

# Swartz Family Textbook Collection, 1880s-1970s

*repository:* Local History Room, Buchanan District Library, Buchanan, MI (<http://www.buchananlibrary.org/local-history-room>).

*finding aid:* Composed by Peter Lysy, January 2016.

*extent:* 2' 8" (3 boxes).

*scope and content:* Textbooks used in Buchanan (Michigan) Public Schools and nearby rural schools that were collected by Margaret Ann (Mickle) Swartz. Most of the books belonged to her husband Ralph Dean Swartz and his sister Evelyn Swartz and to their mother, aunts, and other relations; some of the remaining titles were used by Margaret when she was a teacher at Buchanan High School. Early on, families had to provide textbooks for their children to use at school, so many books were passed along between family members or purchased from advancing students, and later schools provided textbooks for student use, but both approaches had the same result, that textbooks were usually used by multiple students, explaining why many of the books bear the names of multiple owners.

*biographical sketch:* Ralph Swartz (28 September 1929 - 12 May 2012) and Evelyn Swartz (19 October 1927 - 28 August 2012), the children of Edward W. and Lelia Florence (Linsenmier) Swartz, grew up in Bertrand Township, Berrien County, Michigan, and attended Howe School and Buchanan High School. Despite their difference in age, they entered first grade together and both graduated high school in 1947. Ralph married the donor, Margaret Ann Mickle, in North Carolina in 1953.

Ralph and Evelyn's mother Leila Linsenmier (10 February 1888 - 27 April 1967) grew up in Buchanan Township and attended Wagner School.

Helen Wells (2 October 1900 - 24 May 1989) married their father's brother. She grew up in Buchanan Township and attended Buchanan High School.

Their aunts Alta Swartz (2 February 1899 - 6 May 1995) and Pearl Swartz (13 February 1903 - 27 February 2004) also grew up in Buchanan Township and attended Wagner School. Alta's married name was Snider and Pearl's was Fuller.

Second cousin Bertha Swartz (24 October 1891 - 31 January 1971) grew up in Buchanan Township and probably attended Buchanan High School.

Claude Weaver (12 August 1890 - 9 March 1903) was a friend of Helen Wells and may have attended Wagner School. He died at age 13 in a firearm accident at his home six miles north of Buchanan.

William Pierce Rough (29 May 1874 - 17 November 1948) grew up in Bertrand Township and possibly attended Howe School.

Emil Henry "Junior" Reinke (12 November 1916 - 18 December 2006) lived on Rynearson Road just east of Buchanan and attended Buchanan Elementary School.

Almeta Flanigan (8 June 1923 - 26 May 2005) attended Howe School in Bertrand Township. Her married name was Pruett.

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Textbook used by William Pierce Rough (born 29 May 1874), possibly at Howe School (Bertrand Township):

- volume:* 1/1 Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice. With Notes, Explanation Papers, and Plan of Preparation (Selected) / by Brainerd Kellogg (New York: Maynard, Merrill, & Co., 1882); inscribed "Will Rough".

Textbooks used by Lelia Linsenmier (born 10 February 1888), at Wagner School (Buchanan Township):

- volume:* 1/2 School Reading by Grades: Sixth Year / by James Baldwin (New York: American Book Company, 1897); inscribed "Lelia Linsenmier".
- volume:* 1/2 The American Word Book: Graded Lessons in Spelling, Defining, Punctuation, and Dictation / by Calvin Patterson (New York: American Book Company, 1897); inscribed "Lelia Linsenmier".
- volume:* 1/3 Bailey-Wiemer Series: Third Book or Comprehensive Arithmetic | American Comprehensive Arithmetic / by M.A. Bailey (New York: American Book Company, 1897); inscribed "Lelia Linsenmier" and "Raymond Linsenmier".
- volume:* 3/1 Natural Advanced Geography: Edition for Michigan and Wisconsin / by Jacques W. Redway and Russell Hinman (New York: American Book Company, 1901); inscribed "Lelia Linsenmier".
- volume:* 1/3 The New Busy Bee: A Music Reader Adapted to City and Country Schools. Containing a Systematic Course of Instruction in the Elements of Music / by J.F. Kinsey (Chicago: The Echo Music Company, 1901); inscribed "Lelia Linsenmier".
- volume:* 1/3 "The Great Stone Face by Nathaniel Hawthorne", Student Series of Four Penny Classics, volume 1, no. 5, April 1, 1900 / (Chicago: The Orville Brewer Publishing Co.); inscribed "Lelia Linsenmier".
- volume:* 1/3 "A Visit to the City of Washington", Student's Series of Four Penny Classics, volume 3, no. 35, November 15, 1901 / (Chicago: Orville Brewer Publishing Co.); inscribed "Lelia Linsenmier".
- volume:* 1/4 Webster's Handy Dictionary: A Handy Dictionary of the English Language; Giving The Spelling, Pronunciation, and Meanings of the Words, Useful Tables, The Metric System, Etc. and Many Engravings. From the Latest Edition of the Large Dictionary of Noah Webster / by Loomis J. Campbell (New York: American Book Company, 1877); inscribed "Lelia Linsenmier".

