

**Ethel A. Davis**, daughter of George Leonard (1848-1922) and Ida Mary (Davis) Davis, was born 12 April 1880, Keene, Cheshire County, New Hampshire. Her parents were married in the town of Keene in 1875 but by 1880 were living in Ingham County. Ethel attended all 8 grades at Okemos and then went into Lansing Central High School to complete her high school education. The highest-grade level at Okemos in this particular year was 8<sup>th</sup> grade and was considered graduation. Because of her April 12 birthday, we believe she started 1<sup>st</sup> grade in 1885. Thus, Ethel Davis graduated at age 14 and is in the Okemos Class of 1894. Ethel stayed close with her Okemos classmates. [One such gathering was featured in the Lansing State Journal, June 7, 1951. <click this area to read "The Circle of Friends">](#)

She was a 1904 graduate of Michigan State Normal School, now Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County. Ethel, who never married, began her teaching career in Lansing and became an elementary school principal for 30 years at the Foster Avenue School, Lansing.

Ethel died 21 June 1957, Lansing and was interred Mt. Hope Cemetery, Lansing.

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