Schoolteachers, continued

Earle S. Shaw (1880-1961)
Earle was a 5th generation Shaw born in Bath Township. He taught at Hurd’s Corners and Bath Center Schools prior to his marriage.
Earle farmed land west of Ghent; later purchasing a farm on Cleveland-Massillon Road.
He served as township clerk for twenty years, and was known for his prudent use of township funds. Earle was a long-time member of the Masons and the Grange.

Joyce Souders (1917-2000)
Joyce was born in Medina, married, had two children and moved to Bath Township.
She taught school in Springfield Township, Stow, and Akron before teaching at Hillcrest School for 17 years. At Hillcrest she taught second grade and pioneered the Neurologically Handicapped Program.
Joyce was active in church, education honoraries, and teacher associations. She was a Martha Holden Jennings Scholar.

Bath Center Cemetery
A History

The first burial here reportedly was in 1812. The land was from the original Connecticut Western Reserve. In 1916 the Bath Center Cemetery Association was given control of the cemetery including setting fees for lots and reviewing cemetery affairs. In 1940 a sexton was hired to care for the cemeteries in Bath. Bath Township has made many upgrades to the appearance of the site. For more information on Bath Center Cemetery, contact: Sexton Karen Beres at 330.666.4007.

Acknowledgements

Bath Township
Bath Township Historical Society
Bath Township Museum
Cemetery Tour Committee
Sam’s Club

Brochures of other Bath Township tours are available at: www.bathtownship.org

Located at
Bath and Cleveland-Massillon Roads
in Bath Township, Ohio
**Celeste M. Alexander (1882-1968)**  
Born in Bath Township, Celeste married into another early family of Bath and had two children. She taught for 7 years in Springfield, Bath Township, and Richfield Schools, namely Centennial School on Revere Road. The family moved to Akron and in 1938 she opened Alexander’s Health Foods store downtown. Celeste was active in the Home and School League, church, and Grange.

**Olive B. Alleman (1893-1971)**  
Olive was born in Cleveland. She taught at Hammond’s Corners School and lived most of her life in the house just south of the school on Cleveland-Massillon Road. She married and had one son. Olive later taught third grade for a total of 34 years at the Bath Elementary School building. She was active in church, garden club, and the Bath Worthwhile Club.

**Peter W. Boltz (1837-1896)**  
Peter was born in Pennsylvania and moved to Bath Township with his small family in the mid 1860’s. He taught at McAllister School, and farmed the land east of the intersection of Revere and Yellow Creek Roads where his family grew to 11 children. He was elected to the school board at McAllister, but did not finish his term. He died of pneumonia following a fire at the family’s home.

**Ethel Worden Davis (1888-1967)**  
Ethel was born in Bath Township where her family lived and operated a general store on Medina Line Road south of Bath Road. She taught 7 years at Farrow’s Corners School before marrying and having one daughter. Ethel’s second home was on the Barker-Davis Farm on Cleveland-Massillon Road. She was active in church, garden club, and the Bath Worthwhile Club.

**Elizabeth Fisk Freeman Barker Grosh (1891-1980)**  
Elizabeth was born in Cleveland and moved to Ghent at the age of four. She taught at East Bath, Hurd’s Corners, Ghent and Bath Elementary Schools. She enjoyed 17 years of teaching in the red brick building as she raised her five children. Following the death of her first husband, she married a minister and lived in her family’s woolen mill on Granger Road. She was active in church, senior citizens and the Grange.

**Merle Parsons Parker (1890-1919)**  
Merle’s father and his oldest son farmed the land on the west side of Cleveland-Massillon Road, south of Bath Road. Her mother, sister, and brother died when she was a child. Following her graduation from Bath High School, Merle taught at Hurd’s Corners and later East Bath School. Her marriage to Evan Parker lasted until her early death from pneumonia due to influenza.

**Roy M. Pugh (1893-1978)**  
Roy was born in Monroe County, OH where his father was a teacher and school administrator. After serving in WWI, Roy came to Bath High School to teach science, and married one of the graduating seniors. They lived on Cleveland-Massillon Road. He served as a teacher, principal, and superintendent for a total of 40 years in Bath Township districts. Roy was active in church, Goodtime Club, and Bath Township Historical Society. He collected and sold antiques and painted.