Textbook used by Claude Weaver (born 12 August 1890), possibly at Wagner School (Buchanan Township):

- volume:* 1/5 School Reading by Grades: Fourth Year | Baldwin's Readers: Fourth and Fifth Years Combined / by James Baldwin (New York: American Book Company, 1897); inscribed "Claude Weaver age 13 / Died Mar 9. 1903."

Textbook used by Bertha Swartz (born 24 October 1891), probably at Buchanan High School:

- volume:* 1/5 Bailey-Wiemer Series: Third Book or Comprehensive Arithmetic | American Comprehensive Arithmetic / by M.A. Bailey (New York: American Book Company, 1897); inscribed "Bertha Swartz".

Textbook used by Alta and Pearl Swartz (born 2 February 1899 and 13 February 1903) at Wagner School (Buchanan Township):

- volume:* 3/2 Natural School Geography: Edition for Michigan / by Jacques W. Redway and Russell Hinman (New York: American Book Company, 1907); inscribed "Pearl Swartz", "George Russell", and "Alta Swartz".

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Textbooks used by Helen Wells (born 2 October 1900) at Buchanan High School:

- volume:* 1/6 Manual of Orthography: Elementary Sounds / by H.R Pattengill (Lansing, MI: H.R Pattengill, 1913); inscribed "Helen Wells" and "Mrs. Ira Swartz".
- volume:* 1/6 Latin Composition for the Third Year / by Harry Fletcher Scott and Charles H. Van Tuyl (Chicago: Scott, Foresman & Company, 1917); inscribed "Helen Wells, B. H. S. '19".
- volume:* 1/7 First Latin Writer / by Mather A. Abbott (New York: American Book Company, 1904); inscribed "Helen Wells, B. H. S. '19" and "Billy Johnson".
- volume:* 1/7 Heath's Modern Language Series: Le Tour De La France Par Deux Enfants / by G. Bruno, abridged and edited by C. Fontaine (Boston: D.C. Heath & Co., 1901); inscribed "Helen Wells, Buchanan High '19".
- volume:* 1/8 The New Chardenal: A Complete French Course / by C.A. Chardenal, revised and rewritten by Maro S. Brooks (Boston: Allyn and Bacon, 1916); inscribed "Helen Wells, Buchanan High 1919".
- volume:* 1/8 First Principles of Chemistry Revised Edition / by Raymond B. Brownlee, Robert W. Fuller, William J. Hancock, Michael D. Sohon and Jesse E. Whitsit (Boston: Allyn and Bacon, 1915); inscribed "Helen Wells, B. H. S. '19".

Textbook used by an unknown student, possibly at Buchanan High School:

- volume:* 1/9 Secondary-School Mathematics Book II / by Robert L. Short and William H. Elson (Boston: D. C. Heath & Co., 1911); inscription is illegible.

Textbooks used by Emil Henry "Junior" Reinke (born 12 November 1916) at Buchanan Elementary School:

- volume:* 1/10 The Merrill Readers Second Reader / by Franklin B. Dyer and Mary J. Brady, illustrated by John Rae (New York: Charles E. Merrill Company, 1915); inscribed "Junior Reinke".
- volume:* 1/10 The Merrill Readers Third Reader / by Franklin B. Dyer and Mary J. Brady, illustrated by Rhoda Campbell Chase (New York: Charles E. Merrill Company, 1915) inscribed "Junior Reinke".
- item:* 1/11 Pumpkin and heart shaped greeting card made by "Junior Reinke" out of orange construction paper, early 1920s.
- volume:* 1/12 Reading Literature Second Reader / by Harriette Taylor Treadwell and Margaret Free, illustrated by Frederick Richardson (Chicago: Row, Peterson & Company, 1912); inscribed "Junior Reinke".

Textbook used by Almeta Flanagan (born 8 June 1923) at Howe School (Bertrand Township):

- volume:* 1/13 Elson Junior Literature Book Two / by William H. Elson, Christine M. Keck. and Mary H. Burns (Chicago: Scott, Foresman and Company, 1936); inscribed "Almeta Flanagan".

