

NEWSLETTER

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**ALL NEW METAMORA
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SOON! ...

**INCLUDING NEW COLOR
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ALL NEW SCENES!

Each pack has 10 cards –

- **Color Packs** – 2 cards each of 5 different scenes - \$6 a pack
- **Black and White** – 10 separate scenes - \$5/pack

Cards may be purchased at Commerce Bank, Historic Grounds, the Metamora Library, or by contacting any of the board members listed below.



Thanks to Sue Mischler for sharing the above picture and information about Jim's grandfather, John, and Bob and Julie Schertz for supplying the background below. The farm house, owned by John Smith, was located where Darryl Bachman lives on Rt 116. The house in the picture was later replaced by the brick house.

This picture was taken ca. 1909. Area farmers would team up to help their neighbors during the harvest. This threshing machine was used to separate oats from straw. The steam engine powered the thresher. The oats were cut in the field and hauled by horse-drawn wagon to the thresher to be processed. The thresher and steam engine did not go out into the field.

Pictured from left to right are -
Anna Schertz Schertz. (Ray's sister who married Louis C. Schertz); Mabel and Beulah Schertz (daughters of Ben Schertz - Ray's brother); Third girl standing - unknown

Kate Belsy Schertz (wife of Ben Schertz) holding daughter Eunice Schertz; Alta Smith (daughter of John Smith) later married Alpheus Moser; Next two girls standing are unknown

John W Schertz standing behind the girls (John W. was Mildred Schertz's father); Man standing next to John Schertz with his hand on the machine is unknown
Arthur H. Schertz sitting on the wheel of the steam engine (brother of Ray);

John Mischler holding the pitch fork (John Mischler was born in Berne, Switzerland, in 1878 and came to America when he was 20 years old in 1898. He settled in the Metamora and Roanoke area and married Mary Bill.)

Man standing next to John Mischler is unknown; Louis Schertz holding baby. The baby might be Lou's daughter Mildred Smith. Lou was married to Ray's sister, Anna

Three young boys sitting on top of the thresher are unknown; Two young boys sitting on the front end of the thresher are unknown. Ray Schertz would have been about 16 years old and may be in the picture but is not known if he was present.

What's New...

Sharing your old pictures, stories, etc. is ALWAYS welcome!! Please contact us if you would like to share yours...!

- An 1898 post-marked letter donated by Carl Volz
- A chair from Mary Ellen Alig
- An extensive set of funeral cards and history books from Murlene Kramer (some funeral cards date to at least 1917 and include the Harold Garber card from 1943)
- A 1974 souvenir spoon from Mary Curry

Teacher's Contract - 1923...

These requirements might make it a little hard to staff the school today!

No wonder one teacher taught the entire school!!

The teacher will receive \$75 a month for 8 months.

Miss _____ agrees:

1. Not to get married. This contract becomes null and void immediately if the teacher marries.
2. Not to keep company with men.
3. To be home between the hours of 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. unless in attendance at a school function.
4. Not to loiter downtown in ice cream stores.
5. Not to leave town at any time without the permission of the chairman of the board of trustees.
6. Not to smoke cigarettes. This contract becomes null and void immediately if the teacher is found smoking.
7. Not to drink beer, wine or whiskey. This contract becomes null and void immediately if the teacher is found drinking beer, wine or whiskey.
8. Not to ride in a carriage or automobile with any man except her brother or father.
9. Not to dress in bright colors.
10. Not to dye her hair.
11. To wear at least two petticoats.
12. Not to wear dresses more than two inches above the ankles.
13. To keep the school room clean -
 - a. To sweep the classroom floor at least once daily,
 - b. To scrub the classroom floor at least once weekly with hot water and soap,
 - c. To clean the blackboard at least once daily,
 - d. To start the fire at 7 a.m. so the room will be warm at 8 a.m. when the children arrive.
14. Not to use face powder or mascara or paint the lips.

[This is a transcription of a mimeograph of what is purported to be a teacher's contract of 1923. It was brought into the Woodford Historical Society by Bob Bradle in January 2016. Thanks to the Woodford County Historical Society which published it in their Spring 2016 Newsletter.]

Contact Us

Questions, ideas - Love to hear from you

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