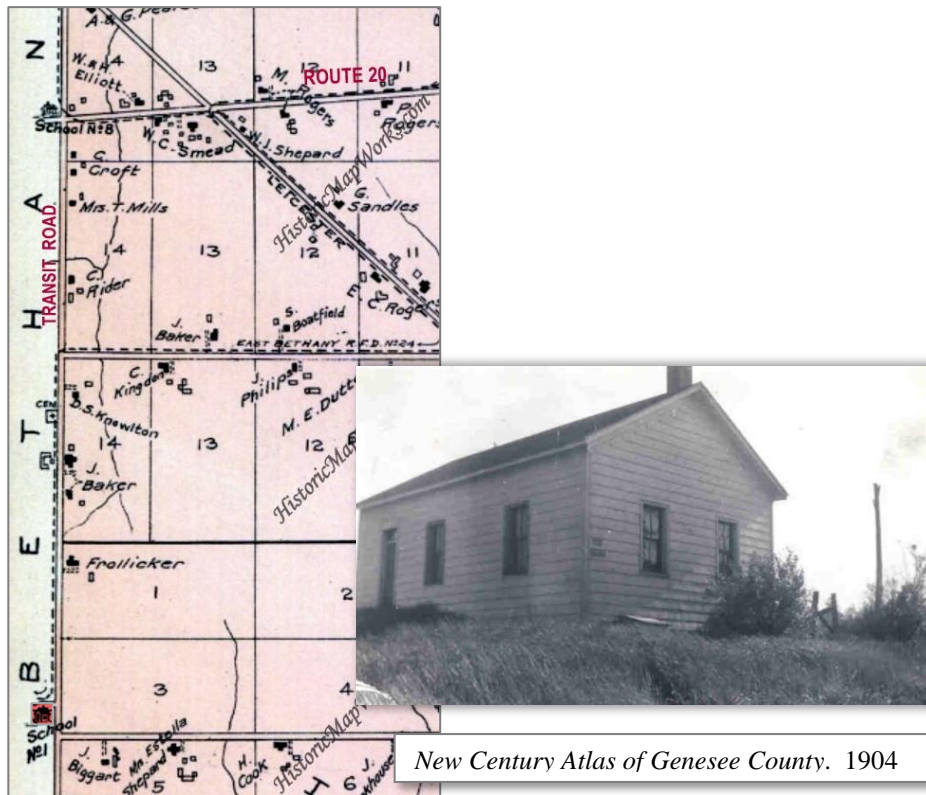


## BETHANY-PAVILION DISTRICT No. 1 - SOUTH TRANSIT DISTRICT – DAUCHY DISTRICT



This district was formed in 1819. The school commissioners at the time were D. Knowlton and T. Grimes for Bethany; Daniel White and Rufus Partridge for Covington; Asabel Perry, Paul Howes and Russell Abel for Middlebury.

School Commissioners Report – We the undersigned Commissioners of Common Schools for the Town of Bethany in the County of Genesee to their successors in office respectfully report that we did receive one hundred and eighty four dollars and forty four cents for use of common schools for the year eighteen hundred and twenty two all of which has been duly apportioned and paid over to the several Trustees of the Districts in said Town, and for the present school year money has not been received from the County treasurer and the Town Collector. Bethany, March 19th, 1823

John Sill, James Halbert, Isiah Alcott – Commissioners of Common Schools Copied from an early school records book.

As the district number indicates, it was the first school built. The building was erected in 1834 at the four corners formed by the Transit, Shepard, and Dublin Roads. Three of the early trustees were Metcalf Holden, Joseph Gillett, and Samuel Smith. The old clerk's book relates that for the school year 1834-35 the teacher's wages were \$50.00 for the year, fuel was \$5.65 and repairs amounted to \$4.43. One-third of a cord of wood per scholar was the way the fuel bill was estimated.

Sometime in the 1880s the building was remodeled. Up to then it had been a "red schoolhouse," but it was repainted white and has been kept that color ever since.

At the time of the centralization at Pavilion, Horace Bradley purchased the building.

Some of the teachers in the district: Charles Hamilton, Mrs. Mary Wheeler Copeland, Mrs. Pearl Wheeler Sandles, Robert Watson, Matilda Puckham, Martha Wade, Martha Voorhees, Ina Call, Carrie Hutchinson, Jennie Harding, Ella Wheelock, Nettie Buell, Matie Alvord, Sarah Warner, Clarence Cate, Frances Durfee, Frank Morris, Eva Knowlton, Nellie Reed, Hattie Reed, Florence Reed, Fred Husted, Mary Peck, Lizzie Maxon, Hugh Peddle, Anna Cox, Mary Whitney, Lutine Whitney, Aileen Connor, Nelly Dauchy, Jennie Baker, Edith Andrews, Helen Mooney, Rachel Burks, Lillian Knox, Mabel McKenzie, Evelyn Pall, Theresa Powers, Margaret Teeney, Mae Orr, Fanny Durfee, William E. Hurst, Katherine Travis, Mary Churchill. Adapted from *The Pavilion Community 1800-1941*. J. L. Broughton, ed. 1941

Mrs. Orville Hutchinson, formerly Carrie Whitney, is engaged to teach the Transit school, and **Miss Lydia Townsend** is teaching her second term in the South Transit district. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. May 21, 1880

The teacher in 1881 was **Frank L. Morris**

**Miss Matie Alvord**, niece of W. M. Austin of our village [Pavilion], closed her term of winter school at the south transit district on Friday of last week. We are informed that Miss A. has taught a very acceptable school, although this was her first experience as teacher. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. March 23, 1883

**Miss Matie Alvord**, who taught the primary department of our village school [Pavilion] during the past winter, has been engaged to teach the South Transit school during the coming summer. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. March 21, 1884

**Miss Matie Alvord** closed her summer term of school at the South Transit district on Wednesday of last week With appropriate and interesting exercises. Miss A. was the recipient of a beautiful silver goblet as a token of the [illegible] in which she was [rest illegible]. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. July 25, 1884

Miss Emma Kingdon teaches at Pavilion Center during the winter, also **Miss Matie Alvord** at the south transit district, and Geo. W. Crofoot at South Byron. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. September 12, 1884

**Miss Matie Alvord** has returned to this place from her father's, at Brooks Grove, and will open the south Transit school on Monday next. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. October 17, 1884

**Mrs. Watson** has 45 scholars in the South Transit district. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. November 26, 1886

Miss Nellie Dauchy began attending the Wyoming Academy last Monday.  
*Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. October 21, 1887

Bethany, N.Y. August 7, 1889. It is resolved that the district buy 10 cords of dry beech or maple wood, to be delivered at the school house by the 1st of Nov. 1889. Bought wood of James Baker, consideration \$1.65 per. cord. W. E. Hurst, Clerk From Bethany Dist. No. 1 School Board Minutes

Miss Mary Bradley is to "wield the birch" in the North Transit district, **Willie Hurst** in the South Transit, Miss Etta Youngs on Burleigh Hill. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. August 28, 1891

Nellie Dauchy is recovering from a severe attack of quinsy. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. October 28, 1892

Quinsy is a rare and potentially serious complication of tonsillitis.

**Miss Nellie Dauchy** is wielding the "beech, birch or maple" rod, whichever the case may be, at the South Transit schoolhouse. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. March 24, 1893

**Miss Lutine Whitney** will teach the South Transit school this winter.  
*Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. September 13, 1895

**Miss Lutine Whitney** had a spelling school on Thursday evening in the South Transit school house.  
*Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. November 22, 1895

Spelling schools, an evening of spelling competition, were usually held between the patrons of two school districts. Leaders were chosen and the "leaders" chose up sides. The teacher gave out the words.

**Miss Lutine Whitney** has concluded her winter term and has been re-engaged for the summer term in the South Transit district. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. February 7, 1896

State Superintendent Skinner of the Department of Public Instruction has instructed School Commissioner Loveridge to withhold public money from school district No. 1 in Bethany because there has been no flag there during the past school year. Miss Emma Baker is trustee of the district. *Unidentified Newspaper Clipping*. May 9, 1902

In district No. 1, Bethany, William Reed was named as trustee. **Miss Nellie Dauchy** is engaged as teacher. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. August 6, 1902

Miss Mildred Crane of Alexander has been engaged to teach the North Transit school the ensuing year and **Miss Nellie Dauchy** the South Transit school. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. September 3, 1908

**Miss Nellie Dauchy** closed her school [on the Transit] on Friday for a six weeks' vacation. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. February 3, 1909

**Miss Nellie Dauchy** resumed her duties as teacher of the South Transit school yesterday, after six weeks' vacation. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. March 16, 1909

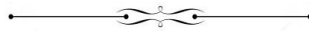
Miss Nellie Dauchy has been severely ill with a stomach trouble the past few days. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. March 16, 1910

**Miss Nellie Dauchy** resumed teaching at the Transit district school this week, after two weeks of illness. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. March 24, 1910

Miss Mildred Crane of Alexander has been engaged to teach the North Transit School the ensuing year and **Miss Nellie Dauchy** the South Transit school. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. September 9, 1909

Miss Nellie Dauchy is attending teachers' institute at Batavia this week. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. October 12, 1910

Miss Nellie Dauchy has resigned her position as teacher of the school on the Transit owing to the condition of her mother. **Miss Theresa Powers** [of Covington] has been engaged to fill the vacancy. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. November 16, 1910



Mrs. Mary Dauchy, widow of the late George Dauchy, died at her home, three miles west of this village [Pavilion], Wednesday morning at 3 o'clock. Two weeks ago she was stricken with apoplexy while alone in her borne and was found in a helpless condition upon the kitchen floor by her daughter, Miss Nellie Dauchy, a school teacher of this locality, upon her return for dinner. Sunday last she suffered an attack of inflammation which was the immediate cause of her death by strangulation.

Mrs. Dauchy was a daughter of the late Alvin and Betsey Whitney, of this place, where she was born March 23, 1840. After her marriage to George Dauchy, February 21, 1865 she west to reside on the farm where she has since lived and where she died. Mr. Dauchy died February 3, 1885. She leaves two children, George [Grove?] W. Dauchy and Miss Nellie Dauchy of Bethany; one brother, G. [Grove] D. Whitney of Pavilion; and one sister, Mrs. Carrie Hutchinson of Newark, NY.