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Textbooks used by Evelyn and Ralph Swartz (born 19 October 1927 and 28 September 1929) at Howe School (Bertrand Township) and Buchanan High School:

- volume:* 1/14 The Pathway to Reading Primer / by Bessie Blackstone Coleman, Willis L. Uhl and James Fleming Hosis, illustrated by Maud and Miska Petersham (New York: Silver, Burdett and Company, 1932); inscribed "Evelyn Swartz" and "Ralph Swartz".
- volume:* 1/14 The Pathway to Reading First Reader / by Bessie Blackstone Coleman, Willis L. Uhl and James Fleming Hosis, illustrated by Eunice and John Stephenson (New York: Silver, Burdett and Company, 1925); inscribed "Evelyn Swartz" and "Ralph Swartz".
- volume:* 1/15 The Pathway to Reading Second Reader / by Bessie Blackstone Coleman, Willis L. Uhl and James Fleming Hosis, illustrated by Eunice and John Stephenson (New York: Silver, Burdett and Company, 1925); inscribed "Ralph Swartz" and "Evelyn Swartz".
- volume:* 1/15 The Pathway to Reading Third Reader / by Bessie Blackstone Coleman, Willis L. Uhl and James Fleming Hosis, illustrated by Eunice and John Stephenson (New York: Silver, Burdett and Company, 1925); inscribed "Evelyn".
- volume:* 1/16 Bobbs-Merrill Readers: The First Reader / by Clara B. Baker and Edna D. Baker, illustrated by Vera Stone Norman (Indianapolis: The Bobbs-Merrill Company, 1930); inscribed "Evelyn Swartz".
- volume:* 1/16 Bobbs-Merrill Readers: The Second Reader / by Clara B. Baker and Edna D. Baker, illustrated by Vera Stone Norman (Indianapolis: The Bobbs-Merrill Company, 1930); inscribed "Evelyn Swartz".
- volume:* 1/17 Curriculum Foundation Series: Elson-Gray Basic Readers Book Two / by William H. Elson and William S. Gray, illustrated by Donn P. Crane, Keith Ward, M.S. and A.F. Hurford, L. Kate Deal and Pauline B. Adams (Chicago: Scott, Foresman and Company, 1936); inscribed "Ralph Swartz".
- volume:* 1/17 Life Reading Service: Elson-Gray Basic Readers Book Four / by William H. Elson and William S. Gray (Chicago: Scott, Foresman and Company, 1936); inscribed "Ralph Dean Swartz".
- volume:* 1/18 Life Reading Service: Elson-Gray Basic Readers Book Five / by William H. Elson and William S. Gray (Chicago: Scott, Foresman and Company, 1936); inscribed "Evelyn Swartz".
- volume:* 1/18 Daily Life Language Series Book Three / by R. L. Lyman, Roy Ivan Johnson and A. Laura McGregor (Boston: Ginn and Company, 1934); inscribed "Roger Young" and "Evelyn Swartz".
- volume:* 1/19 The Merrill Speller Book Two / by J. Ormand Wilson and Edith A. Winship (New York: Charles E. Merrill Company, 1917); inscribed "Orval Miller" and "Evelyn Swartz".
- volume:* 1/19 The New Merrill Speller Intermediate Book / by Sterling Andrus Leonard and Edith A. Winship (New York: Charles E. Merrill Company, 1924); inscribed "Evelyn Swartz".
- volume:* 1/20 Strayer-Upton Arithmetics Lower Grades / by George Drayton Strayer and Clifford Brewster Upton (New York: American Book Company, 1928); inscribed "Ralph Swartz".
- volume:* 1/20 Strayer-Upton Arithmetics Lower Grades / by George Drayton Strayer and Clifford Brewster Upton (New York: American Book Company, 1928); inscribed "R. S." and "V. R.".
- volume:* 2/1 Elson Junior Literature Book One / by William H. Elson, Christine M. Heck and Mary H. Burriss (Chicago: Scott, Foresman and Company, 1932); inscribed "Marie Roberts", "Jack Pinkton(?)", and "Evelyn Swartz".

