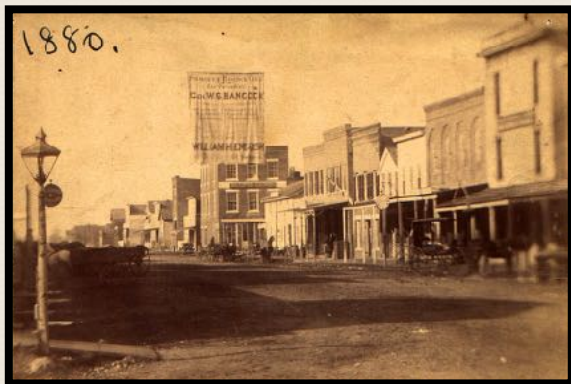


of *Colonial Women*, probably from her family remembrance, and “it was a pleasure to hear her good thoughts in clearly denounced words and expressive sentences. At the conclusion of her essay she was given quite an ovation, amid which a handsome bunch of roses was tendered her.”

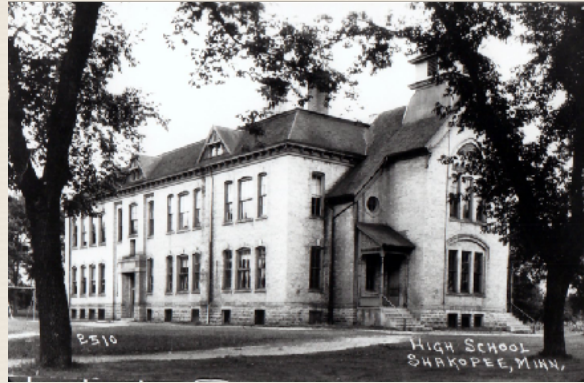
After Ida Dorothea Busse spoke, a few more songs, and Hon. William H. Eustis spoke for 45 minutes about his thoughts. Eustis likened the condition of his mind to his grandmother’s workbasket, in which there were spools many and varied, some with much wound upon them and some with less. Finally, William Willson presented the diplomas to Anna and Ida, and after the benediction by Reverend Ferguson, the audience was dismissed.

As for Anna Annabelle Pope? After graduation, Anna stayed in Shakopee for a short time, and on June 22, 1904 in Shakopee she married Arthur Hubert Alexander of Northfield. Arthur’s parents were Jonas C. Alexander and Eliza Jane Nichols Alexander.

Anna and Arthur moved to Waterford, Minnesota, and by 1910 they had moved Bucoda, Washington. In 1935 they moved to Soledad, in Los Angeles county.



Downtown Shakopee in 1880 from the Shakopee Heritage Society.



Anna Annabelle Pope Alexander died on July 31, 1957 in Los Angeles, California.

Her husband, Arthur Hubert Alexander died on August 23, 1962, according to *The Signal*, Santa Clarita, California on Thursday, August 8, 1957. He was buried in Los Angeles, next to the first graduate of Union School in Shakopee, Anna Annabelle Pope Alexander.



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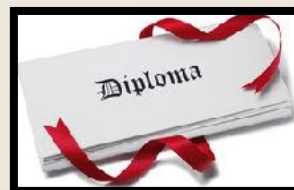
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Anna Annabelle
Pope Alexander
1878-1957



Ida Dorothea Busse and Anna Annabelle Pope Alexander was the first graduates of Union School, later called the Shakopee High School, in 1898. The two students received a diploma on June 7, 1895 after the state of Minnesota allowed the school to be a state high school because off the fact that the school was well-equipped and had a good rank among the schools in the state related to examinations.



Anna Annabelle Pope was born n Farmington, Minnesota on April 18, 1878. Her parents were Seymour Pope (1845-1907) and Mary Florence Williams Pope (1850-1931.) Anna's grandparents were Edmund Pope (1802-1858) and Jerusha Taylor Pope (1804-1851); and Jonathan D. Williams (1805-1857) and Elizabeth B. Matteson.

Anna Annabelle Pope great great great great great great grandfather, Thomas Pope, who was born in England on 1608 and died in Dartmouth, Massachusetts, was on the Mayflower, and came to Plymouth Colony as a settler-colonist, as several members of her relatives. Plymouth Colony (sometimes Plimouth) was the first permanent English colony in New England from 1620 to 1691 and the second permanent English colony in North America, after the Jamestown Colony, according to https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plymouth_Colony.

Another great great great great great grandparents of Anna were Ensign Jacob Mitchell (1645-1675) and Susannah Pope Mitchell (1649-1675.) Jacob and Susannah were involved in the King Philip's War, sometimes called the First Indian War, Pometacomet's Rebellion, or Metacom's Rebellion. It was an armed conflict in

in 1675–1676 between indigenous inhabitants of New England and New England settlers-colonists and their indigenous allies. The war is named for Metacom, the Wampanoag chief who adopted the name Philip because of the friendly relations between his father Massasoit and the Mayflower Pilgrims, according to https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/King_Philip's_War.

Ensign Jacob Mitchell and Susannah Pope Mitchell were slain by Phillip's warriors "early in the morning as they were going to the garrison, wither they had sent their children the afternoon before," according to **The New England Historical and Genealogical Register**, Boston at thee New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1847-. (Online database: AmericanAncestors.org, New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2001-2009.)

Anna Annabelle Pope, along with Ida Dorothea Busse, became the first graduates of Union School in Shakopee, in 1898. Students before them had graduated in Shakopee, but this was the first time that a state sign of approval based on the good rank among schools of the state in the matter of examinations, according to the **Scott County Argus**, May 23, 1898.

In the **Scott County Argus** on June 19, 1898, the first annual commencement of Union School happen on Tuesday evening, June 7, 1898 at the Lander Opera House on the corner of Holmes and First Avenue in Shakopee. The program was listened with wrapt attention by an audience "which tested the capacity of the big hall."

It started with a march by the stringed orchestra, made up of "mandolins, guitar, and 'cello." Anna and Ida marked in, along with the school board, Professional McBee, and the speaker, Hon. William H. Eustis. Reverend J.B. Ferguson invoked the Divine blessing. Then Mrs. R.P. Starr, in a piano solo, sang *Selections from Faust*.

According to the **Scott County Argus**, "The surprising ease and grace with which Mrs. Starr brings into play all the techniques of her art, at the same time never failing too express the thought of a composition, entitle her to her to high rank as a musician, and in the opinion of many she excels any pianist, professional or amateur, that has been heard in Shakopee." She then sang *Narcissus* as an encore.

Other performers included Mabel Peck who sang *Angel's Serenade*, Mae Plumstead sang a few soprano solos, and then Anna Annabelle Pope spoke on the subject of