The funeral will be conducted by Rev. Harry Wright of the Universalist Church of Batavia at the home on the Transit Friday at 2 o'clock. Internment is to be made in the Oatka Valley Cemetery, Pavilion. *Rochester Democrat and Chronicle*. Rochester, NY. November 24, 1910



A large vine-covered homestead and an elderly spinster, formerly a school teacher, are all that remain of a 120-year old Pavilion farm and its homesteaders, —the Dauchy farm on Transit Rd. The farm was settled in 1833 by Smith Dauchy and his family, and now only a granddaughter, Miss Nelly Dauchy, remains of the three generations that have owned and occupied that farm and homestead.

Smith Dauchy and his wife, Sarah Meade Dauchy, came to Genesee County in 1833 from Oneida County, where they had moved from Litchfield, Conn. in 1831 with his brother and her sister, shortly after the two sisters had married the two brothers. In 1837 the Smith Dauchy family moved on to Newfane in Niagara County, but three weeks later Mr. Dauchy died, leaving his wife and two small children, George and Sarah Jane, who then moved back to the Pavilion farm they had not yet sold. There

had been a small house on the 118-acre farm, the granddaughter relates, but in 1850 her grandmother had the present homestead erected.

Grandmother Dauchy managed the farm with hired help and neighborhood aid until her son was able to take over. George settled there, married Mary Whitney of Pavilion, and they had two children. George Jr. [Grover W.?] and Nelly.

Miss Nelly was a Pavilion teacher for a time. Her father, George Sr., died in 1897, and after her mother's death in 1910 she moved back to the homestead to help her brother manage the farm. He died in 1932 and his widow [Lydia Colby Dauchy] lived on at the farm with Miss Nelly. Mrs. George Dauchy Jr. died in 1940 and since that time Miss Nelly has lived there alone. Her father had operated the farm chiefly for fruit raising, but she converted it to a sheep farm, which she operated for about 35 years, until six years ago, with the aid of Thomas Tweed, a caretaker. He still is caretaker there, but most of the farm is now rented out, and Miss Dauchy and her caretaker now confine their work mostly to flowers, a garden and chickens. *Democrat and Chronicle*. Rochester, NY. November 6, 1952

### Pavilion Farm's Story Starts in 1833

By Virginia Trietley

On the Transit Rd., in the town of Pavilion, is a rambling frame house. Bright flowers in the gardens around the house stand out gaily against the lush dark green ivy which covers the house from roof to ground. Shiny windows peek out from under the vines greeting you with the friendliness of a shaggy Scotty. As you approach the house on its lovely country road you feel like you have had a glimpse into England's countryside.

It was in 1850 that Sarah Meade Dauchy had this house built. In 1831 she and her sister Abigail Meade had married the Dauchy brothers, Smith and Rufus. Then the two couples moved from Litchfield, Conn. To Oneida County. Apparently Smith Dauchy had a bit of wanderlust, for in 1833 he and Sarah moved on to the Transit Rd. in Pavilion.

"By then," Miss Nelly Dauchy, the last remaining descendant of these settlers, explained, "as I understand it, the rough days of pioneering were ended. This road was here. There was a little house of some sort on our 118 acres. The house across the road was already standing as well as the house next door."

In 1837 the Transit Rd. family moved again. This time they were joined by Rufus and Abigail in a move to Newfane, Niagara County. Three weeks later Smith Dauchy died leaving his wife with two small children, George and Sarah Jane.

The sale of the Pavilion house had not been completed and all of Sarah Dauchy's friends were in that vicinity. After her husband's death she took her children back to their former home and settled there. Alone, with whatever help she could hire, this courageous widow managed her farm and her home.

Although it would seem that Mrs. Smith Dauchy had enough on her mind already, she was not satisfied with the home that had gone with the purchase.



"I'm not going to have little, chopped up rooms, she is quoted as saying by those who remember her. "I am going to have high ceilings, big windows and big rooms." And the forward-looking Pavilionite went about doing it.

In 1840, with assistance so typical of neighbors in those early days, the house was built. It stands today as it was then, except for the addition of electricity and other modern facilities.

"There are those," her granddaughter said, "who want me to modernize the house. This is the way I like it. Probably if there were heirs to follow me I would go ahead with improving the house. As it is I see no reason for doing it."

"And then," she added, "many have told me I should remove the ivy vines and have the house cleaned up and painted. I have the same reason for not doing that. I'm the only one in the family left to enjoy the house and I see no reason for not leaving it the way I enjoy it."

With a laugh, she added, "It would be interesting to know how many miles of ivy have grown on this place. I believe I've cut away enough to go from here to Pavilion."

Miss Dauchy's grandmother managed the farm with hired help and neighborhood assistance until her son, George, was old enough to help. He gradually turned the 118 acres into a fruit farm raising both pears and apples. As is so typical of the country now, little remains of the fruit trees today. George married Mary Whitney of Pavilion and they, too, had two children, Nelly and a son, George.

His sister, Sarah Jane, became Mrs. Donald Bond and resided in Pavilion until her death in 1922.

George Dauchy died in 1897 and his son carried on with a fruit farm. He married Lydia Colby of Corfu and had a house just above the family farm. After the death of Mrs. George Dauchy in 1910 Miss Nelly Dauchy moved into the old house and with her brother managed the farm.

Before then Miss Dauchy had been teaching in Pavilion. That was before it became a central school district. After returning to the farm she continued as a supply teacher and taught for a while in the little district school up the road from her home.

Her schooling, Miss Dauchy explained, was at the Middlebury Academy the last year of which was devoted to training for teaching. Then she worked while teaching to obtain a permanent state certificate.

She pointed out that she and her brother had just whatever local education was available and that her father had very little formal schooling. Her father was a self-educated man and constant reader.

"His memory was almost infallible," Miss Dauchy said. "On Saturday nights when the Pavilion general store was open, we would drive in to shop. My father would join the men around the old stove and talk politics and other subjects of interest to the men. They all liked to hear him talk for he knew so much.

“One thing he would never do or let us do,” she said, was to make a false statement. ‘Read about it until you know what it is about, then talk.’ Was his rule and we had to follow it.

Miss Dauchy turned the farm into a sheep farm which she ran, with the assistance of Thomas Tweed, the caretaker who has been with them for about 35 years, until five or six years ago. Mr. Tweed still remains as caretaker and gardener, although the farmland is now rented.

It was in 1932 that Grove Dauchy died. His wife soon moved into the homestead with her husband’s sister. It was in 1940 that she died, leaving Miss Dauchy the only remaining member of the family.

Now Miss Dauchy, with the able help of Thomas Tweed, works at flowers, garden and chickens. A specialty is exhibition dahlias. For 25 years Miss Dauchy was secretary of Bethany Grange. She is interested in other club work in the area.

“It’s a wonderful neighborhood here,” she exclaimed enthusiastically, “although most of the old timers have been replaced with a new young group the same friendly spirit still prevails.”

“These are the things I remember most vividly from my childhood days here,” Miss Dauchy said. Snow banks, high, high snow banks. The little district school a quarter of a mile down the road here and walking or being carried there on my brother’s back. And then I remember the stories of my grandmother carrying on alone so bravely with her little children. And the tales of the high-spirited horses she drove.”

The name Dauchy, she explained, is of French Huguenot extraction. Originally it was d’Auchy.

“Then I remember how careful my father was with his horses,” Miss Dauchy recalled. It took us a couple of hours to get into Batavia from here. We were never allowed to speed the horses. Those were the days when the stores were just packed on Saturday nights and remote neighbors met each other and paused to chat.”

Altogether it’s a long history this ivy covered house has secreted within it. After this generation it will probably be closed up within its friendly walls and none will remember the valor and heartaches that have thrived here.

*The Daily News.* Batavia, NY. August 30, 1952

Nellie Dauchy attended school in District No. 1 and Geneseo Normal. She taught in Pavilion and, finally after much persuasion, helped out during the teacher shortage in World War I by teaching in her home district for a very small salary.

*Through the Years in Bethany Schools.* Mrs. Myrtie Ford. 1960

#### Retired Pavilion Teacher Will Mark 95th Birthday



MISS NELLIE DAUCHY

West Bethany – Miss Nellie Dauchy, a life-long resident of the Transit Rd., Pavilion, will celebrate her 95th birthday anniversary at a dinner celebration on Sunday, to which a few friends will attend. Dinner is being planned by Miss Viola Kelsey of Alexander, with whom Miss Dauchy has been staying since August, 1965. In good health and able to get around with the aid of a cane, Miss Dauchy enjoys the outdoors. She was born in the family homestead on the Transit Rd. on Nov. 20, 1871, daughter of the late George and Mary Whitney Dauchy. She had an older brother [Grove] who died in 1932.

Miss Dauchy attended the district school of Pavilion, was graduated from Wyoming School with one year of normal school training, and received a state certificate for teaching. A teacher for 30 years, she served area district schools and, at times, she taught high school subjects. At one time, she recalled, her class consisted of five teenage boys. Several of her pupils are still living in the area.

After retiring from teaching, Miss Dauchy spent her spare time in raising sheep and chickens. She also cared for many fruit trees and flowers, her favorite being the dahlia, which she still grows at Miss Kelsey’s home.

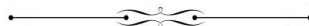
She is a member of Bethany Grange, of which she has been secretary for 25 years, and attends the Pavilion Methodist Church.

Asked what she considers most important, Miss Dauchy stated that she felt she has had a good life by following the Ten Commandments. She said having the respect of the community and having many wonderful friends were also important.

*The Daily News.* Batavia, NY. November ?, 1996

Mrs. Blanche Green of Lehigh Street was surprised to receive an invitation to attend the 100th birthday party of a former teacher of hers, who resides in a nursing home in Batavia. The teacher is Miss Nellie Dauchy, [born November 20, 1871] who taught in Pavilion and Bethany, and Mrs. Green was her pupil in 1896 and after. *Caledonia Advertiser.* Caledonia, NY. November 11, 1971

Nellie Dauchy died May, 1972.



