

Using U.S., School Yearbooks on Ancestry



ROSEMARY BLOOD "Molly"

Born, October 19, 1916; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Gym Exhibition, 2, 3; Usher, Senior Play; Decoration Committee, Junior Prom; Deccration Committee, Senior Ball.

"Why must the devil have all the good times."

SENIOR CHARACTERISTICS

NAME	THEME SONG	DOES	WANTS	GETS
Ralph Alexander	Underneath the Harlem Moon	Crack Jokes	To be a radio star	In Le Roy Minstrel Show
Edward Atherton	Carry Me Back to Old Virginny	Play ball	More baseball	More school
Marian Bater	My Dancing Lady	The tango	More clothes	A gigolo
Rosemary Blood	I Love Gardenias	Go out with sailors	More sailors	A chemistry professor
Lucile Bradley	Nothing Ever Happens to Me	Chatter	Excitement	Monotony
Pete Brust	Going to Heaven On a Mule	Strut	More sleep	Second hand clothing business

The O-At-Kan, Le Roy Central School, Le Roy, New York, 1934

Tips for Getting the Most from Yearbooks on Ancestry

Yearbooks offer a peek into your ancestors' lives, in a way that no other resource does, with candid glimpses of personality traits, interests, and education, during a time in their lives that we rarely see. There are currently more than 142,000 yearbooks in this unique collection and you can [search them all directly here](#). Here are some search tips to get you started.

- Take a peek under the hood first. Use the browse on the right to explore what yearbooks are available for the places your ancestor lived.
- Try a search by last name only, specifying the place he or she lived and his or her estimated year of birth. Your ancestor may have used a nickname or other moniker that you're not familiar with while in school, and yearbooks frequently used initials for first and middle names, so a last-name-only search will help you capture more references to your ancestor.
- If you're not having luck, focus on a state rather than the town: a big-city school may have actually been located in a suburb, and the school in a rural area might be in an adjacent municipality. [See tips for determining what school your ancestor attended here.](#)



Browse this collection

To browse this image set, select from the options below.

State

City

School Name

Year

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- Found your ancestor? Browse his/her entire yearbook for un-credited photos. Browsing can also help when you know the school name but searches for your ancestor at that school come up short. Also, browse to name indexes typically found in the back of yearbooks to see if there are additional photos not coming up in your searches.

Information you'll find and how to use it.

- Look at activities, interests, and awards. Any of these could signal newspaper coverage. Search Newspapers.com or the [Ancestry newspaper collection](#) and call your ancestor's hometown library for potential articles.
- Seek out siblings and sweethearts. Search for other people with the same surname who went to the same school—possible siblings or cousins. Also look for a future spouse. If you don't know a woman's maiden name, focus on her first name.
- Some yearbooks mention post-graduation plans, which may point you to a college yearbook, [military records](#), or a [city directory](#) in another town.