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## ESTRYL ADAMS' SHADELAND SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS CA. 1920S–1930S

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

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## BIOGRAPHICAL AND HISTORICAL SKETCHES

**Estryl Romaine Adams Brunson** was a teacher at Shadeland School in Warren Township in Marion County, Indiana. She was born in Indiana on 29 March 1899 to William H. and Anna K. Toon Adams. At the time of the 1900 census the family lived with Anna's father, John M. Toon, a farmer, in Warren Township of Marion County, Indiana. Also in the household were another daughter and two sons of John, and John's father, Henry J. Toon.

By 1910, Estryl's parents owned their own home in Warren Township, and Estryl had a brother, Clayton M. Adams, about three years younger than she. William was working as a railroad mail carrier. Shortridge High School in Indianapolis lists Estryl as a 1917 graduate with plans to attend Butler University. By 1920, William had died. Estryl had become a public school teacher, her mother worked in a department store, and her brother did repairs in an auto shop. The three of them lived together on LaSalle Street in the Center Township of Indianapolis. In 1930 Estryl and her mother were living at 1925 Houston Street in Center Township. Anna was working as a tax assessor and Estryl was teaching.

Sometime between 1933 and 1940 Estryl married widower Keith O. Brunson (1906–1977). In 1940 he was a grocer and she was still teaching. Estryl died 27 June 1989 in Indianapolis.

**Shadeland School** was erected in 1911 on the southeast corner of 30th Street and Shadeland Avenue. At first named Fisher School, the name was changed to Shadeland in 1914. The original building was a two-story brick structure with four rooms, two on each floor. Enrollment grew in 1914 with the addition of high school students, and a wing was soon added to the building. With this addition, the school had space for two grades per room. School was conducted from 8am till 4pm, with 20-minute recess periods at the start of the day and at 2pm, with an hour for lunch from noon till 1pm.

The first principal of Shadeland was Earl Tollin. Later principals included a Mr. Beeman and a Mr. Sullivan for the elementary school and a Mr. Kepler and Clara Thormyer for the high school. In the early years, Shadeland students enjoyed the music of pianist Edith Carr as they lined up in front of the school and marched in an orderly manner to their classrooms at the end of recess and at lunchtime.

In 1924 Shadeland became strictly an elementary school when students in grades seven through twelve moved temporarily to Cumberland High School and then to Warren Central High School upon its completion. In 1956 a portable building was erected on the grounds of Shadeland School to accommodate overcrowding. Shadeland remained an elementary school until Sunny Heights Elementary School was completed in 1957. The Shell Oil Company bought the school grounds on 2 December 1959, and the Shadeland School was torn down.

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## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection consists of 23 photographs of elementary students and teachers at Shadeland School in Warren Township in Marion County, Indiana, ca. 1920s–1930s. These photos had belonged to one of the teachers, Estryl R. Adams (later Estryl Brunson), and she appears in all of the photos. There is one portrait of Estryl Adams; the rest are group portraits. Only three photographs have students identified. There are group photos of teachers from 1926 and 1931; none of the other teachers are identified. Some photos are identified by year, but some seem to be incorrect guesses, with more than one class photo identified as being from the same year. In some of the class portraits there appear to be students of different ages. In different years Estryl Adams taught different grade levels, and some of the same students appear to have been in her class more than one year.

## SERIES CONTENTS

### Series 1: Estryl R. Adams and Other Shadeland School Teachers

CONTENTS	CONTAINER
Portrait of Estryl R. Adams.	Box 1, Folder 1
Group of Shadeland teachers standing outside school building: 5 women and 1 man. Only Estryl Adams is identified. November 1926. Two slightly different shots of the same group; one mounted, one not.	Box 1, Folder 1
Group of Shadeland teachers standing outside school building: 9 women and 2 men. Only Estryl Adams is identified. Taken during the 1931–32 school year.	Box 1, Folder 1

### Series 2: Estryl R. Adams and Students in Classroom

CONTENTS	CONTAINER
Estryl Adams standing in back of classroom with 33 unidentified sixth-grade students seated at desks. October 1928. Two copies.	Box 1, Folder 2