In 1913 **Carl F. Reed** taught in District No. 1. He received \$124.13 on June 11, 1913

In 1914 **Evelyn Call** was the teacher. She was paid \$122.73 on June 22, 1914

Our school opened yesterday after a few weeks' vacation, the teacher, **Mrs. George Parker**, having spent most of the time visiting relatives in Scranton. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. March 5, 1919

**Miss Winifred Texter** [Mrs. Kenneth Dart] has accepted a position in the Transit School District No. 1, town of Bethany. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. March 5, 1919

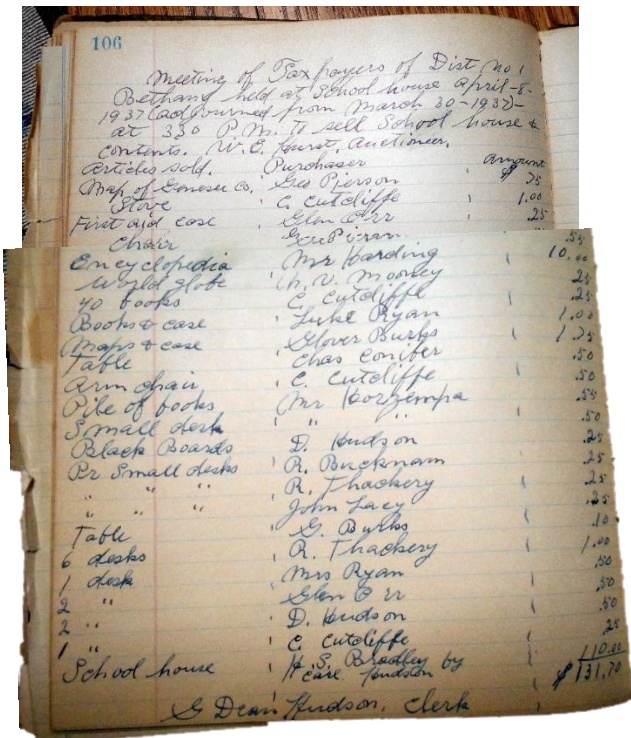
A class of 19 received diplomas at the second annual banquet and graduation exercises of the Teachers' Training class of Warsaw High school. ... **Winifred Texter** of Pavilion will be teaching in Bethany 1 this next year. ... *Buffalo Evening News*. Buffalo, NY. June 23, 1927

		Salary
Oct 2	Lillian Knox	\$96.
" 29	" "	96.
Nov 25	" "	48.
Dec 3	" "	48.
Jan 4	" "	96.
" 22	" "	96.
" 29	" "	24.
Feb 26	" "	21.60
Mch 25	" "	64.80
Apr 1	" "	21.60
" 29	" "	86.40
	Total	\$698.40
Sept 8	Cleaning toilet	21.
" 5	E. Baker clean S. house	8.
Oct 2	Miss Knox supplies	2.08
" 17	" "	
	Teacher meeting	5.00
Jan 19	Miss Knox Christmas supplies	2.25
" 25	D. Hudson	5.67
Apr 15	Miss Knox Teacher meeting	4.00
		\$ 48.00
		698.40
		\$746.40
	Gas bill	46.52
	Total expense	\$792.92

Expenses in Bethany District No. 1. 1931-1932.  
Transcribed from the minutes from the annual school meeting  
May 3, 1932  
Note the cost for cleaning out the privy.



**Lillian Knox** taught in the South Transit school from October, 1931 to April, 1932



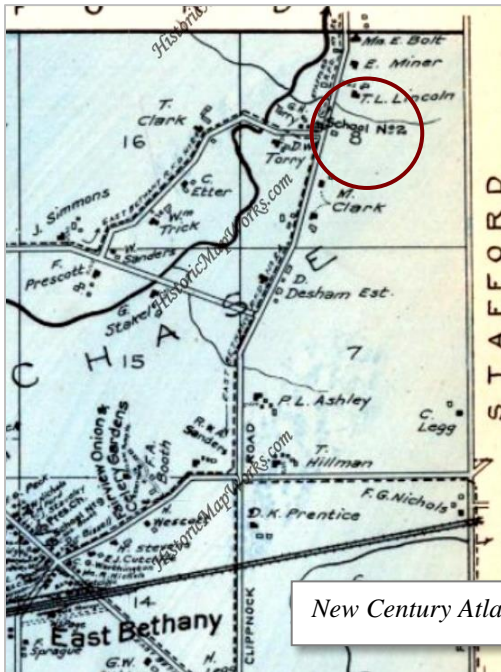
Last page of the Bethany District No.1 Clerk's Minutes  
Details the sale of the building and its contents

The schoolhouse at Bethany District No. 1 – the Dauchy District – was destroyed by fire in the mid 1940s; it had been remodeled sometime before as a dwelling house.

Eight votes at a special meeting in District School No. 1, Bethany, last evening spelled the passing of the century-old, one-room dwelling. Eight of the 16 voters in the district unanimously favored abandonment of the district and the transfer of the two pupils to the new Pavilion Central School.

*The Daily News.* Batavia, NY. March 31, 1937

## BETHANY DISTRICT No. 2 – TORREY DISTRICT – CLIPNOCK DISTRICT



*New Century Atlas of Genesee County. 1904*

This district is on the far northeast corner of the Town of Bethany. Attendance peaked at thirty students in the early days of the school.

The budget for the year 1901 amounted to \$175.

In 1904 the district voted to raise \$160 to run the school; the entire contents of the building were insured for \$25.

In 1907 the teacher's salary was \$8.50 per week.

In 1910, discussion was held whether to build new outhouses or to install inside chemical toilets.

The teacher's salary in 1921 was \$21 a week.

In the late 1930s enrollment had declined and it was decided to consolidate with District No. 9, East Bethany.

From the Clerk's Minutes Book for District No. 2

**Arthur Galette Clement**, who has been successful in educational work, is now one of the seven state regent inspectors with headquarters in Albany. Each year he is assigned to different territory. He devotes about half the year to the inspection of public schools.

Mr. Clement was born on December 31, 1854, at West Bethany, being a son of Orson T. and Anna T. Clement. He attended the Batavia high school and when 17 years of age [1871] started teaching in the Clipnock district school, now called the Torrey district, south of Stafford, near the Bethany line. He continued teaching winters until he was 21 years of age, when he entered Cook academy at Montour Falls. Later he became a student in the University of Rochester, from which he was graduated in the classical course after four years' study. Upon the completion of his college studies he was principal of the Bergen high school for a year. In June, 1883, Mr. Clement was appointed superintendent of the New York State School for the Blind in Batavia to succeed Dr. A. W. Wilber. While attending a convention of the national association of educators of the blind in Brantford, Ont., in July, 1892, he was elected first vice-president of the association. He re-signed his position in Batavia in July, 1893, to become superintendent of schools at Hoosick Falls. After remaining in Hoosick Falls two years Mr. Clement became connected with the state regents department, where he has since remained.

On September 5, 1883 Mr. Clement married Miss Emma Ward, sister of the late John H. Ward of Batavia and an instructor in music at the state school. Mrs. Clement died on February 23, 1892, in Batavia. About 24 years ago Mr. Clement married Miss Alice Arnold of Bergen. Mr. Clement had three children by his first marriage - Mrs. H. W. Hastings of Albany, whose husband is a professor in the Albany city schools; Miss Edith Clement, who is a librarian in Albany, and Miss Geraldine Clement, who teaches in a grade school near Albany. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. February 1, 1921



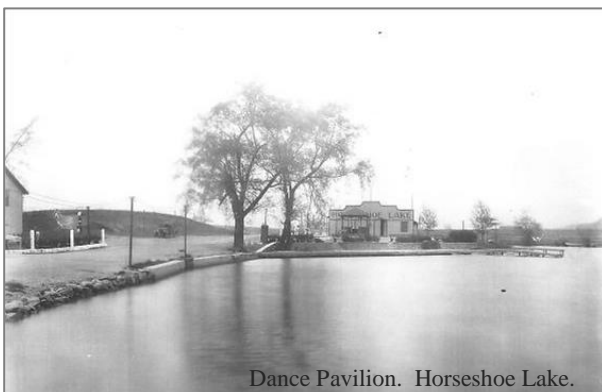
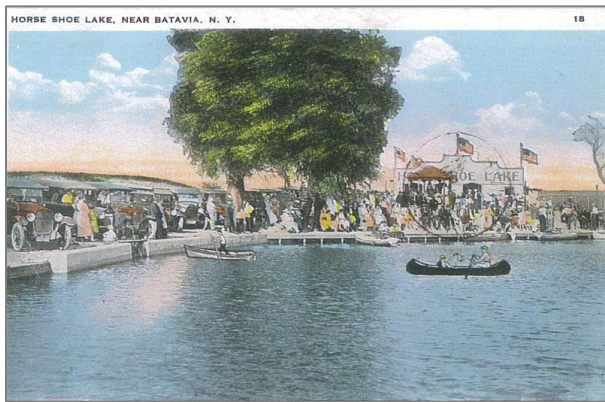
**Miss Laura [illegible]** closed he school in the Torrey district, Stafford, last Friday. At the dismissal of the school [illegible] teams with large sleighs appeared at door and the teacher, students and all were whirled away over the snow to the house of the former in this village [Pavilion], where they all sat down to an excellent oyster supper awaiting their arrival, and proceeded to do [illegible] justice to it. After supper came the usual evening games, and all enjoyed the occasion heartily. Miss Laura has been engaged to leach the school for the summer term.

*Progressive Batavian.* Batavia, NY. March 4, 1881

**Flora Stevens** is teaching in the Clipnock district. *Progressive Batavian.* Batavia, NY. April 3, 1896

Trustee George Torrey has engaged **Mrs. Frank North** to teach in the Torrey district school, which will open on September 11th. *The Daily News.* Batavia, NY. August 25, 1908

Fifty people from Stafford district No. 5 and Bethany district No. 2 attended a school picnic at Horseshoe Lake yesterday. Refreshments were served at noon and again at 4 o'clock. A ball game between the two schools was enjoyed, Stafford winning. Miss Adelaide McCormick is teacher of the Stafford school and **Miss Geraldine F. Deeney** of the Bethany school. *The Daily News.* Batavia, NY. June 11, 1921



The popularity of Horseshoe Lake as a summer resort began in 1912. In February of that year the Horse Shoe Lake Amusement Company was formed with stock of \$40,000. Mr. Fix was president and James Kelly, the attorney, secretary -treasurer. A baseball diamond was bid out east of the lake, boats were purchased, a bath house built and many plans made but not all accomplished due to lack of transportation for people to come and use the facilities.

