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## Boyd H. Graeber

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## Boyd H. Graeber

I recently made a stop to my college's Special Collections & University Archives. Boyd H. Graeber had attended Iowa State Teachers College or I.S.T.C. (what is now known as University of Northern Iowa), around the early 1920s. His daughter, Susan Cagni, had found an old memory book of his and sent it to UNI in 2012. Seven years later, I was assigned to take a look at it and see what details I could pull from it.

Boyd attended the I.S.T.C. for two semesters and stayed in his dormitory over summer months. He must have been very close with his "inmates" in Bernard, for he had many "friends o' mine" entries in the front of his memory book and Boyd also had filled the entire



memory book of photos of his friends and people he knew going to school at that time. He even had a picture of President Seerley in this book ammongst other pictures of his friends. These days, I really doubt the school president would want me to take a picture of him just to put it into a book I would keep forever. But times like now, it is unnecessary due to the fact the technology is so different from now and the 1920's. Bernard Hall was the off campus residence of Boyd while attending school at I.S.T.C. He had taken many photos of his "inmates" inside and outside of the home. There were many group photos taken on the porch of Bernard, and even a group photo was taken on May-Day of 1922.

*Friends O' Mine*

<i>Will Make Short O' Mine</i>	<i>Their Home Town</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>How 'T Lipo O' Mine Show</i>
<i>Dr. H. Winters</i>	<i>Independence</i>	<i>Jan 6 1923</i>	
<i>Joe Flynn</i>	<i>Waucoma Iowa</i>	<i>Aug 27 1923</i>	<i>Remembers the full doctor and so on.</i>
<i>John to Hunt</i>	<i>Deshler Iowa</i>	<i>May 27 1923</i>	<i>"WAIT A MINUTE"</i>
<i>Charles McKeown</i>	<i>Hopkirk Iowa</i>	<i>May 25 1923</i>	<i>He says he is a good friend of mine and I am a good friend of his. He says he is a good friend of mine and I am a good friend of his.</i>
<i>William C. Conrad</i>	<i>Sully Iowa</i>		<i>He says he is a good friend of mine and I am a good friend of his.</i>
<i>Thomas C. Ryan</i>	<i>Waucoma Iowa</i>		<i>He says he is a good friend of mine and I am a good friend of his.</i>
<i>Waddy Spalden</i>	<i>Wada-Lalor</i>		<i>He says he is a good friend of mine and I am a good friend of his.</i>
<i>J. Emile Harris</i>	<i>Iowa</i>		<i>He says he is a good friend of mine and I am a good friend of his.</i>
<i>Frank S. Adams</i>	<i>Waucoma Iowa</i>		<i>He says he is a good friend of mine and I am a good friend of his.</i>

The first of many "Friends O' Mine" page



" Bernard Inmates Summer" 1922



Bernard Hall May-Day 22'

Another large detail of this memory book was that maybe Boyd attended or participated in a May-Day parade. He must have taken a picture of every float in the parade. There was a picture of many floats made by many different companies of people. The photo that I looked more into detail with was a float made by an art team or an art department of some sort. This float was made on top of an old car, and was covered in flowers with the word "ART" made in flowers on the side of the float. Each float was different, and I could not decipher if he had worked on a float himself or not.



"Art Float" May-Day 1922

Boyd never really made himself apparent in this book. I never was able to find a clear picture of him, for he never labeled pictures of himself. The only picture to come close of recognition was a photo of him, his siblings, and his parents, titled "The Family". But why would he need to make himself known? After all, it was a book made for him to remember his friends and times at school.



"The Family"

Find more information about the [Boyd H. Graeber Scrapbook](#) at UNI Special Collections & University Archives.

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Here are some extra photos from the archives.



# "Friends O' Mine"

Will Make Their (X) Here	Their Home Town	Date	Here "A Lino O' Good Cheer"
Dustin H. Winter	Independence	Jan 6, 1923	
Joe Flynn	Waucoma Iowa	May 28, 1923	Remember the game Lusher beat T.C. 15-0.
John L. Hunt	Nashua, Iowa	May 28, 1923	"WAIT A MINUTE"
Claude M. Swanson	Madrid Iowa	May 28, 1923	Never forget your old friends that made you famous and rich. Remember Doctor's hills.
William C. Conradi	Sibley Iowa		"A friend in need, is a friend indeed." Hatched for a meeting of the Poughkeepsie Club at 25.7.5 in 1923.
Norman L. Pope	Hartwick Iowa		If you ever get married, and your wife gets cross. Pick up the book and show her who's boss.
Muddy Spalcher	Bedard LaPorte		
S. Everett Harris	Mayfield Iowa		"Dish wrestler" Harris
Mrs. H. L. Adams	810-11-25 St Cedar Falls Ia		Boyd. When you see country use your friends. country the H.T. (potatoes pulley)











