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Scope and Content: Photographs of students and staff at Wynford Elementary Schools, which includes Mount Zion (Junior High), Holmes-Liberty (Intermediate), Lykens Elementary (Primary North), and Nevada Elementary (Primary South), in Wyandot and Crawford Counties, as taken from the Principal's Albums, 1983 to 2000.

Administrative history: *Excerpt taken from article published in OGN Spring 2022:*

"The immediate purpose of the Principal's Albums were to have a quick, ready-reference to match a name to a face or to see which students were in a certain teacher's class. With the issuance of a new album each year, the previous albums were to be kept into perpetuity as a permanent record of all students who attended that school. While some elementary schools were producing softcover yearbooks for students to purchase as early as the 1960s, for other schools the Principal's Albums were the only photographic documentation of students from a particular school year. In most cases, the old albums were moved to the school library or put into storage, occasionally being brought out for open houses, anniversary celebrations, or upon request of teachers or alumni.....

The story of the third consolidation, now known as Wynford Local Schools, dates back to about 1958 when the Holmes-Liberty, Lykens, and Mount Zion school districts in Crawford County and the Eden, Antrim, and Nevada school districts in Wyandot County were in danger of losing their charters, or the ability to issue high school diplomas. Over a number of years and subsequent elections, various proposals were offered to the voters about merging some or all of these districts together and/or merging some with Bucyrus or Upper Sandusky. The end result was that Eden and Atrim went with Upper Sandusky Exempted Village Schools and the remaining four districts, Holmes-Liberty, Lykens, Mount Zion, and Nevada, united to form Wynford Local Schools (WYN from Wyandot and FORD from Crawford).

A new Wynford High School opened in the fall of 1963 on Holmes Center Road west of Bucyrus and the original four school sites became grade schools, housing over the years various configurations of K-8 [see chart].

Principal's Albums as explained above were issued annually to each of the four grade school buildings-- Holmes-Liberty Intermediate, Mount Zion Junior High, Lykens Primary North, and Nevada Primary South—and remained in those buildings from 1964-2000, with the exception of Mount Zion* (see below).

By the late 1990s, the remaining three schools were all over 75-years-old and in need of replacement. Voters approved a levy to build a consolidated Wynford Elementary School on Holmes-Center Road to the north of the high school. The 1999-2000 school year was the last year in the old buildings. Classrooms and offices were moved during the summer of 2000 and this included the 30+ years of Principal's Albums from Holmes-Liberty, Lykens, and Nevada. These albums found a home at that time in the Wynford High School library along with the *Royale* yearbooks of WHS. The remaining contents and fixtures of the old buildings were auctioned off and all three were razed in the summer of 2001.

The 100+ Principal's Albums at the Wynford High School library were added to annually once again with one large Principal's Album for the newly formed Wynford Elementary School which contained grades K-6.

When the new Wynford High School was completed in the summer of 2020, a public auction was held to sell the contents and fixtures of the 1963 building before it was demolished in the fall of 2020. It was at this time that the administration of the Wynford Local School District chose to sell all of the Principal's Albums from 1960-2014 rather than move them to the new high school library or store them at the elementary school. The entire collection of Principal's Albums was purchased by WHS graduate Susan Hoffman Matthews who wanted to ensure they remained together as a collection and that their history was not lost. The collection was then purchased by the Ohio Genealogical Society in November 2021 made possible by a generous

donation from benefactors Sid & Patty Drumheiser of Grove City, Ohio. The collection also came with yearbooks from 1983-2000 which contain all of the four schools in one book. For this reason, the Principal's Albums for those years have been archived as MSS#[477]¹ and the albums from before 1983 and after 2000 placed within the yearbook collection on the shelf at the OGS library.

