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Arthur Porter Special Collections

8 February 1990

Beth M. Clawson
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Firth, Idaho 83236

Dear Sister Clawson,

As you requested in your letter of 23 January, I have checked in the old records of "Ricks Academy" for information on your mother **Melvina Huffaker**. Fortunately we were able to locate the old registration/grade books for the 1901-1903 time period and found a number of references about her. Enclosed are photocopies of several entries that looked the most interesting.

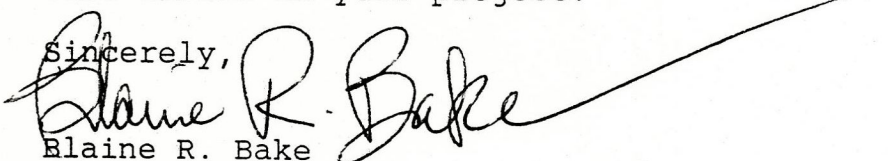
According to the information in the course catalog for the 1902-3 class year, there was a "Normal" school graduate for the year proceeding your mother's class and I would then assume she wasn't the first student graduating with a teaching certificate. Her group may have been the first "class" graduating with a "Normal" (teaching) certificate. It is often hard to reconstruct history so we may be interpreting who graduated "first" incorrectly.

You are invited to use our **Special Collections** area as there maybe other items we didn't copy that may be valuable to your efforts. We are open 8 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday. Other times can be arranged if needed.

Also, we would appreciate the opportunity to obtain a copy of your mother's history as it would be a welcomed addition to our history.

Best wishes on your project.

Sincerely,


Elaine R. Bake
Archivist

452 No. 775 East
Firth, Idaho 83236
January 23, 1990

Curator of Special Collections
David O. McKay Library
Ricks College
Rexburg, Idaho 83236

Dear Sir:

I am writing to get some information on the history of Ricks. I would specifically like the date of the first graduation of Ricks Academy, and the names of those in the class.

I am writing a history of my parents, and would like confirmation of information about my mother, who I have been told, was in that first graduating class. Her name was Melvina Huffaker, and I have enclosed a copy of her diploma from that institution. From our understanding, her brother, W. W. Huffaker, was also in that class.

It would be helpful to get a transcript of her grades, also, if that is possible.

I will appreciate any information or help you can give me on the above subject. If there is any expense involved, I will be glad to whatever it may be. Or if it is necessary for me to make a personal visit to the campus to get the information, please let me know.

Thanking you in advance for your help in this matter.

Most Sincerely,

Mrs. Beth M. Clawson

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President

W. B. [Signature]

Idaho, this Eighth day of May, 1903.

Principal

[Signature]

The undersigned our signatures are hereto affixed at Rexburg,

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It is hereby certified that Melvin Hutter has
honorably completed the Normal Course of Study as prescribed
by this Institution and having passed a satisfactory examination is
awarded this

