

# **WILLIAM G. DETWILLER**

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Dear Sharon:

In reply to your letter of June 12th, my father-in-law, William G. Detwiler, was principal of the grade school and high school at Stevenson from 1914 thru the fall of 1918. He also served as county school Superintendent part of that time, as well as coaching the basketball team.

The enclosed copies from my wife's scrapbook did not turn out too well. You will notice that the notes on the pictures can be cut off.

Mr. Detwiler passed away in Feb. 1955 just before his 80th birthday. I married his daughter, Elizabeth, in 1933 and we are now retired and living on Whidbey Island, Washington.

We plan on spending the 5th and 6th of July in Stevenson for the blue grass festival.

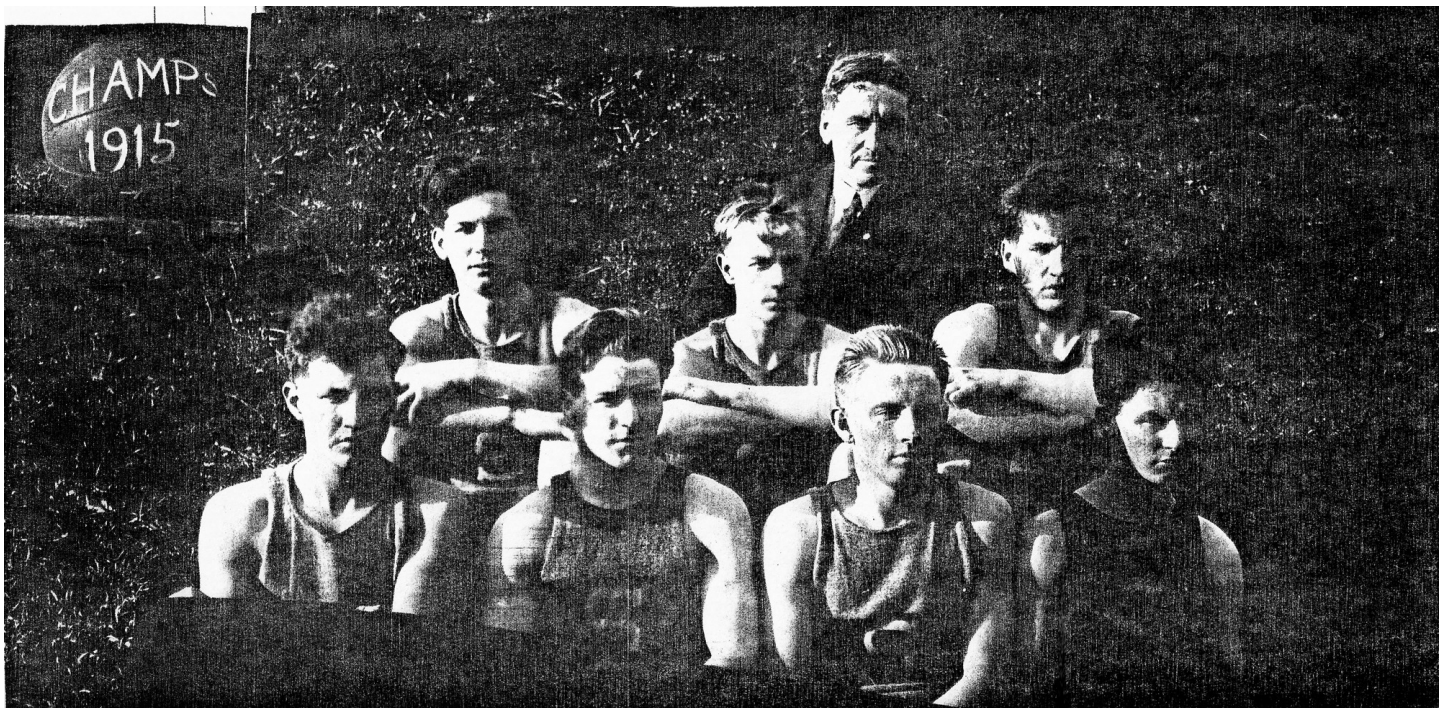
Yours truly  
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**Detwiller family photo taken in 1916. William G. Detwiller, left, Elizabeth Jane, 6, top; Eloise, 3, bottom; and Greta Beach Detwiller.**



**1914 S.H.S. Boys Basketball Team. First row, from left: Cecil Sly and Bert Miller. Second row: Ernie Wachter, Archie Shields and Art Ginder. In back is Coach William G. Detwiller.**



**Coach William G. Detmiller with his 1915 Mid-Columbia league champions. Players are not identified.**



**William G. Detmiller, second from right in first row, poses with his 1904 Sioux City Giants basketball team which played in the 1904 Olympic Games. Detwiler later met the legendary Dr. Naismith, the originator of basketball.**





**Brand new Stevenson High School. Even though the landscaping wasn't finished, the school was in use. c. 1915.**

# Record from 1959 Skamania County History Book

In the development of our school system, the list of County Superintendents shows more than just the names of office holders. It represents a group of men and women dedicated to the idea that learning is vital to the health of a democracy and to the idea that the guidance of youth is the greatest of all services.

## SKAMANIA COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS OF SCHOOLS 1860 to 1958

John W. Brazee	1860	(Ref: Letter to Mrs. T. Monaghan from Thomas Moffett)
William Collins	1864-1867	
Thomas Monaghan	1868-1870	
John W. Brazee	1870 ?	
Samuel B. Jones	?	
John W. Brazee	1874-75	
Samuel B. Jones	1876-1880	(Old Journal in Co. Supt. office shows Waterman in
John W. Brazee	1880	office in March of 1884.)
John Orvis Waterman	1881-1882	
E. R. Nineville	1883-1884	(Could be Mimville)
M. G. Aldrich	1885	
John Orvis Waterman	1886-90	
Mrs. Katie Mason (K.A.)	1891-92	
C. C. Wetherell	1893-94	
Frank Marble	1895-98	
Edward Hollis	1899-1900	
Mrs. Lillie Miller	1901-04	
A. C. Sly	1905-08	
Mrs. Lillie Miller	1908-1912	
Blanche Williams	1912-1914	
W. G. Detmiller	1914-1915	(May 1915 resigned)
Blanche Williams	1915	(Appointed July 1st)
H. H. Smith	1913-1914	(Smith deputy - Williams Superintendent)
Mrs. Lillie Miller	1915-1916	(Appointed September 1st)
Mrs. Joyce Flesher	1917-1918	(Possible Anna Miller here)
W. E. Miller	1919-1920	
Mrs. Lillie Miller	1920-1927	
Mrs. Anna H. Miller	1927-1935	
Mrs. Margarite D. Shields	1935-1943	
Mrs. Lura A. Grenia	1943-1952	
Mrs. Margarite D. Shields	1952-1955	
Mrs. Lura A. Grenia	1955-present	

Through the years of labor we are now rich in a modern High School and grade school in Stevenson. There are modern schools at Mill A, Carson, Skamania, and a new one going up in the Skye-Cape Horn area. At Mt. Pleasant there is a one-room school for grades 1-6. The older pupils go to Washougal.

Our county enrolls about 1,000 pupils in our schools and employs 55 teachers and one county superintendent.