, Moberly. Henry's biography is in the "History of Randolph County, Missouri", 1920, page 262.

2- Goldena Mounce was the wife of Henry Terrill. She was born 30 Jan 1874 and died 24 May 1964. Henry and Goldena had the following children:

Ruth b. 6 Sep 1896, d 13 Jun 1989 m. Paul Stevenson

John Mounce b. 9 Jun 1897, d. 27 Mar 1985 m. Peg

Mary Emma b. abt 1902, d. aft 1984 m. Brice

Robert T. (Bob) b. abt 1907, d. aft 1984 (classmate of John T. Wayland, Sr.)

Dorothy b. 2 Dec 1910 d. Jan 1980

Martha b. 6 Nov 1913 d. 20 Jun 1992 m. Orval Cable

3- Vincent Terrill was the brother of the above Henry Terrill and in business with him at the Terrill Bros. store.

He was born 12 Apr 1871 or 70 and died Jan 1966. John has his daughter's original report cards. he went by

the nickname of "Vint". He m. Susie Reynolds and had one child, Anna Lou Terrill b abt 1917, m. a Jessup.

Henry and Vincent's sister, Anne Calvert Terrill, was John's father's mother, so these two were John's great (or grand) uncles. Their parents were John Robert Terrill and Ann Roberts and John can account for 9 children.



#### 1901 - 1909

John's notes: There is an error re: Susie Ratliff in the listings of the Classes of 1908 & 1909. Susie Ratliff is the daughter of George Nelson Ratliff, who on 14 May 1874 m. Julia Josephine Terrill. Julia was born 14 Jan 1851 and died 6 Jun 1945. Both are buried in the Moberly Cemetery. Susie married Joseph Richardson and had one daughter.

Susie's sister, Lola Ratliff, born 21 Apr 1876 and died 28 May 1964 on 17 Aug 1904 m. John Nicholas Wayland, born 10 May 1860, died 15 Mar 1921 (dates from Oakland Cemetery, Moberly). He is the son of

John Henry Wayland and Martha Willis Dysart. There is a "J.N. Wayland" shown as deputy recorder of deeds in Randolph County at the turn of the century, and signed most of the marriage documents then, and this is probably him. He married at age 44 to a 28 year old woman and they had two children: Adah Benton Wayland and John Nelson Wayland. John Wayland for more information on this family and if anyone knows who the Claire Terrill listed in the Class of 1906 is, also contact him.)

From Janet Seamon:

1) Winter "Daisy" Mangus, born 12/27/1887 in Saline County, Missouri.

Attended Moberly High School, 1907. She died on 08/15/1977 in Eufaula, Alabama. She never married.

2) Ethel Mangus, born 12/4/1890 in Farber, Missouri. Educated at Moberly High School in 1908. She died on 04/21/1991. She married Barney Stephens (son of Lewis Leonard Stephens and Margaret Fearis Stephens) on May 29, 1914. Barney Stephens was born in Monroe County on 03/09/1891 and died on 11/30/1970 in Columbia, Missouri. They had four children. I have the children's names & dates of birth.



#### 1910 - 1912

1 & 2 -Note from John: General of the Army Omar Bradley m. Mary Quayle, and this is probably the one. If someone has the birth and death dates for Mary and the name and dates for his second wife please send them to John Wayland. Mary "died at Walter Reed Hospital from acute leukemia 1 Dec 1965. Her obit says that she and her husband were members of the same high school graduating class, but did not date until after he entered West Point (US Military Academy). She taught school for two years in Minnesota following two years of college work there. She was graduated from the University of Missouri, Columbia, MO in 1916 and married the young Lieutenant Bradley that year. The obit mentions her daughter and five grandchildren by name. She was buried at Arlington National Cemetery. It is odd that Omar Nelson Bradley is not listed in the annual as her classmate, nor in the other classes, considering what her obit says. Maybe he attended a different high school.

Note from Ted: In General Bradley's autobiography "A Soldier's Story" he states that he graduated from Moberly High School in 1910 and worked a year at the Wabash shops before entering the Military Academy. For that reason, I have included him in the 1910 listing. He was born in Clark, Mo 12 February 1893 the son of a school teacher who died when Omar was 14. The father is buried in the Fairview Cemetery. The General died in (I believe) Fort Bliss, TX, 8 Apr 1981. General Bradley was one of 9 military officers promoted to the five star rank. The 9 were Generals of the Army Marshall, Eisenhower, MacArthur and Arnold (Army Air Force) and Admirals of the Fleet Nimitz, Halsey, King and Leahy. Bradley assumed the rank in 1950, the rest in the latter stages of World War II. Those holding the five star rank were never retired, they remained on "active duty" for life. The nine were not the highest ranking officer in the US Armed Forces; that distinction is held by another Missourian, General John Pershing who was promoted in World War 1 to the rank of General of the Armies. He could have worn as many stars as he cared to but chose four. Some historians contend that Ulysses S. Grant held that same rank first but it is highly disputed by most military historians.



#### 1919 - 1921

Notes by John, Class of 1919: 1. Mary Emma TERRILL was b. abt 1902, d. aft 1985. She m. a McBRICE and was living in Annapolis, MD in 1985 when brother J.M.'s obit mentions her. Mary was the dtr. of Henry Roberts TERRILL (class of 1889) and Goldena MOUNCE (class of 1890). Henry was the son of John Robert TERRILL and Anne ROBERTS.

2. John Vincent TERRILL was b. 24 Dec 1893, Randolph Co., MO and d. Aug 1987 in Amarillo, TX. Had at least two children, son and dtr. living in TX, but

wife is unknown. John was the son of Robert Greene TERRILL, b. 12 Oct 1866 Randolph Co., d. aft 1946. He went by the name of "Green." His wife was Lena HORNER, and his parents were John Robert TERRILL and Anne ROBERTS. Therefore, Mary Emma & John Vincent were first cousins.

Notes by John, Class of 1920: 1. Annabelle WAYLAND is the sister of my father. She was b. 24 Jul 1902 and d. 15 Dec 1970. On 9 Apr 1933 she m. Sam Brown ARMSTRONG, b. 20 Jul 1902, d. 6 Sep 1970. She was a school teacher and principal and Sam was a reporter and city editor of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch for many years.

A note from Ben Ornburn:

My father, Benedict Joseph Ornburn (note spelling of Benedict) was a member of the class of 1919 from Moberly HS. He was a civil engineer starting with the Missouri Highway Department after studying at MU and after jobs in the Texas oil fields and with a design firm in Kansas City, he became Bridge Engineer for the State of Montana in 1929. During World War II he went to Seattle with a railroad and completed his career as Asst. Chief Engineer of the Milwaukee Railroad in Chicago. Dad died in Skokie, Illinois (Chicago suburb) in 1967. He is buried in Moberly.



#### School Officials and Teachers

Board Of Education: A.B. Chamier, President - B.F. Self, Vice-President - H.R. Terrill,  
Secretary - Dr. A.M. Furnish, Treasurer - Forest Martin - Robert Kingsbury

Principal: John Gray Merideth

Teachers: Ara Appling - Bernice Beggs - Evelyn Beard - Lucille Chelalier - W.T. Crawford - Letta Mae Elliott - Effie Dossey - Margaret Green - Dorothy Havighurst - Courtney Jackson - Emilie Hicherson - Alliene Jones - Janice Martin - Deane Perley - George R. Mannon - Mrs. Raymond McDonald - Frances Robinson - Catherine Thurlo - Agnes Regan - Marion Sheldon - Alliene Tuggle - Ruth Westfall

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