In 1914 an icehouse was built, and at one time Batavia ice dealers got ice from there. The building burned a few years later, and the project failed. In 1916 the dance pavilion, which had been built some time earlier, burned. In 1922 a new, bigger pavilion which had a raised stage for an orchestra, was built on the north side of the lake. In the 1940s and 50s this was used by the Batavia Players for their summer theater. The building has now been torn down.

In the early 1920s the Mancusos put benches in their hardware store truck and used it to run a bus service to the lake. At that time there was a small midway set up. In 1926 the lake property was sold to Harry Pasternak and in 1928 he sold it to William J. Goade who in 1935 sold it to his son-in-law, Roger Bommer. Gradually the Coney Island aspect disappeared and it became a quiet residential community. Mr. Bommer died in 1968 and the property is now owned by his wife, Gladys Bommer.



Millville - Marjorie Linsley is attending Brockport Normal. *Medina Daily Journal*. Medina, NY. October 9, 1923

Miss Marjorie Linsley of No. 7 Spruce street has been re-engaged as teacher in district No. 2, Bethany.  
*The Batavia Times*. Batavia, NY. May 12, 1928

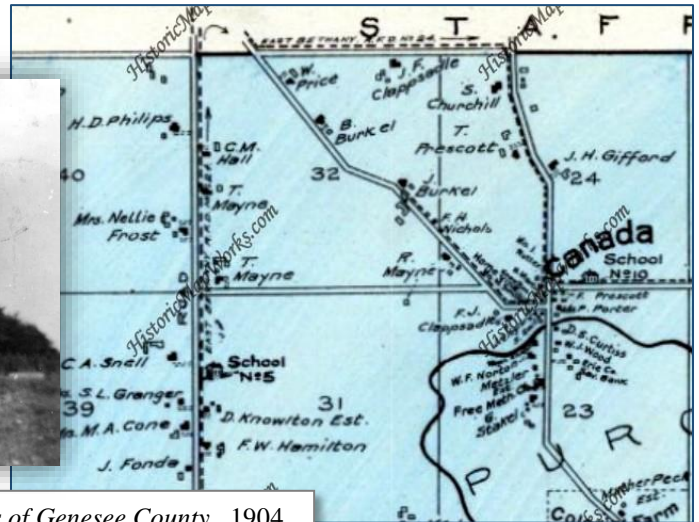
School district 2, Bethany, Genesee county, had a perfect attendance for the period that ended with the Christmas vacation, according to the report of the teacher, **Miss Marjorie C. Linsley**. Charles L. Mosher, director of the attendance division, state education department, said that this was the first case of perfect school attendance which he has seen.  
*The Saratogian*. Saratoga, NY. February 15, 1930

... Bethany district 2, **Miss Agnes Clark**, teacher; ... *The Batavia Times*. Batavia, NY. March 8, 1934

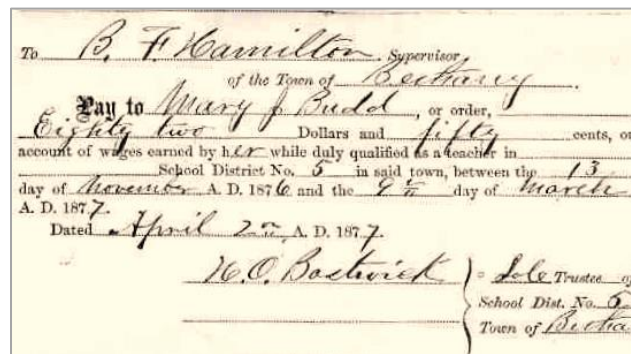
... Bethany District 2, **Mrs. Edith C. Jones**, teacher; ... *The Batavia Times*. Batavia, NY. March 21, 1936

The Board of Education of the Pavilion Central School have made arrangements for Roanoke School No. 9 and the high school students from East Bethany to enter the centralized district. It is even possible that Torrey District on the Clipnock road, town of Stafford, may join the local setup. Approximately 70 new pupils will enter the school from these districts.  
*Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. July 2, 1941

## BETHANY DISTRICT No. 5 – MAYNE DISTRICT



New Century Atlas of Genesee County. 1904



The semi-annual session of the Genesee County Teachers' Institute met at the Court House on Monday morning. ...The following is a complete list of the teachers in attendance at the Institute: ... BETHANY: Margaret L. Bloedt, Ellen M. Lawrence, Lewis J. Marsh, Mary A. Cone, Ezra J. Ramsey, Jennie B. Kohn(?), **Mary Budd**. ...  
*Spirit of the Times*. Batavia, NY. April 5, 1879

A meeting of the Bethany and Alexander Sunday School association will be held on Saturday, April 29th, at 2 p. m. at the schoolhouse in district No. 5, Bethany. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. April 12, 1899

**Miss Jennie Cooper** is to teach in district No. 5, Bethany. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. August 22, 1902

**Miss Etta Youngs** closed her school in Bethany district No. 5 with a picnic last Thursday, and has returned to her home here [in Pavilion]. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. June 16, 1909

**Miss Ruby Beekwith**, of Bethany, has been engaged to teach in District No. 5.  
*The Times*. Batavia, NY. June 2, 1917

County Treasurer Bryant will receive sometime this month half the state money due to school districts and he will deliver it to the trustees of the schools. The second half of the apportionment will be received about the first of May. Before the money is sent to the county treasurer there is a deduction of 2 per cent of each teacher's salary, including the physical training teachers, for the teachers' retirement fund. ... Bethany—District No. 5, \$224.62 ...  
*The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. March 5, 1920

The following officers were elected at the school meeting in district No. 5, Bethany, last evening: Trustee, Roy Mayne; clerk, Oliver Cone; collector, Bud Gilbert Fonda. It was voted to install sanitary plumbing and repair the schoolhouse and Richard Nichols, Albert Gallop and Edward Montanye were appoint to assist the trustee with the repairs.  
*The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. May 5, 1920

...Bethany District 5, **Agnes Clark**, teacher; ... *The Batavia Times*. Batavia, NY. February 2, 1935

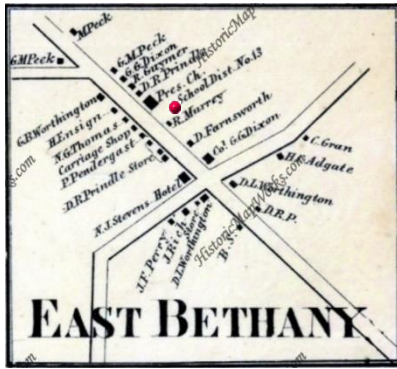
... Bethany District 5, **Martha Hofmann**, teacher ... *The Batavia Times*. Batavia, NY. March 12, 1936

Champion and second best spellers have been named as follows in Genesee county schools: ... Bethany district 5—Lorraine Allen, 12, champion; Albert Raymond, 12, second; ... *The Times*. Batavia, NY. April 16, 1936

... **Mrs. Harriette M. Fidinger**, teacher in Bethany District 5 ... *The Times*. Batavia, NY. February 11, 1937

The following schools in Genesee County were enrolled in the 1938 National Spelling Bee, conducted for the elementary schools of Western New York by the Buffalo News by the principal or teacher whose name is given: ... Bethany District 5, **Martha H. Baker** ... *The Batavia Times*. Batavia, NY. February 24, 1938

**BETHANY DISTRICT No. 9 – EAST BETHANY**



The first school at this site was an old red schoolhouse, which was taken down, sold for \$13 and replaced with a two-room building, erected in 1890 at a cost of \$1,000.

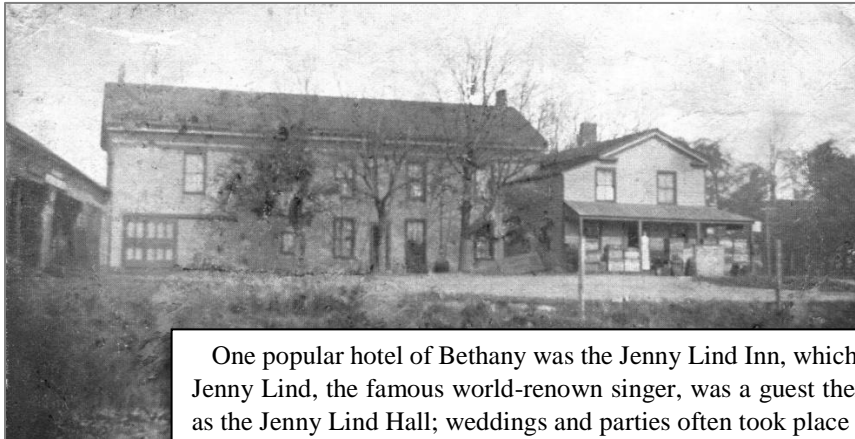
Records indicated that this school received \$1 in sale of apples from the school property. One dollar was paid for housecleaning the school each year. Wood for heating cost \$2 per cord.

The children enjoyed sharing the duty to ring the bell in the cupola, indicating the start of a school day.

Sophia Page was a student in this little schoolhouse; she went on to study medicine and practiced her profession in East Bethany for many years.

From *Through the Years in Bethany Schools*. Mrs. Myrtie Ford. May, 1960

East Bethany - **F. W. Walker** and pupils, of School district No. 9, Bethany, will give a free, public exhibition at Jenny Lind Hall, on Tuesday evening, March 16th. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. March 12, 1869



One popular hotel of Bethany was the Jenny Lind Inn, which is what the East Bethany Hotel was called after Jenny Lind, the famous world-renown singer, was a guest there [in the early 1850s]. It was often referred to as the Jenny Lind Hall; weddings and parties often took place there.