### Series 3: Group Photos of Estryl R. Adams and Students

CONTENTS	CONTAINER
[Ca. 1920] Names signed on back. Grade Four: Dorothy <b>Ryan</b> , Herschell <b>Jones</b> , Mildred <b>Yorger</b> , Roy <b>Quakenbush</b> , Charles <b>West</b> , Vissle <b>Kostoff</b> , Marion <b>Shearer</b> , Francis <b>Smith</b> , Delbert Ray <b>Sherer</b> , Mary Grace <b>Sperling</b> , Hubert <b>Harding</b> , Walter R. <b>Perry</b> , Henrietta Alice <b>Jett</b> , John <b>Berry</b> , Viva <b>Clarke</b> , Marion W. <b>Askren</b> , Alice <b>Waddell</b> [?], A [?] <b>Maholm</b> , Fay [?] [unreadable]. Grade Three: Anna May <b>Wilkison</b> , Emerson <b>Sperling</b> , Bert <b>Barnes</b> , Madeline <b>Hodge</b> , Woaneta <b>Franke</b> [1912–1921], Paul Dana <b>Brewer</b> , Ruth <b>McLean</b> , Clarence <b>Duvall</b> , Harriet <b>Kesler</b> , Joseph <b>Irwin</b> , Esther <b>Jacobs</b> , John <b>Clarke</b> , Virginia <b>Quakenbush</b> , Vincent <b>Dowden</b> , Paul <b>Longest</b> , Mildred <b>Jones</b> , Joseph <b>Askren</b> , Clementine <b>Birnell</b> , Wm. Albert <b>Brown</b> , Marion J. <b>Askren</b> . Names are not matched to specific individuals in photo and not every student is named. Some of these same students appear to be in the class photo in folder 5 with 43 unidentified students.]	Box 1, Folder 3

Room 6, Grade 5B, October 1931. Names written on back. Left to right, bottom row: Estryl Adams (teacher), Clara June **Bosson**, Martha Jo **Cantwell**, Myron **Browne**, Orval **Goetz**, Gene **Foxworthy**, James **McClure**. Middle row: Lawrence **Schnabel**, John **Strange**, Edna **Rugenstein**, Frederic **McLean**, Billy **Dodd**, Orvelle **Fox**, Raymond **Fish**, Mary **Dugan**. Top row: Ernest **Knipe**, La Verne **Dyer**, Elsie **Scott**, Loyd **Handy**, Betty **Zook**, C.A. [Chester?] **McKamey**, Miriam **Lenig**, Nellie **Hankins**. Dorothy Yaryan was absent.

Box 1, Folder 3

[Ca. 1934] Names signed on back. Left to right, bottom row: Don **Hodapp**, Joe **Morgan**, Ruevelle **Alexander**, Dale **Brattain**, Donald **Beechler**, Joe **Dodd**, Robert **Bosson**, Jerry **Reynolds**. Second row: Joan **Winings**, Ruth **Dilley**, Eileen **McCormick**, Mary E. **Key**, Betty E. **Beaver**, Betty June **McLean**, Marilyn **Corey**, Margaret **Schmutte**, Nola **Hankins**, Norma **Thompson**. Third row: Robert **Waggoner**, Gretchen **Holman**, Josephine **Middleton**, Dorothy Jean **Linn**, Josephine **Helfer**. Top row: Harold **Stoeffler**, Donald **Williams**, William **Melick**, Jack **Gantz**, David **Sweetman**, Dean Paul **Bonnette**, Joseph **Middleton**. Not every student in the photo is identified.

Box 1, Folder 3

Estryl Adams and 41 unidentified students. Written on back: 1920–1921.

Box 1, Folder 4

Estryl Adams and 41 unidentified students. Crossed out on back: 1920–1921.

Box 1, Folder 4

Estryl Adams and 38 unidentified students. Written on back: 1924–1925(?).

Box 1, Folder 4

Estryl Adams and 27 unidentified students. Written on back: 1924–1925?

Box 1, Folder 4

Estryl Adams and 24 unidentified students. Written on back: 1925–1926.

Box 1, Folder 4

Estryl Adams and 37 unidentified students. Includes what appears to be identical twin sisters. Written on back: 1926.

Box 1, Folder 4

Estryl Adams and 38 students, including what appears to be twin brothers, n.d. Written on back: Room 7.	Box 1, Folder 5
Estryl Adams and 40 unidentified students, n.d.	Box 1, Folder 5
Estryl Adams and 40 unidentified students, n.d. Written on back: Room VI.	Box 1, Folder 5
Estryl Adams and 40 unidentified students, n.d.	Box 1, Folder 5
Estryl Adams and 43 unidentified students, n.d. [Some of these same students appear to be in the class photo in folder 3, ca. 1920.]	Box 1, Folder 5
Estryl Adams and 29 unidentified students, n.d. Three photographs: two copies of one shot, one slightly different of same class, n.d. Written on back of one: Room VI.	Box 1, Folder 6

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