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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





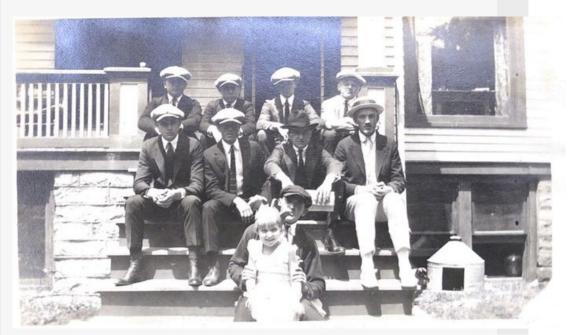
memory book of photos of his friends and people he knew going to school at that time. He even had a picture of President Seerley in this book ammoungest other pictures of his friends. These days, I really doubt the school president would want me to take a picture of him just to put it into a book I would 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.

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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 <u>Boyd H. Graeber Scrapbook</u> at UNI Special Collections & University Archives.

Here are some extra photos from the archives.

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