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# ALBION TEACHERS OF THE PAST

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**W**ritten on the back of this photo are the words Teachers — Albion.

This, however, is a little misleading, as not all the women pictured were teachers.

Judging from who is there and their dresses, it is fair to assume this picture was taken in the early 1930s. It was probably a gathering of Albion's female faculty and wives of the men faculty.

The picture was likely taken in the home of Carl I. Bergerson, superintendent of schools, since there is a photo of him on the mantel.

Some of those attending this party are:

Front row, left to right: Gladys Pedler, teacher in charge at the grammar school; Carrie Pratt, elementary teacher; Hazel Bergerson, wife of Carl Bergerson who is holding their dog; and Hazel Ganiard,

high school teacher (later Mrs. Charles D'Amico); unidentified and Mrs. Charles D'Amico who died fairly young. Mr. D'Amico was first a science teacher and later became high school principal.

In the second row, left to right: unidentified; unidentified; Miss Adams, history; Irva Wright Smith, English and senior advisor; Jesse Valnia, Latin; Ida Larwood, elementary and Irene Harrigan, American history and French.

The third row: Stevens (unknown first name); Julia McGuire, business office; unidentified; Christine Felkins, mathematics; Mary Allen (later Trumble), music; Doris Spierdowis, wife of coach Michael Spierdowis; Sadie Britton, mathematics and Doreen Sundell, art.

Back row: Lillian Achilles, librarian at Swan Library; unidentified; unidentified; and Helena Hogan, eighth grade English.



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Of the identified ones here, all are now deceased. Miss Sundell was the last one, who died within the last couple of years at her home in Jamestown. She was in her late 90s. Some of these people have been deceased for many years, including Lillian Achilles, who died in 1941.