

ADVENTURES OF A MEMORY BOOK



One of the most interesting volunteer jobs for the Friends of the Hudson Library is sorting through the many donations that come to us from the community. Novels from all the latest authors, classics required in Literature class, cookbook recipes from barbeque tips to vegetarian gourmet, manuals on selecting perennials, biographies and autobiographies of famous people and many, many beautifully illustrated children's books just to mention a few categories. It's hard not to stop sorting and start reading.

Among the types of books mentioned above, occasionally we get a "rare gem." We are sharing with you a Memory Book

that came to us recently. Now when you come across a book like this you are not sure what to do with it. It was obviously very special to the person who created it and you want to give it the respect it deserves. One of our volunteer sorters took it upon herself to follow this book's history. First she took it to the Library's Archival Department to see if they might like it for their shelves. Since it was not specifically Hudson history they were unable to use it.

The book then went home with the volunteer where her daughter took a genealogical interest in it. She went on the internet to Ancestry.com to see if she could trace it back to its owner. I'm not sure the exact paths she took in this search but with patience and determination she located relatives of the Elizabeth Browning who is mentioned in this album. The next step was to call the relative and confirm that this was their Elizabeth Browning. Soon the Memory Book was delivered into the hands of the family directly related to the people and pictures shown here. And we thought we only sorted books.

MEMORY BOOK

Circa 1915

Baby Betty Adopted by High School Girls' Club

The Friendship club, composed of 30 Glenville High girls once was just an everyday sort of school society. The girl members served and made fudge and talked just as members did in other pupil's societies.

But the Friendship club wanted to be different.

How? That was the question.

They discussed it long.

Finally President Marjorie Westgate suggested:

"Let's adopt a baby."

The more they discussed it, the better they liked it.

Last April they adopted her — Baby Betty. And since that time Baby Betty has grown and prospered under the tutelage of her 30 "mothers."

The baby is kept at the home of a woman in Newburg. The club meets every two weeks and the woman brings Baby Betty to each meeting. Here she is cuddled and petted by all the 30 "mothers."

Members of the club are charged \$2 a week for the baby's support.

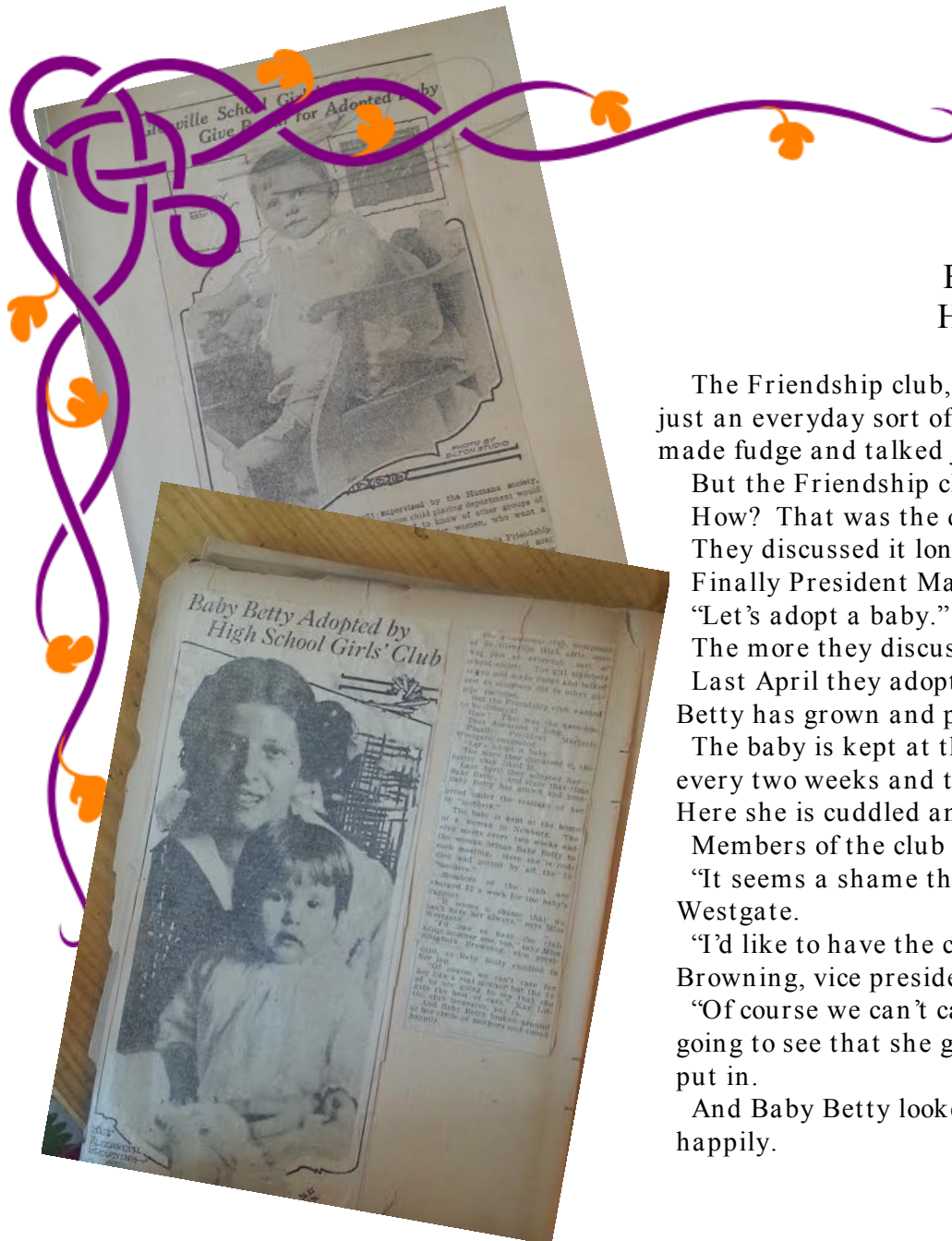
"It seems a shame that we can't have her always," says Miss Westgate.