This hotel has a lengthy history of owners/operators. It was kept by R. A. Taylor in 1864 and sold to Davis Gray in 1869. It was at this time that Jenny Lind was a guest, while she was most likely on a tour in this area. After this, Angeline Crocker, widow of Charles Crocker, ran the Inn, and sold it to Randolph in 1878.

It changed hands many times over the next twenty years; owners included Jefferson Crocker, Frances Field [1881], George and Randy Page [1901]. Miss Myrtis Page purchased the Inn in 1902 and was the owner when the building burned down in 1944 [October 25, 1944]. Lawrence and Dorothy Lyke bought the property from the Myrtis Page estate in 1947. *Bethany: The Town and Its People*. Linda C. Compenelis Schmidt. 2005.

Jenny Lind (1820-1887) may have visited East Bethany during her 1850-1852 American tour. Her manager at the time was Joseph Burke (1818-1902), whose family home, Summerville Farm, was on Creek Road, Town of Alexander. Miss Lind sang at North Church in Buffalo July 28, 1851.



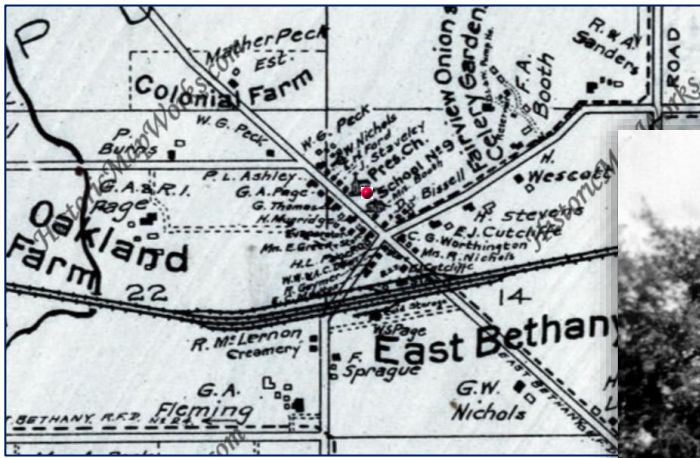
D. R. Prindle was elected trustee of the East Bethany school district on Tuesday evening. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. October 17, 1879

East Bethany - **Mr. Frank Hamilton** is to commence teaching the winter term in District No. 13 next week. May he sustain his present reputation as a teacher of first water. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. November 14, 1879

The following facts relative to the location of school teachers are kindly given by Commissioner Prentice: Mr. Willis Elliott, one of our deputy-sheriffs, teaches the Canada, Bethany, school; **Mr. Wm. Page**, who last year graduated from Cornell University, will teach the East Bethany school at a salary of \$3.50 per day; ... *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. October 26, 1883

The school at East Bethany is fortunate in securing the services of **Miss Clara Bell**, of Stafford, for the spring and Summer terms. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. March 13, 1885

Mr. Jerome King, proprietor of the old D. R. Prindle farm, has engaged to teach the East Bethany school this winter. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. October 23, 1885



New Century Atlas of Genesee County. 1904



For some time there has been a contest in district No. 9, East Bethany, over the erection of a new school house. S. J. Toll, the trustee, has been anxious for a new building, but there has been opposition to the enterprise. H. W. Homelius of Batavia drew plans and specifications for the structure and bids were asked for, but two weeks ago all bids were rejected and an adjournment was taken until last night, when a most exciting meeting was held. The trustee carried his point, however, and by a vote of 18 to 10 it was decided to erect a new school house according to the Homelius plans. It is to be a frame building, 80 by 50 feet in size, of pretty architectural design, and will probably cost between \$1,700 and \$1,800. It will be an ornament to the district. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. February 1, 1890

Architect Homelius has completed the new schoolhouse at East Bethany [Dist. No. 9] and it is pronounced to be one of the handsomest schoolhouses in the county. The amount appropriated to build it was \$1,500. We hear it has a cost a trifle more than that. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. July 25, 1890

The new school was equipped with “modern” playground equipment – swings, monkey bars, teeter totters and slides.

Orra Croff is spending a week with his parents at Bethany. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. July 3, 1891

**Orra Croff** is boarding at home and teaching school at East Bethany. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. September 11, 1891

Putnam Settlement [on the Batavia-Bethany town line] - **Orra Croff** began school at East Bethany on Monday. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. April 15, 1892

**Orra R. Croff** closes a successful term of his school at East Bethany this week. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. June 1, 1892

**Lamont Hill** has been engaged to teach the school at East Bethany. *Buffalo Express*. Buffalo, NY. September 5, 1892

The school trustees of district No. 9 have been notified that the appeal to the Superintendent of Public Instruction against his action in hiring an additional teacher has been dismissed. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. December 27, 1892

The graded school at No. 9, East Bethany, is still under the supervision of **Prof. Hamilton and Miss Myrtis Page**.  
*Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. February 10, 1893

East Bethany - A singing school has been opened in the school house in district No. 9, by Harvey Woolf, of the Centre. The pupils like their teacher well, and the promise for the school is excellent.  
*Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. February 19, 1894

East Bethany - **George H. Torrey** closed a very successful term of school on Thursday. Each scholar was presented a souvenir with the names of all the children thereon. The scholars present every day were Stella Dixon, Adelbert and Grover Thomas and Arthur Cutcliffe. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. March 25, 1895

Trustee Hugh McLernon has engaged **Miss Myrtis Page** as teacher for the coming year. It was voted at school meeting to paint the school building. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. August 10, 1897

Clarendon - **Miss Grace Brown** commenced the spring term of school at East Bethany last week.  
*The Orleans Republican*. Albion, NY. March 2, 1898

Commencement exercises of the East Bethany school will be held at the church on June 13th, at 8 o'clock  
*The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. June 8, 1901

Charles Ford, who was elected trustee in the East Bethany district, has engaged **Miss Minnie Darby** as teacher.  
*The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. August 6, 1902

The schoolhouse is being refitted with steel ceilings and a cement porch. A cement walk also is being built. Burns & Folk are doing the work. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. August 26, 1908



**Miss Etta Young** resumed teaching yesterday in the school in district No. 9, Bethany, after a four weeks' vacation.  
*The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. March 23, 1909

On account of the number of regents' pupils in the school at East Bethany, of which **Mrs. Charles Cutcliffe** is teacher, School Commissioner Stickle has secured its appointment as a regents' school. Regents' examinations will be held there on June 14th, 15th and 16th and pupils in adjoining districts who wish to take them may do so.  
*The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. May 31, 1909

The school meeting in district No. 9 resulted in the election of the following officers: Trustee, Charles Ford; Clerk, Ralph Rich; Collector, Arthur Norton. **Miss Pearl Artman** of Le Roy has been engaged as teacher.  
*The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. August 4, 1910

At the school meeting in district No. 9, Bethany, Edward Holton was elected trustee; C. R. Thomas, clerk, and A. L. Angle collector. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. May 4, 1911

**Miss Gertrude Spencer**, who has been attending a teacher's training class at Belfast, the past year, is spending the summer vacation with her mother, Mrs. Del. Spencer. Miss Spencer has been engaged to teach a school near East Bethany, the coming year. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. June 28, 1911

Patrick Welch, county patriotic instructor, and L. J. Tryon, both of Upton Post, G.A.R., and Peter H. Smith of Abraham Lincoln Camp, Sons of Veterans, visited the following district schools yesterday, giving patriotic talks and urging proper observance of Memorial day: Bethany districts Nos. 3, 4, 6, 9, 11 and 12 and Alexander, districts Nos. 2 and 10. The trip was made by automobile. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. May 23, 1914

The teacher of the [East Bethany] district school, **Miss Anna Bossart**, presented a fine entertainment on Wednesday evening in the schoolhouse. There was a flag drill by the pupils led by Miss Emily Chaddock and Harold Nichols and dialogues, recitations, etc. Miss Bossart was presented a silver spoon by her pupils. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. December 28, 1914

The school at East Bethany has closed on account of an epidemic of measles.  
*The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. April 27, 1915

A traveling company presented "Uncle Tom's Cabin" at Bethany Center and East Bethany school houses last week.  
*Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. June 16, 1915

**Miss Alice Boals** will teach school at East Bethany the remainder of the year, entering upon her duties next Monday.  
*The Naples Record*. Naples, NY. February 2, 1916

Schools in this vicinity will open next Tuesday. **Miss Anna Downing** of East Pembroke will teach the East Bethany school and board at C. F. Wood's. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. August 30, 1917

**Miss Edith B. Taylor**, who teaches school at East Bethany, is spending the holidays with her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. I. C. Taylor of East Main street [Le Roy]. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. December 26, 1918

The school at East Bethany, which has been closed on account of influenza, reopened this week. There are no new cases of influenza and those who are ill are improving. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. March 7, 1919

After two weeks Easter District school No. 9, East Bethany, with **Miss Helen Dieder** teacher, will open tomorrow.  
*The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. April 13, 1920

Alexander McLernon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McLernon, and Miss Helen Dieder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Dieder of Randolph, were married at 6:30 o'clock on Saturday evening. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. G. Lewis, pastor of the East Bethany Presbyterian church, at the bride and groom's future home, C. F. Wood's tenant house. The ceremony was witnessed by the bride's mother and her sisters, Misses Esther and Ruth Dieder. Mr. McLernon is employed by Mr. Wood. Mrs. McLernon teaches at the East Bethany school, where she will continue her duties.  
*The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. April 25, 1921

**Miss Mary McDonald** of Warsaw is teaching school in district No. 9, East Bethany, and boards with Mr. and Mrs. George Sickels. Mr. Sickels is trustee. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. September 16, 1921

At least 250 persons attended the East Bethany field day for the benefit of the baseball team on Saturday afternoon and the team made a profit, although the exact amount has not been determined. Chief interest centered in a baseball game between East Bethany and Byron, which was won by the home team, 5 to 1. East Bethany Grange defeated Pavilion Grange in two pulls in a tug of war.

