

Rockingham Township: Fairview School, PRIGNITZ, REMPP, SEEMAN, et al photographs
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This collection consists of a total of eight images, five of which pertain to Fairview School, Rockingham Township School District, Scott County, Iowa. This one-room school was constructed in about 1875 and served grades 1-8 in the Rockingham Township School District. That district consisted of two schools, Fairview and Walnut Hill, and had its own Board of Education until it merged with the Davenport city school system on July 1, 1926. The school building continued to be utilized until H. M. Perry School was completed in 1953.

Four of the images are group portraits of the students and their teacher, and all are thought to be circa 1910-1920 based on the attire of the individuals. No photographer is provided for these images, and only one had identification listing the name of the teacher, a Miss McClure. The identification on an individual portrait of Grace REMPP, identified as a teacher at Fairview School, helps to date one of the group portraits, as Miss REMPP appears in the back row as the teacher. Based on census and vital record information, Grace REMPP would likely have been teaching sometime between 1915 and 1919.

At least three of the images are connected to individuals who lived on Bluff Road in Rockingham Township, Scott County, Iowa. The 1910 & '20 census listings indicate the Henry SEEMAN family consisting of wife Dora, daughter Mabel, and twin sons Charlie and Christian lived near the Fritz HOMANN and Fritz MEINBURG families. This could represent the connection of all photographs, which were donated by a HOMANN. The REMPP image has a handwritten note "To-Fritz from Grace". Fritz HOMANN has a son named Fritz who would be the same age as Grace REMPP and her twin sister, Ruth. Rounding out the neighborhood would be the SEEMAN family homestead image, and the young couple Albert C. and Hilda M. (MEINBURG) PRIGNITZ, who grew up within miles of each other and married in March of 1924.

The image of Albert C. PRIGNITZ in uniform can be dated to sometime soon after July 1918 when he boarded a train to Camp Pike in Little Rock, Arkansas as a member of the infantry in World War I and the next six months, as their wedding announcement in the newspaper states he spent six months in service. The image of Hilda M. (MEINBURG) PRIGNITZ was probably taken around the time of their marriage in 1920. Hilda died in 1931. There is no image with their wedding write-up nor with her obituary.

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The eighth image which has not been connected to the others is of the Mississippi River Lock & Dam 19 and the Hydroelectric Powerhouse in Keokuk, Iowa. This image was taken by Herman M. ANSCHUTZ, noted as the official photographer for the dam construction project. The cofferdam was completed in July 1912 and a 1915 photographic postcard does not have the buildings featured in this image, so a date of post-1915 would be most likely.

Photographer	Approximate date	color	Approximate size	Details	Accession
Studio Deluxe 212 ½ West 2 nd Davenport	1915-1919	B&W	3 x 7.25" enclosure- image is 2 x 6"	Young woman wearing glasses; dark hair; dark dress with long sleeves and sash belt; wide lighter-colored collar; woman is posed standing by window; enclosure is dark brown and has handwritten note on right side of image "To-Fritz from Grace" in ink; below in pencil is written "Remp"; archival enclosure reads "Grace Remp, teacher at Fairview School, Rockingham"	1997-06
"Anschutz Photo" Anschutz, Herman M.	Aft 1915	Sepia	6 x 10"	Mississippi River Lock and Dam 19 and Hydroelectric Powerhouse at Keokuk, Iowa; Herman M. Anschutz was the official photographer for the dam construction project; image is in poor condition; wide shot, providing a nice view of the area.	1997-06
Ewing Inc- Camp Pike	1918-1919	Sepia - silvering	2.5 x 6" image 3.75 x 7.5 enclosure	Young man in World War I military uniform; full length; stands facing photographer; handwriting on verso identifies "Ollie Prigniz - Albert"; There is no Ollie Prigniz in census or WWI draft registration cards, but there is an Albert C. PRIGNITZ from Rockingham Township, Scott County, Iowa. He is noted in the Daily Times newspaper on July 25, 1918 as being one of the men from Scott County being sent to Camp Pike, Little Rock, Arkansas which was an infantry training camp later known as Camp Joseph T. Robinson. Albert C. PRIGNITZ married twice and retired as a farmer in Scott County. He died in February 1966.	1997-06

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Free, Frank Davenport, IA	Ca 1920	Sepia	4 x 6" image with wrap style enclosure	Head and shoulders portrait of young woman with dark curly hair. She is wearing a single strand of pearls and a light colored blouse with a large flat collar and buttons down the front. The image is in good condition. Handwritten on verso is "Hilda Memberg ? Prigniz". Research indicates this is likely Hilda Marie MEINBURG who married Albert C. PRIGNITZ in March of 1920. She was the daughter of Fritz and Anna (SASS) MEINBURG and grew up in Rockingham Township on Bluff Road. Born in 1898, she died suddenly in 1931 at the age of 33. If this image was taken around the time of her marriage she would be about 22-years-old.	1997-06
Unknown	Ca 1910	B&W	5 x 7" image 8 x 10" card	Handwritten on Verso of card "Seamann's"; image of 2 story house with a front porch and shutters on the windows. There is a large bench in the yard in front of the porch where a man and woman are seated. There are two small boys of nearly the same size and one young man standing behind them. It seems probable this is the Henry Seeman family, neighbors of the Homann, Prignitz, Meinburg and Rempp families in Rockingham Township, Scott County, Iowa per the 1910 and 1920 census listings. Wife Dora and twin sons Charles and Christian are likely pictured. The young man's identity cannot be speculated upon other than perhaps a hired man. The house is in very good condition. There are no leaves on the trees.	1997-06
Unknown	Ca 1915- 1919	Sepia	5 x 7" image 8 x 10" card	Group portrait of students at Fairview School, Rockingham Twp., Scott Co., IA; two rows of students are standing, a row is kneeling and a row is sitting in front, each holding a hat. They are posed with their teacher, resembling Grace REMPP, on the steps of a building, presumed to be Fairview School. The card is stained in some places and has a dark brown decorative border around the image, which is rather faded and poor quality.	1997-06
Unknown	Ca 1910- 1920	Sepia	4.25 x 6.5" image 8 x 10" card	Group portrait of students at Fairview School, Rockingham Twp., Scott Co., IA; handwriting on verso: "Picture of the Fair View School taken while Miss McClure was teacher"; quite faded and in poor condition; three rows of children standing and front row sitting on steps of a building, presumably the school house.	1997-06
Unknown	Ca 1910- 1920	Sepia	4 x 5.5" image 7 x 8" card	Group portrait of students at Fairview School, Rockingham Twp., Scott Co., IA; taken outdoors with three rows of youngsters standing on an incline with a building in the background, probably the school.	1997-06
Unknown	Ca 1910- 1920	Sepia	5 x 7" image 8 x 10" card	Group portrait of students at Fairview School, Rockingham Twp., Scott Co., IA; Three rows of students standing and one row seated in front, cross-legged. Posed on steps with a building visible behind them; image quite faded; card stock is chipped and corner is broken off	1997-06

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No Hostetler images listed with these surnames.
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