"I'd like to have the club adopt another one, too," says Miss Elizabeth Browning, vice president, as Baby Betty cuddled in her lap.

"Of course we can't care for her like a real mother but the 30 of us are going to see that she gets the best of care" Kay Little, club treasurer, put in.

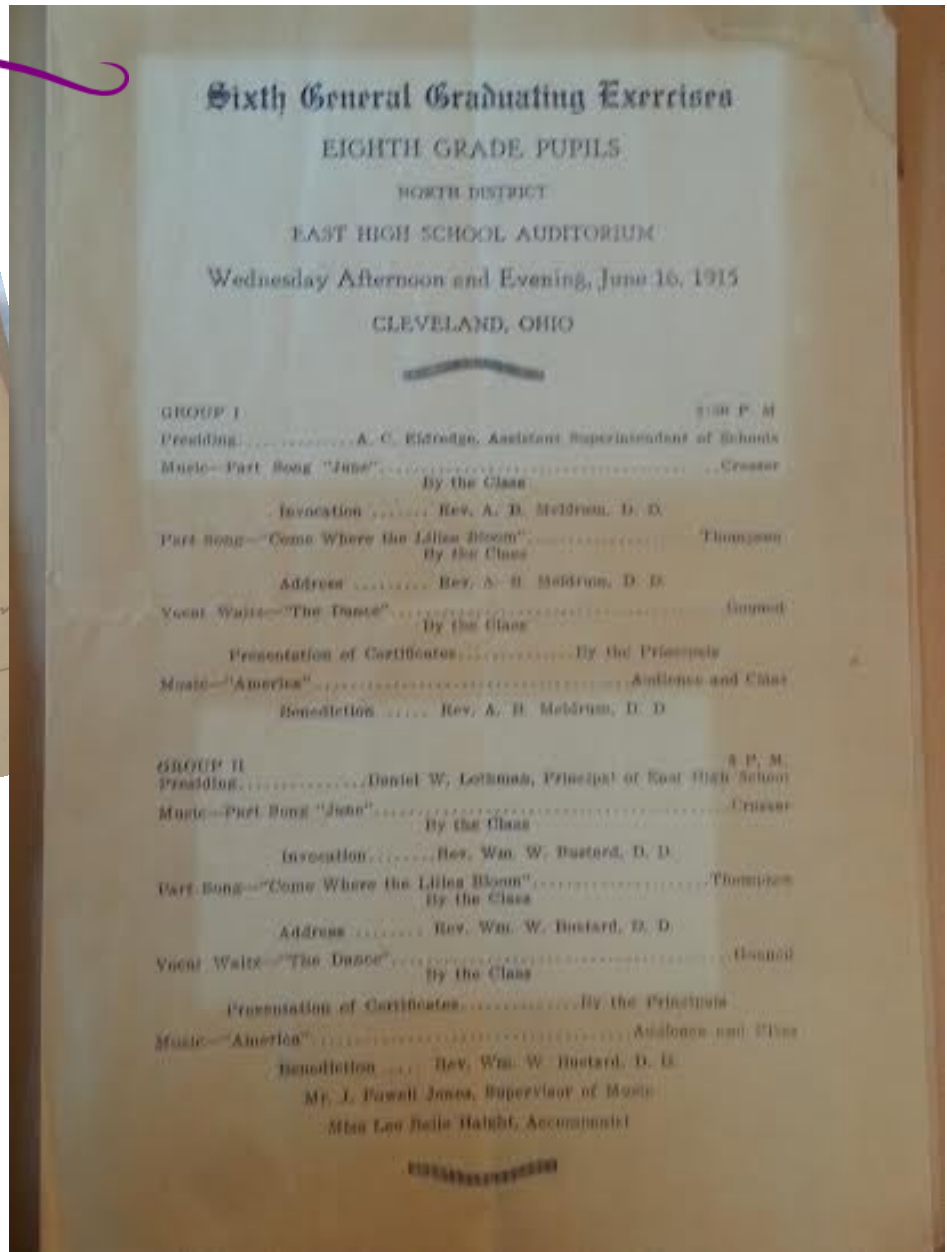
And Baby Betty looked around at her circle of mothers and cooed happily.

(Typed as seen in newspaper)





A piece of the Wedding dress and belt of your grandmother Browning. Worn first November 18th, 1862 at seven o'clock in the morning.
 A piece of your grandfather Browning's Wedding vest.





Grandmother's Head
1870



Mother + father the day
they were married.



Miss Elizabeth Cronin
17701 Lake Shore Blvd
Cleveland Ohio.



Father + Mother in 1908



Mother +
Uncle
1870