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Textbooks used by Evelyn and Ralph Swartz (continued)

- volume:* 2/1 Strayer-Upton Arithmetics Middle Grades / by George Drayton Strayer and Clifford Brewster Upton (New York: American Book Company, 1928); inscribed "Evelyn Swartz".
- volume:* 2/2 Essentials of Business Arithmetic / by Edward M. Kanzer and William L. Schaaf (Boston: D.C. Heath and Company, 1936); inscribed "Ralph Swartz '47" and "Howard Siekman '47-48".
- volume:* 2/2 Economic Geography (Third Edition) / by Z. Carleton Staples and G. Morell York (Cincinnati: South-Western Publishing Company, 1940); inscribed "Ralph Swartz '47".
- volume:* 2/3 The Earth and Its People Higher Book / by Wallace W. Atwood and Helen Goss Thomas (Boston: Ginn and Company, 1930); inscribed "Donald T. Longwood, Howe School, District 6, Bertrand Township, Michigan" and "Ralph Dean Swartz".

Textbooks stamped Buchanan Public / Community Schools and used by various students:

- volume:* 2/4 Laugh and Learn Grammar / by Irwin H. Braun, illustrated by Margaret Robinson (San Francisco: Harr Wagner Publishing Company, 1943); includes Buchanan Public Schools stamps which show book was assigned to "Linda Heyn", "Wanda", and "Bill Russell"; also includes the names "Janet Hennen", "Russell Skinner", and "Toin Boltti(?)" and "Buchanan School Library / Mar 30 1944" stamps.
- volume:* 2/5 The Ginn Basic Reader: Friends Far and Near Revised Edition / by David H. Russell and Gretchen Wulfing (Boston: Ginn and Company, 1957); includes Buchanan Public Schools stamps which show book was assigned to "Nepolian" and "Sandra".
- volume:* 2/6 English Grammar and Composition 10 / by John E. Warriner and Francis Griffith (New York: Harcourt, Brace and Company, 1958); includes Buchanan Public Schools stamps which show book was assigned to "Tom Polmounty", "Ed Wagner", "Phil Protzien", "Joan Moyer", and "Melvin Kain".
- volume:* 2/6 English Grammar and Composition 11 / by John E. Warriner and Francis Griffith (New York: Harcourt, Brace and Company, circa 1958); includes Buchanan Public Schools stamps which show book was assigned to "Irene Matlock", "Joanne Ward", "Janet Mitch", and "Lana Jane".
- volume:* 2/7 Latin for Americans First Book / by B.L. Ullman and Norman E. Henry (New York: The Macmillan Company, 1959); includes Buchanan Public Schools stamps which show book was assigned to "Bob Stibbs", "Kathy Fitzpatrick", and "Pat Greening".
- volume:* 2/8 20th Century Typing Advanced Course / by D. D. Lessenberry, T. James Crawford, and Lawrence W. Erickson (Cincinnati: South-Western Publishing Company, 1962); includes Buchanan Public Schools stamps which show book was assigned to "Carol Snelson".
- volume:* 2/9 20th Century Typewriting Complete Course / by D. D. Lessenberry, T. James Crawford, and Lawrence W. Erickson, assisted by Lee R. Beaumont and Jerry W. Robinson (Cincinnati: South-Western Publishing Company, 1967); includes a "District No. 61, Berrien County / Buchanan Public Schools" stamp.
- volume:* 2/10 Gregg Shorthand (Diamond Jubilee Series) / by John Robert Gregg, Louis A. Leslie, and Charles E. Zoubek, shorthand written by Charles Rader (New York: Gregg Division, McGraw-Hill Book Company, 1971); includes Buchanan Community Schools stamps which show book was assigned to "Pam Sherman", "Shebra Young", "Marie Granger", and "Brigitte Patton".

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- volume:* 2/11 Gregg Dictation (Diamond Jubilee Series) / by Louis A. Leslie, Charles E. Zoubek, and Madeline S. Strony, shorthand written by Charles Rader (New York: Gregg Division, McGraw-Hill Book Company, 1971); includes Buchanan Public Schools stamps which show book was assigned to "Sue Wesner" and "Judy Heran(?)".
- volume:* 2/12 Gregg Speed Building (Diamond Jubilee Series) / by John Robert Gregg, Louis A. Leslie, Charles E. Zoubek, and William Mitchell, shorthand written by Charles Rader (New York: Gregg Division, McGraw-Hill Book Company, 1972); includes Buchanan Community Schools stamps which show book was assigned to "Donna Canfield", "Jennie Barker", "Gayle Gibbons", and "Cindi Coultas".
- volume:* 2/13 Gregg Transcription (Diamond Jubilee Series) / by Louis A. Leslie and Charles E. Zoubek, shorthand written by Charles Rader (New York: Gregg Division, McGraw-Hill Book Company, 1972); includes Buchanan Community Schools stamps which show book was assigned to "Maureen McClellan", "Shebra Young", and "Stacy Siekman".