

1880: Math, History, and War

In 1880 Julia Snell graduated from Tecumseh High School. She worked for many years in the office of the Comptroller of Currency in Washington, D.C. She received high praise for her work, "Miss Julia Snell of the division of reports in the office of the controller of currency, was regarded by her associates as a mathematical and statistical prodigy, who was the only human being who could understand and analyze the dividend reports of national banks."



Class of 1884

The class of 1886 produced William J McNair, who would go onto become a Brigadier-General in the US Army. He command the Sixth Artillery during World War I and was part of the first expeditionary force to land in France. McNair held the office of Chief of Artillery under General Pershing during the war. In his 40 years of service, he was awarded the Croix de Guerre, The Legion of Honor, District Service Medal, and Silver Star.

Dr Claud VanTyne (1888) spent 27 years as a professor of American History at the University of Michigan. He wrote several books, including *The War of Independence*, which won the 1930 Pulitzer Prize, but was unfortunately awarded 2 months after his passing.