

Ross Alward Hickok (aka R. A. Hickok), son of Leroy Arthur (1859-1918) and Anna Mary (Edgecomb) (1861-1943) Hickok, was born 12 August 1883, Hillsdale County, Michigan. Ross, raised on a farm in the Camden, Hillsdale County area, was schooled through 10th grade and furthered his education by graduating from Ypsilanti State Normal College (now Eastern Michigan University) with a teaching certificate. Later Ross achieved a BS degree from Michigan Agricultural College (now Michigan State University) and a MA from the University of Michigan.

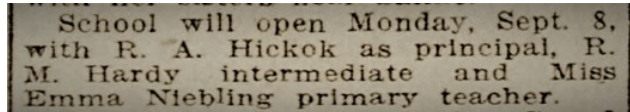
On 21 August 1907, Camden, Ross married Lotta Lura Baker. Lotta was born 30 August 1882, Michigan. She and Ross would celebrate 4 children and 53 years together.

Ross was Okemos school principal for the school year of 1912-1913.

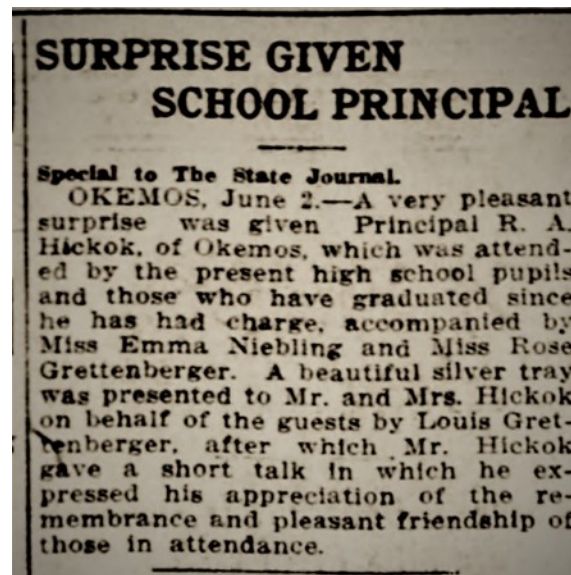
Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Friday 6 Sep 1912

OKEMOS

School will open Monday, Sept. 8, with **R. A. Hickok** as principal, R. M. Hardy intermediate and Miss Emma Niebling primary teacher.



Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Monday 2 June 1913



Mr. Hickok was very well liked and appreciated, however, by the school year end in 1913, Ross moved from Okemos into several other small school districts.

He was in Berrien County, Michigan when he registered for the World War I Draft on 12 September 1918. He was Superintendent of school in New Troy, Berrien County by the early 1920's. New Troy, according to the 2010 census has a population of 497. Later he worked in the Eau Claire, Berrien County school system (Eau Claire population 625) and then Centreville, St. Joseph County, Michigan school system (Centreville population 1,425).

The Herald-Press (Saint Joseph, Michigan) Friday 27 June 1924

NEW TROY

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The News-Palladium (Benton Harbor, Michigan) Thursday 30 August 1934

EAU CLAIRE

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EAU CLAIRE, Aug. 30—Henry Whalen, retired merchant of Eau Claire, who has been in poor health for several years is confined to his bed and had a serious attack Monday night, but was quieter Tuesday.

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Chas. Hunt, Civil War veteran, father of Mrs. D. G. Tatman and living with her, was quite ill last week, but is better at present.

Poland will appropriate over \$16,000,000 for the construction of small dwellings this year.

Superintendent Hickok retired in 1942. He and Lotta eventually settled in Coldwater, Branch County, Michigan. Ross died 22 January 1961, Battle Creek, Calhoun County, Michigan. Lotta died 13 May 1971, Coldwater. They were interred Oak Grove Cemetery, Coldwater.

Battle Creek Enquirer (Battle Creek, Michigan) Monday 23 January 1961

FORMER CENTREVILLE SCHOOL HEAD DIES

COLDWATER - Ross A. Hickok, 77, of 28 N. Jefferson St., Coldwater, retired school superintendent of Centreville, died Sunday morning at a Battle Creek Hospital after an illness of one year.

He taught school in several southern Michigan communities from 1926 to 1942, when he retired as superintendent of schools in the Centreville Public School system. He then moved to a farm southeast of Quincy before moving to Coldwater in 1955.

He graduated from Ypsilanti State Normal College in 1910 with a teacher's life certificate. He had a bachelor of science degree from Michigan State University and a masters degree in education from the University of Michigan.

He was born in Hillsdale County and was married Aug. 21, 1907 in Camden, to Lotta Baker. Survivors include his wife; two sons, Robert B. of Los Angeles and Warren R. of Niles; two daughters, Mrs. Hilden L. (Lois) Rector of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., and Miss Ruth E. Hickok of Coldwater; nine grandchildren and a sister, Mrs. Carl Struble of Marshall.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday from the Putnam Funeral Home with the Rev. Albert A. Butterfield officiating. Burial will be in Oak Grove cemetery.

Battle Creek Enquirer (Battle Creek, Michigan) Friday 14 May 1971

MRS. ROSS A. HICKOK

COLDWATER - Services will be held at 5:30 p.m. Saturday at the Putnam Funeral Home, Coldwater, for Mrs. Lotta L. Hickok, 88, of 28 N. Jefferson St. who died Thursday in the Branch County Community Health Center, Coldwater.

Born in Camden, she was the widow of Ross A. Hickok. She came to Coldwater in 1956 from the Quincy area and was a member of the Coldwater United Methodist Church.

Surviving are daughters, Mrs. Hilden L. (Lois) Rector of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Miss Ruth E. Hickok of Coldwater; sons, Robert Hickok of Riverside, Calif., Warren R. of Buchanan, 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