Wynford Elementary Schools

Mount Zion (Junior High): 1141 Mount Zion Road, Bucyrus

Built: 1918, 1951 Abandoned: 1992

Holmes-Liberty (Intermediate): 4401 SR 19/100 N., Bucyrus

Built: 1923-24 Closed: 2000 Razed: 2001

Lykens Elementary (Primary North): 6788 SR 19, Sycamore

Built: 1915, 1937 Closed: 2000 Razed: 2001

Nevada Elementary (Primary South): 200 W. South St., Nevada

Built: 1916-17 Closed: 2000 Razed: 2001

Wynford Elementary Schools Grade Configurations

	Holmes Liberty	Lykens	Nevada	Mount Zion
	(Intermediate)	(Primary North)	Primary South)	(Junior High)
1963-64	K-8	K-8	K-8	K-8
1964-65	K-8	K-8	K-8	K-8
1965-66	K-4	K; 5-8	K-4	K; 5-8
1966-67	K-4	K; 5-8	K-4	K; 5-8
1967-68	K-4	K; 5-8	K-4	K; 5-8
1968-69	K-4	K; 5-8	K-4	K; 5-8
1969-70	K-4	K; 5-8	K-4	K; 5-8

¹ Collection originally was given MSS 454, but was later changed to MSS 477

1970-71	K-4	K; 5-8	K-4	K; 5-8
1971-72	K-4	K; 5-8	K-4	K; 5-8
1972-73	K-4	K; 5-8	K-4	K; 5-8
1973-74	K-4	K; 5-8	K-4	K; 5-8
1974-75	K-4	K; 5-8	K-4	K; 5-8
1975-76	K-4	K; 5-8	K-4	K; 5-8
1976-77	K-4	K; 5-8	K-4	K; 5-8
1977-78	K-4	K; 5-8	K-4	K; 5-8
1978-79	K-4	K; 5-8	K-4	K; 5-8
1979-80	K-4	K; 5-8	K-4	K; 5-8
1980-81	K-4	K; 5-8	K-4	K; 5-8
1981-82	K-4	K; 5-8	K-4	K; 5-8
1982-83	K; 4-5	K-3	K-3	K; 6-8
1983-84	K; 4-5	K-3	K-3	K; 6-8
1984-85	K; 4-5	K-3	K-3	K; 6-8
1985-86	K; 4-5	K-3	K-3	K; 6-8
1986-87	K; 4-5	K-3	K-3	K; 6-8
1987-88	K; 4-5	K-3	K-3	K; 6-8
1988-89	K; 4-5	K-3	K-3	K; 6-8
1989-90	K; 4-5	K-3	K-3	K; 6-8
1990-91	K; 4-5	K-3	K-3	K; 6-8
1991-92	K; 4-5	K-3	K-3	K; 6-8
1992-93	; 4-6	K-3	K-3	Condemned

1993-94	; 4-6	K-3	K-3	Condemned
1994-95	; 4-6	K-3	K-3	Condemned
1995-96	; 4-6	K-3	K-3	Condemned
1996-97	; 4-6	K-3	K-3	Condemned
1997-98	; 4-6	K-3	K-3	Condemned
1998-99	; 4-6	K-3	K-3	Condemned
1999-00	; 4-6	K-3	K-3	Condemned

Extent: 1 flat photograph box

Access: No access restrictions.

Language: English

Provenance and Custodial History: 1. Lifetouch/National School Pictures presented to Wynford Elementary Schools at Lykens (North Primary); Nevada (South Primary); Holmes-Liberty (Intermediate), annually. Albums moved to Wynford High School Library in summer of 2000 after old elementaries were closed and razed. Albums sold at public auction under the direction of the Wynford Local School district in the fall of 2000. Albums purchased by Susan Hoffman Matthews. Albums purchased by Ohio Genealogical Society, 2021.

Box 1

File 0: Finding aid and notes

System of Arrangement: Each school year between 1982-83 and 1999-2000 are filed individually with the class pictures from the principal's albums in order: North Primary K-3; South Primary K-3; Intermediate 4-6. These are the years for which a yearbook was published featuring individual pictures of students from all four Wynford Schools [above three plus Mount Zion Junior High].

There is also one group from Nevada for the 1960-61 school year, K-8, without names. However these students are pictured in group by class in the 1961 *Reflector* yearbook of Nevada High School which is on the library shelf.

Key Words: Bucyrus, Ohio; Lykens, Ohio; Nevada, Ohio; Wyandot County; Crawford County.

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