

## Elizabeth (Claypool) Earl

Elizabeth Claypool Earl (1856-1931) was born in Huntersville, Indiana. After graduation from high school, she attended Glendale College in Cincinnati. She married Morell J. Earl in 1878. She moved in with her parents one year later upon Earl's death. After the death of her mother in 1912, she came to Muncie to be close to her brothers, Frank and Marcus.



Elizabeth knew and understood the importance of reading. She was very active in the affairs of the state library and was elected vice president of the American Library Association in 1925. She was instrumental in securing legislation which led to the establishment of the Indiana Library Commission in 1899. She also served as the president of the commission from 1916 to 1925. She was president of the Indiana library and historical department in 1925 and 1926. She served as a member of the Indiana library commission and was the past president of the League of Library Commissions, the Indiana Library Association and the Indiana Trustees Association. During the ceremony of the laying of the cornerstone for the Indiana State Library, Governor Harry G Leslie paid tribute to her for her work and helping with the project.

Although much of Elizabeth's work was with libraries, she was also known throughout the state for her active interest and involvement in child welfare, education, suffrage and the prevention of war. She was a member of the League of Women Voters where she was named the chairman of the nominating committee in 1927. During World War I, she attended their national convention where she served as the state chairman of the committee on cooperation to prevent wars. Elizabeth was a member of the General Federation of Women's clubs. She served as secretary of the organization in 1915 and 1916. During World War I, she served as chairman of the Liberty Loan campaigns. In 1903, she was elected president of the Indiana Union of literary clubs.

Elizabeth was not only known throughout the state, but she was also known nationally. She received the honor as the only woman from Muncie chosen in the 1928-1929 addition Who's Who in America published by A. N. Marcus company.