Children from rural school districts participated in a track meet, in which the East Bethany school carried away the honors with 57 points, against a total of 44 made by all the other competing districts. A banner was awarded the winning school and the individual contestants were given money prizes. Refreshments were sold at stands.  
*The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. June 19, 1922



Girls' 4-H homemaking clubs in the Bethany district will confer at East Bethany school at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. One club from Pavilion and three from East Bethany will meet in this session, which is the second of its type to take place in Genesee county. *Rochester Democrat and Chronicle*. Rochester, NY. April 26, 1929

These school spelling champions, were reported during the past week. The champion in each school will receive a desk standard edition of Funk & Wagnall's dictionary, and the runner-up will receive a certificate of honor. ... East Bethany district 10, Frances Hale, 15, champion; Janet Maples, 10, second; ...

*The Times*. Batavia, NY. April 13, 1933

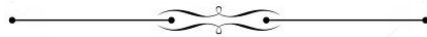
With two weeks still to go for entering, enrollments in the 1935 National Spelling Bee, conducted for the schools of Western New York by the Buffalo Evening News and sponsored in Genesee county by the Batavia Times, are within seven schools of last year's record-breaking entry list. Last year 1060 schools participated.

The number of schools participating in each of the contest divisions are as follows: Buffalo. 92; Erie county (outside Buffalo), 165; Allegany county, 89; Cattaraugus, 130; Chautauqua, 195; Genesee, 80; Niagara, 115; Orleans, 80; Wyoming, 107.

The following schools have held their elimination contests and report these champion and second best spellers. ...Bethany District 9, Paul Gifford, 13, champion; Alice Robinson, 12, second.... *The Batavia Times*. Batavia, NY. March 21, 1935



Howard Brown's family. 1940



Myrtis Page. 1934

East Bethany Resident Lost Her Life In Fire - Miss Myrtis A. Page, Sister of Batavian, Trapped in Blazing Home - Body Found Hours Later - Structure Where She Lived Alone Was the Former Jenny Lind Tavern

Miss Myrtis A. Page, 79, a retired former well-known East Bethany school teacher, met death last night (October 25, 1944) when fire destroyed the 150-year-old former Jenny Lind Tavern at East Bethany where she had made her home for the past 37 years.

State police and sheriff's deputies remained at the scene to direct traffic and launched a search for the body as soon as the ruins had cooled sufficiently. The body was found by Deputy Sheriff Albert F. Lee in the front part of the structure about 10 o'clock this morning. Coroner Irwin A. Cole was at the scene and said he would issue a certificate of accidental death. He ordered the body removed to the H. E. Turner & Co. Mortuary.

On the basis of information gathered from neighbors and personal investigation, Sheriff G. Forest Brown said that, unless requested, no further investigation would be made. It was

learned that Miss Page used a gas stove to heat the home and the stove was believed to have been the cause of the blaze. Several persons reported passing the structure a short time before the fire was discovered.

Both Sheriff Brown and State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigation officers expressed a belief that there was no foul play in connection with the death. Although Miss Page lived by herself, neighbors dropped in to see her about every day. She was last reported to have been seen early yesterday.

The fire was discovered by Raymond Robinson, town highway superintendent, and Howard S. Brown, a neighbor. Mr. Brown suffered a badly-lacerated leg as he attempted to batter down the door to reach the woman. Both men reported strong gas fumes as they opened the door. However, they were not able to reach Miss Page because of flames and smoke.

Firemen from Alexander and Stafford fought a losing battle against the blaze, the cause of which has not been determined. Although hampered by lack of water, they were able to save nearby buildings.

Firemen were forced to bring water in the tank trucks from wells and cisterns over a wide area. Several nearby trees, including one across the road from the burning structure, were damaged during the heat of the blaze. Smoke continued to pour from the ruins today.

Included in the loss was a large amount of antique furniture, papers and other materials stored in the structure. It was said by a neighbor that Miss Page had all copies of *The News* dating back to the 1880s.

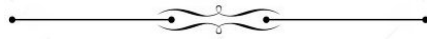
The structure was one of the most widely-known buildings in this area. It was, for many years, the scene of dances and other parties and on one occasion the noted Jenny Lind visited the place and sang there during her tour of America.

For some years, Miss Page and her brother Harry. L. Page, of No. 122 Bank Street, conducted a store there. Mr. Page and his sister also had charge of the post office at East Bethany for some time. Despite efforts of relatives to have her move in with them, Miss Page continued to live there and plans were being made to have the property fixed up for the winter.

Attracted by huge clouds of smoke and flames, several hundred persons went to the scene. The fire departments remained until 2:30 o'clock this morning.

A native and life-long resident of the Bethany area, Miss Page was born on April 5, 1865, a daughter of the late Nathan and Ellen Gates Page. She attended the former Miss Hooker's School and also held a teaching certificate from the Buffalo State Teachers' College. She retired from the teaching profession at the time she and her brother opened the store.

Besides her brother, Miss Page is survived by a sister, Dr. Sophie Page Carlucci of Endicott, N.Y., and several nieces and nephews. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. October 26, 1944



East Bethany District No. 9 became part of the Pavilion Central School District in 1954.

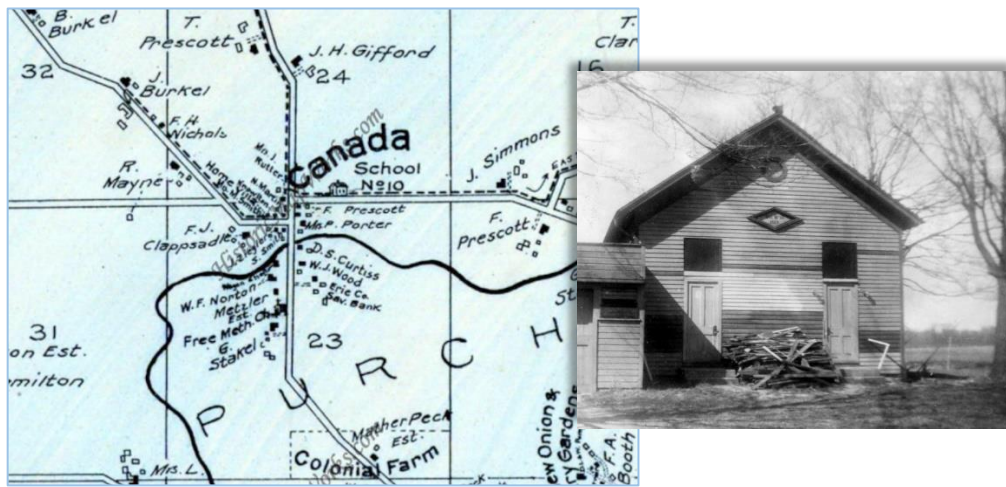
## BETHANY DISTRICT No. 10 – LITTLE CANADA

Sixty years ago Little Canada was quite a business place, having a hotel, store, millinery shop, two saw mills, grist mill, two cooper shops, wagon and blacksmith's shop, a church and a school house. At present there is nothing there but residences. It is a very pretty place, situated on a state road with Black creek running through it. For summer homes it is a most desirable location.

Little Canada was originally called the Bennett Settlement and the present name originated from a quarrel between two women. A hen and her brood of chicks was claimed by a woman who lived on the north bank of Black creek, which runs through the center of the settlement, and also claimed by a woman who lived on the south bank. One of the men residents of the settlement began to call the south bank America and the north bank Canada.

Erastus Wood, father of Mrs. William F. Norton, settled at Little Canada in 1824 and ran a grist mill and saw mill. His son, William Wood, for many years conducted a wagon and blacksmith shop. The wagon shop is still there and situated across the road from the home recently purchased by Arthur L. Pollard of Batavia.  
*The Daily News.* Batavia, NY. May 8, 1920

One of the-very earliest taverns to be established in Genesee county was in Little Canada; in the eastern part of the town of Bethany, on Black creek. In 1808 a mill was erected there by Samuel Bennett and for quite a number of years the place was called "Bennett's Mills." Sylvester Lincoln was another tavern, keeper and later on the stand was conducted by C. J. Lincoln, who, also served as postmaster in 1821. Mr. Lincoln was a colonel of militia. It was in his tavern where frequently were held Masonic meetings of Olive Branch Lodge, after the lodge moved from Batavia.  
*The Batavia Times.* Batavia, NY. October 11, 1924



*New Century Atlas of Genesee County.* 1904

Three new school houses have been built the past year, one in district No 10, Bethany ...  
*Spirit of the Times.* Batavia, NY. December 13, 1879

John Ford, trustee of the district, decided Little Canada needed a new building to replace the red schoolhouse. After putting this idea to the voters of the district, a committee was formed and "business began." Three of the Ford's daughters and his son Egbert attended school here. From *Through the Years in Bethany Schools.* Mrs. Myrtie Ford. May, 1960

**Miss Eva M. Hallock** was paid \$117.65 for teaching at the Little Canada school November 13, 1871 through March 2, 1872. *Bethany: The Town and the People.* Linda C. Schmidt. 2005

... **Mr. Wm. Page**, who last year graduated from Cornell University, will teach the East Bethany school at a salary of \$3.50 per day; ... *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. October 26, 1883

Mr. D.W. Brainard, of Grinnell, Ia., now visiting in Bethany, in behalf of the scholars of the Canada school, presented the teacher, **Mr. Willis Elliott**, with a fine album at the close of the spelling school last Friday evening.  
*Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. February 15, 1884

**SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**No. 10.**  
**Bethany, Canada School.**

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Term ending March 9th, 1883.

