

Isabella E. Alderson - better known as Bella Alderson. (Gibson Memorial Library's first Librarian from 1931 - 1942)

According to the 1940 Census, Bella listed her occupation as, "Librarian" and industry as, "City Library" and her income as "\$900". She lived at 705 W. Mills Street in Creston, IA. Her highest grade of schooling listed was "high school, 4th year."

Source: Year: 1940; Census Place: Creston, Union, Iowa; Roll: m-t0627-01208; Page: 16A; Enumeration District: 88-2

Prior to being the Library Director, the 1910 and 1920 Census reveals that Bella was a "teacher" at the "public schools".

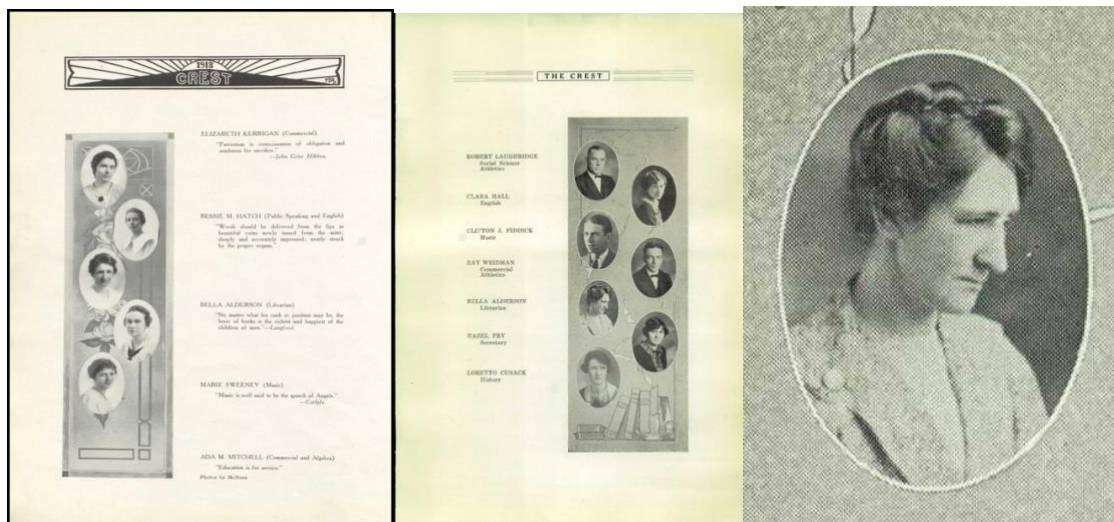
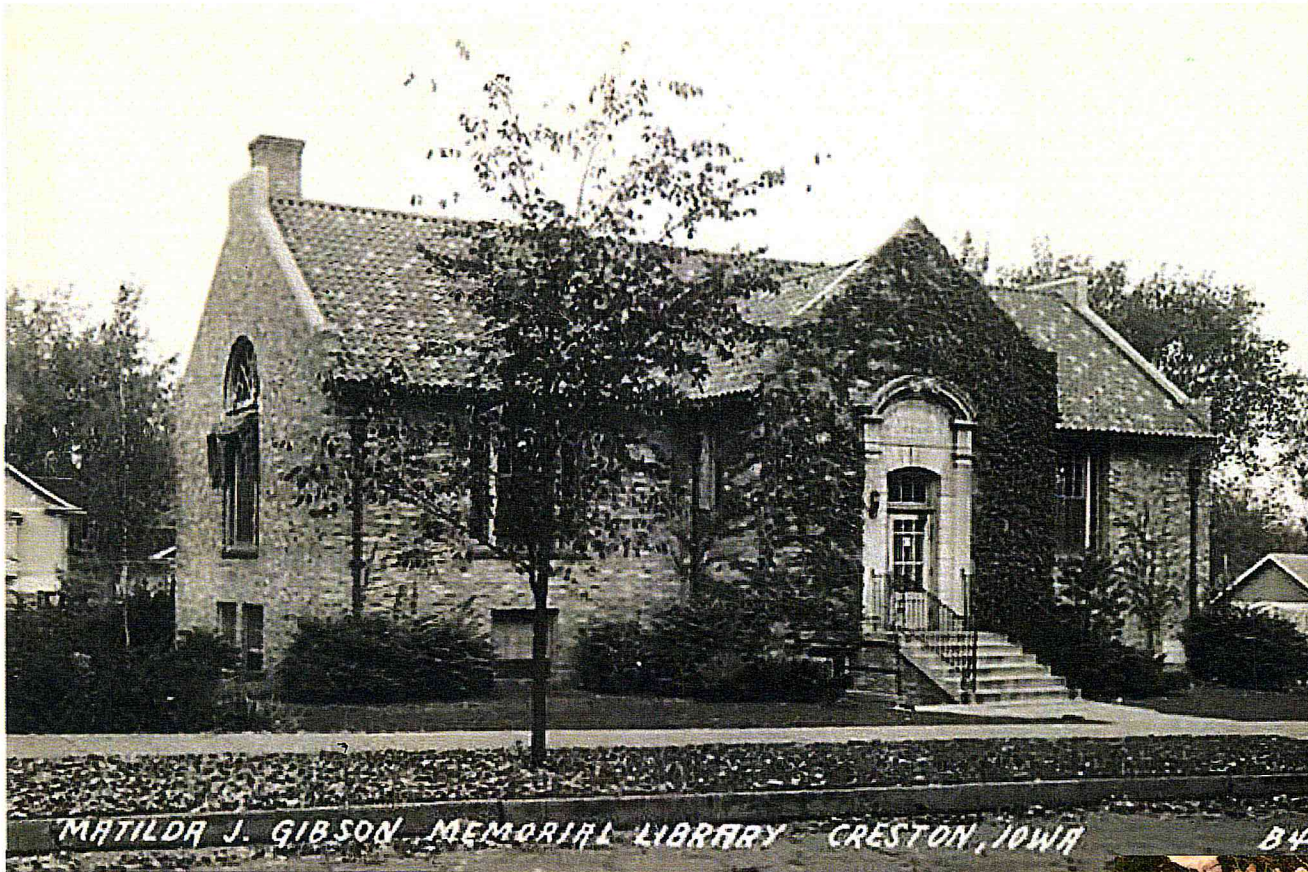


Photo sources: 1918-1919 Crest Yearbooks



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"The love of books is a love which requires
neither justification, apology nor defence."
—Langford.

