

1860s: The beginning and a bit before that...

The first commencement exercise honored the 9 graduates of 1866, Miss Fannie Sherman, Miss L. Annette Crossman, Col. L. Saviers, C.A. Cook, E.C. Norcross, L.C. Miller, S.W. Anderson, A.D. Stacy, and F.M. Bell. Four graduated in the classical course and five in the English. Of note was Lewis Cass Miller, who served as Tecumseh's Superintendent of Schools, as well as in the Kansas Legislature.



Class of 1867

A notable graduate of 1867 is Charles Williamson, who served as Tecumseh Village President for a time. In 1893 he helped organize the Tecumseh Electric Company and the Tecumseh Telephone Company.

However, Tecumseh High School was founded in 1856, with the Union School being erected on the site of the current Administration Building. During the ten years between the founding and the first commencement 7 students graduated. Byron Cheever, a professor of pharmacy, and Noah Cheever, a Judge of Probate for Washtenaw County, graduated in 1859. The next year Elijah Book, Tecumseh Treasurer, Lucinda Sharp McNair, and Scovel Stacy graduated. Stacy purchased the Tecumseh Herald in 1874 and served as Editor for 20 years, as well as a 15 year stint on the Tecumseh School Board.



The Union School

Thomas Perry, who is credited with inventing the air motor windmill, and Lucy Train, who worked as a reporter for the Herald for 9 years, graduated in '64 and '65, respectively.

THS also awarded 18 diplomas posthumously to the following young men who dropped out of the Union School to serve in the Civil War: Lemuel Allen, Brockway Anderson, David Boyd, George Brewer, Eugene Crane, Ambrose Curtis, William Estes, Augustus Gilmore, Abel Harding, Ambrose Irish, Samuel Kneeland, James McNair, Albert Randall, Morris Roberts, Lemuel Saviers, Charles Stock, and Joshua Waring.