**Edna B. Clapsaddle,** **Willis Elliott,**  
Teacher. Trustee.

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Peter Broe,	Thomas Kelly,	John Sanders,
William Broe,	James Kelly,	Fannie Taylor,
John Broe,	Matthew Kelly,	George Wood,
Lilly Clapsaddle,	William Kelly,	Eddie Wood,
Fred Clapsaddle,	Minnie Martin,	Jennie Wood,
Grace Elliott,	Grace Nichols,	Charles Wood,
Lena Ford,	Benjamin Nichols,	Ella Wood,
Jennie Ford,	Mary Prescott,	Carrie Wood,
Helen Heath,	Lydia Prescott,	Carrie Wilson,
Walter Heath,	William Pawsey,	Emma Ziegler,
Nellie Harris,	Herbert Pawsey,	Rosa Ziegler,
John Kelly,	John Pawsey,	

**Clara Trick** is engaged to teach the Canada school (Bethany) the coming summer.  
*Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. February 26, 1886

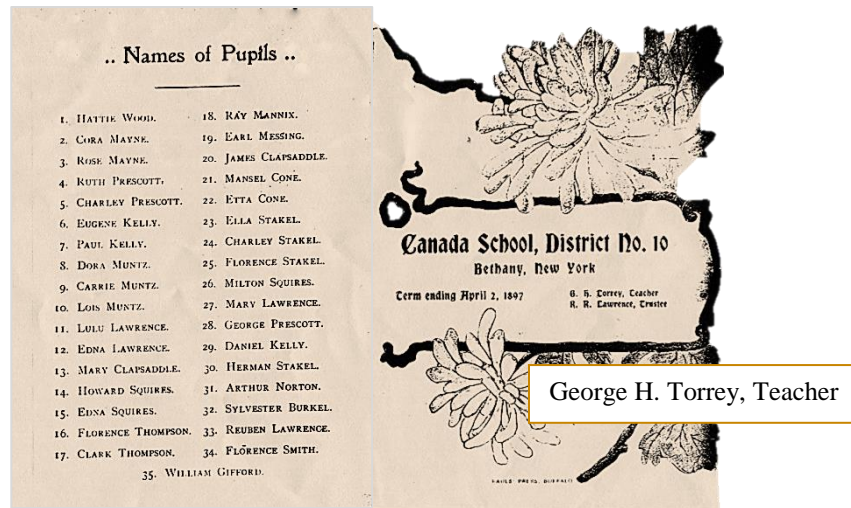
The Canada school, taught by Geo. Rogerton(?), closed last week. The summer term will begin soon.  
*The Spirit of the Times*. Batavia, NY. February 19, 1887

The winter term of the Canada school, district no. 10, Bethany, closed yesterday with appropriate exercises. **G.[George] H. Torrey**, the teacher presented each of the pupils with a class card upon which the names of the thirty-seven scholars were printed. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. March 7, 1891

There was a pleasant entertainment by the pupils of school No. 10, Bethany (Canada), last evening at 7 o'clock, under the direction of **Miss Myrtis Page**, the competent teacher. The programme was varied and interesting and much enjoyed by all who attended. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. March 9, 1892

School district No. 10, Bethany, is fortunate in again securing the services of **S. W. [Willis] Elliott** as teacher for its winter term. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. September 12, 1894

**Miss Minnie Putnam** began teaching the school in Little Canada on Monday. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. April 15, 1896



**W. E. Harding** commenced teaching school at Little Canada last week.  
*Wyoming Reporter.* Wyoming, NY. October 13, 1897

School will commence on Monday at the Canada schoolhouse with **Miss Brown** of Byron as teacher.  
*The Daily News.* Batavia, NY. February 16, 1898

**George W. Mayne** commenced his school in district No. 10, Bethany, on Monday.  
*The Daily News.* Batavia, NY. October 5, 1900

William Mannix was elected trustee in Bethany district No. 10 at Little Canada.  
*The Daily News.* Batavia, NY. August 6, 1902

In Little Canada Nathaniel Churchill was elected trustee, John Zeigler collector and Fred J. Clapsaddle clerk.  
*The Daily News.* Batavia, NY. August 6, 1903

School in district No. 10. Little Canada, Bethany, will commence on Monday with **Miss Inez Thomas** as teacher, this being her second year there. *The Daily News.* Batavia, NY. September 25, 1903

**Miss Florence Rudmore's** school in district No. 10, Bethany, was closed on Thursday afternoon with a lawn party at her home in this village [Le Roy]. A literary programme was carried out, games were played und refreshments were served. The house and lawn were prettily decorated with flowers and flags, the color scheme being red, white and blue.  
*The Daily News.* Batavia, NY. June 24, 1905

Oliver Cone, trustee in district No. 5, has engaged Miss Ada Davenport of Elmira as teacher. Miss Davenport will board at Mr. Cone's. In district No. 10, Little Canada, **Miss Agnes Clark** has been engaged as teacher.  
*The Daily News.* Batavia, NY. August 7, 1905

School Commissioner Stickle announces that the June apportionment of library and apparatus money for Genesee county schools is as follows: District No. 10, Bethany, \$10; No. 1, Oakfield, \$84.38; No. 6, Oakfield, \$6.75; No. 3, Pembroke, \$5.25. *The Daily News.* Batavia, NY. June 20, 1908

**Mrs. Charles Cutcliffe** will teach the spring term of school in Little Canada.  
*The Daily News.* Batavia, NY. February 18, 1908

The school at Little Canada is closed for a vacation of three weeks. *The Daily News.* Batavia, NY. February 13, 1912

Trustee Byron Smith of Little Canada is having the interior of the schoolhouse painted. Edwin Wood is doing the work.  
*The Daily News.* Batavia, NY. August 17, 1912

**IMPORTANT**—Read carefully "Directions to teachers" before making any entries. Enter **ONLY** **FIRST TERM** Attendance in school district no. 10 Schoolhouse situat

GRADE	Names of pupils of school age (over 5 and under 18 years) Name of teacher	Names of parents or guardians	Age	Insert date over each day's attendance <b>ESP</b>							1st WEEK		2d WEEK					
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Page from Teacher's Attendance Register.  
Bethany Dist. No. 10. c.1910

**Miss Agnes Clark**, teacher in district No. 10 at Little Canada, had a tree for her scholars this afternoon. The scholars exchanged presents and there was a programme. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. December 20, 1912

At the Little Canada school there was a pleasing program and tree on Thursday afternoon, given by the teacher, **Miss Agnes Clark**. The exercises consisted of recitations, dialogues, singing, etc. Santa Claus and his son appeared. Many of the pupils presented their teacher gifts. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. December 28, 1914

The school in district, No. 10, Little Canada, **Miss Agnes Clark**, teacher, has been closed for a five-week vacation. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. February 15, 1915

In the Little Canada district Lawrence Boyle was chairman of the meeting and officers were all re-elected, as follows: Trustee, Fred Clapsaddle; Clerk, Edwin Wood; Collector, W. F. Norton, The sum of \$278 is to be raised by tax. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. May 5, 1915

At the Bethany Grange's annual children's fair and field day ... there will be a spelling match and the school showing the best drawings will receive the banner, which was awarded the Little Canada school last year. ... *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. June 4, 1915

**Miss Florence Wilcox** has been engaged to teach the school at Little Canada, Bethany, for the fall term of 15 weeks, ending on December 18th. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. June 14, 1915

After a vacation of two weeks the school at Little Canada, district No. 10, will open on Monday with **Miss Gertrude Torrey** as teacher. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. February 5, 1916

The school at Little Canada, **Miss Gertrude Torrey** teacher, which has been having a vacation on account of the whooping cough epidemic, has been reopened. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. March 31, 1916

Fletcher Montgomery presided at the Little Canada district meeting and the following officers were elected: Trustee, Lawrence Boyle; Collector, W. F. Norton; Clerk, Fred Clapsaddle. It was voted to raise \$325. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. May 3, 1916

Little Canada school district No. 10, **Miss Agnes Clark**, teacher, won first premium on corn in the Cornell contest for the county. It was grown on Edwin Wood's farm and cared for by his daughter Laura. The Bethany Grange has done a great deal to interest the pupils of the town in agricultural pursuits, in giving them prizes each year. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. March 15, 1917

**Miss Agnes Clark** has resigned as teacher of the Little Canada school and has accepted a position in the Stafford school. Miss Clark has taught the Little Canada school many years and given general satisfaction and the patrons of the school will be sorry to lose her. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. May 9, 1917

Lawrence M. Boyle, trustee in district No. 10, Little Canada, has engaged **Miss Teresa Maher** of Batavia as teacher the coming year. Miss Maher is a graduate of the Batavia high school and the Geneseo normal school, including a year's professional training. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. May 23, 1917

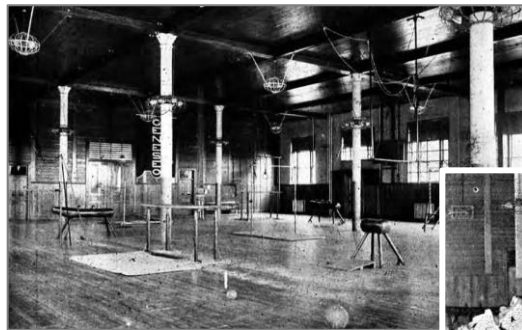


In 1867 the Wadsworth Normal School at Geneseo was chartered by the state legislature. When it opened its doors in 1871 with 91 students, its name was changed to Geneseo Normal School, one of nine name changes through the years. Today, 2016, more than 5,000 students study at SUNY Geneseo, the latest incarnation of a school that has developed a reputation as one of the nation's best public liberal arts colleges.

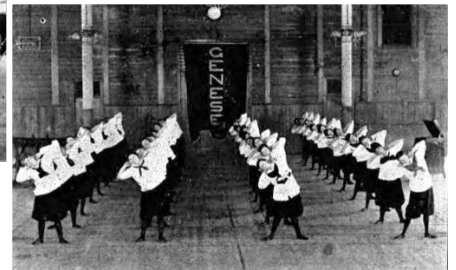
State Normal School at Geneseo. 1918  
"Old Main," then still the school's sole building... albeit with all its added wings and annexes.



Library.



Gymnasium.



