



BASEBALL TEAM, MT. PLEASANT INDIAN SCHOOL
TAKEN ON GYM STEPS, ALMA COLLEGE,
1898



Lunch & Learn

FILM SCREENING:

School Days Remembered

Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024

Location: Ziibiwing Center, Big Discussion Room

Time: 12 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

This film is primarily composed of clips from a group interview of MIIBS alumni conducted by Paul Johnson baa on August 3, 1991, and details their experiences while attending the school. The fourteen individuals interviewed attended MIIBS between 1910 and 1933, and share about everything from their daily tasks to secret pets; from their best memories to their worst.

Despite the frequent laughter and great memories shared, it is unescapable to hear in their stories the reality of this place: a government-funded assimilation center. Among participants who spoke of liking the school, several shared sentiments like John Crampton's suggestion that MIIBS was "a lot better than nothing," and an improvement in their life for the simple fact of having regular meals. Participants also spoke of mandatory military drilling, beatings, and losing fluency in their language, among other serious and sadder topics.

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