Money which was left in the treasury in school district no. 10, Little Canada, is being returned to the patrons of the school by the trustee, Laurence Boyle. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. August 9, 1917

The Little Canada school house is being shingled and is to be painted under the direction of Frank Lathrop. *The Western New Yorker*. Warsaw, NY. August 23, 1917

**Miss Teresa Maher** of Batavia will teach the Little Canada school and board at Lawrence Boyle's. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. August 30, 1917

... Grover Stringham, district No. 5, Pavilion; Miss Anna Downing, district No. 9, Bethany; **Fred Clapsaddle**, district No. 10, Bethany; Miss Gertrude Richardson and Miss Baldwin, district No. 7, Bethany; Miss Ruby Beckwith, district No. 5, Bethany; ... *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. November 30, 1917

The Christmas tree and exercises at the school at Little Canada will be held this evening instead of Christmas eve as was first intended. The school will have two weeks' vacation. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. December 21, 1917

A very pleasant entertainment was given by **Miss Teresa Maher's** pupils in school district No. 10, Little Canada, on Friday evening. The school room was decorated with ropes of green and red crepe paper, evergreen and Christmas bells. A tree from which gifts were distributed to the pupils stood in the corner of the room and beside it was an open chimney on which stockings were hung. John Holly was Santa Claus and entered into the room from the chimney. Recitations were given by Leona Cook, Harold Newton, Fred Post, Isabel Sanders, Helen Montgomery, Mildred Scarlet, Irene Prescott, Charles Gillard, Edward Clapsaddle, Laura Wood, Laverne Wood, and Mildred Newton. The pupils presented their teacher a toilet set. The program closed by the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner." *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. December 24, 1917

The school at Little Canada, **Miss Teresa Maher**, teacher, reopened yesterday, after a two weeks' vacation. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. January 8, 1918

Schools in district No. 9, East Bethany, Miss Down teacher, and district No. 10, Little Canada, **Miss Teresa Maher** teacher, closed with a picnic for the pupils on Friday afternoon. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. June 17, 1918

On account of the epidemic of Spanish influenza Byron J. Smith, trustee of school district No. 10, Little Canada, has closed the school for a week. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. October 15, 1918

The school at Little Canada was reopened on Monday with only four pupils in attendance and it was again closed until next Wednesday. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. November 1, 1918

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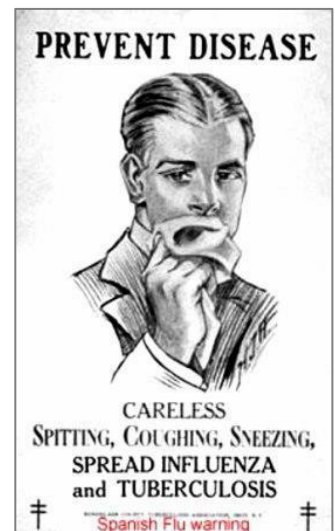
The influenza pandemic of 1918-1919 killed more people than the Great War, known today as World War I (WWI), at somewhere between 20 and 40 million people. It has been cited as the most devastating epidemic in recorded world history. More people died of influenza in a single year than in four-years of the Black Death Bubonic Plague from 1347 to 1351. Known as "Spanish Flu" or "La Grippe" the influenza of 1918-1919 was a global disaster.

The origins of this influenza variant is not precisely known. The name of Spanish Flu came from the early affliction and large mortalities in Spain where it allegedly killed 8 million in May, 1918. A first wave of influenza appeared early in the spring of 1918 in Kansas and in military camps throughout the US. Few noticed the epidemic in the midst of the war.

The war brought the virus back into the US for the second wave of the epidemic. It first arrived in Boston in September of 1918 through the port busy with war shipments of machinery and supplies. The war also enabled the virus to spread and diffuse. Men across the nation were mobilizing to join the military and the cause. As they came together, they brought the virus with them and to those they contacted. The virus killed almost 200,000 in October of 1918 alone. In November 11 of 1918 the end of the war enabled a resurgence. As people celebrated Armistice Day with parades and large parties, a complete disaster from the public health standpoint, a rebirth of the epidemic occurred in some cities. The flu that winter was beyond imagination as millions were infected and thousands died. Just as the war had effected the course of influenza, influenza affected the war. Entire fleets were ill with the disease and men on the front were too sick to fight. The flu was devastating to both sides, killing more men than their own weapons could.

In the two years that this scourge ravaged the earth, a fifth of the world's population was infected. The flu was most deadly for people ages 20 to 40. This pattern of morbidity was unusual for influenza which is usually a killer of the elderly and young children. It infected 28% of all Americans. An estimated 675,000 Americans died of influenza during the pandemic, ten times as many as in the world war. Of the U.S. soldiers who died in Europe, half of them fell to the influenza virus and not to the enemy. An estimated 43,000 servicemen mobilized for WWI died of influenza. 1918 would go down as unforgettable year of suffering and death and yet of peace.

Adapted from an article written by Molly Billings, June, 1997.



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In district No. 10, Little Canada, Lawrence Boyle presided. Byron Smith was elected trustee, Mrs. W. F. Norton collector and F. J. Clapsaddle, clerk. It was voted to raise \$850. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. May 7, 1919

The schoolhouse in district No. 10, Little Canada, is being repaired. New doors, partitions and toilets are being put in. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. October 25, 1919



After two weeks Easter vacation school in district No. 10, Little Canada, with Miss N.[Nellie] C. **Tinney** teacher, reopened yesterday. District school No. 9, East Bethany, with Miss Helen Dedger teacher, will open tomorrow.

*The Daily News.* Batavia, NY. April 13, 1920

At district No. 10, Little Canada, Laurence Boyle was elected trustee, Mrs. W. F. Norton collector and Fred Clapsaddle clerk. It was voted to raise \$1,000 for current expenses. *The Daily News.* Batavia, NY. May 5, 1920

School In district No. 10, Little Canada, closed yesterday for the summer. **Miss N. C. Tinney** of Akron, teacher, had a picnic for the pupils in the afternoon. *The Daily News.* Batavia, NY. June 12, 1920



Miss Nellie C. Tinney, 87, of 33 Front St., Akron, an educator in Western New York public schools for more than 35 years before retiring in 1930, died Friday night in Meyer Memorial Hospital. ... Shortly after graduating from high school in 1894, she began her teaching career which included assignments to district schools in East Bethany, Little Canada, Wheatville, Scotland, Pembroke and Darien in Genesee County; Rapids in Niagara County and Newstead in Erie County. ...

*Buffalo Courier-Express.* Buffalo, NY. July 6, 1958



School in district No. 9, Miss Helen Dieder teacher, and in No. 10 Little Canada, **James Lane**, teacher, reopened on Tuesday. Trustee Lawrence Boyle has taken the census in school district No. 10. There are 20 children between the ages of five and 18. *The Daily News.* Batavia, NY. September 11, 1920

The tax roll for district No. 10, Bethany, is in the hands of Mrs. W. P. Norton, for collection and she will receive taxes at her home for the next thirty days at 1 per cent. *The Daily News.* Batavia, NY. October 22, 1920

In school district No. 10, Little Canada, **James Lane**, teacher, there will be two weeks' vacation, beginning Monday. *The Daily News.* Batavia, NY. March 25, 1921

Trustee Lawrence Boyle has hired **James Lane** to teach the school in district No. 10, Little Canada, the coming year. *The Daily News.* Batavia, NY. May 10, 1921

**James Lane**, teacher in school district No. 10, Little Canada, is preparing a program for Friday afternoon, December 23. *The Daily News.* Batavia, NY. December 17, 1921

On account of the prevalence of illness, school is closed this week in district No. 10, Little Canada, where **James Lane** is teacher. *The Daily News.* Batavia, NY. April 3, 1922

In Bethany district No. 10, in Little Canada, the following officers were elected: Trustee, Fred Clapsaddle; collector, Mrs. W. F. Norton; clerk, Mrs. A. J. Norton. W. F. Norton acted as chairman. Because over \$500 remains on hand from previous years only \$400 was appropriated for this year. *The Daily News.* Batavia, NY. May 3, 1922

**James Lane** has been engaged to teach again in school district No, 10, Little Canada. *The Daily News.* Batavia, NY. May 13, 1922

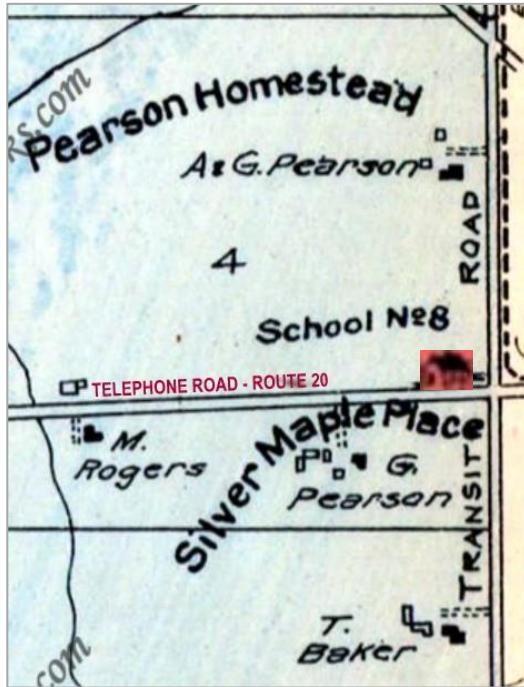
**James Lane**, teacher in school district No. 10, Little Canada, closed his school with a picnic for the pupils today. *The Daily News.* Batavia, NY. June 16, 1922

**Mrs. Ida Allen** taught for several years in District No. 10.

In 1948 Howard Egbert Ford and May Stripp Ford purchased the school in Little Canada – the building where his father [Egbert G. Ford] had attended and which his grandfather [John Ford] had helped to build. The remodeled the school house into a very pleasant home and lived there until 1956 when they sold it to Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Phillips.

Adapted from *Through the Years in Bethany Schools.* Mrs. Myrtie Ford. May, 1960

**PAVILION-BETHANY DISTRICT No. 8 - SMEAD DISTRICT – NORTH TRANSIT DISTRICT – PEARSON DISTRICT**



District No. 8 – Covington – Later Pavilion and Bethany: The deed setting aside land for this district is dated July 8, 1820 and the School Commissioners at that time were L. Mix of Stafford, Seth Smead and J. K. Boston for Bethany and Rufus Partridge and J. E. Davis for Covington. ... William Smead, Sr., Prescott Smead, Bishop Lord and Reuben Pearson acted as trustees in this district for many years and really constituted the examining board for teachers and they got the best. The early school structure was later replaced by a more pretentious one [possibly in the 1850s], painted red as most other schools were at that time.

William C. Smead, Sr. and Marshall Smead were early teachers, as was Calvin Dutton in the 1830s.

The Misses Marian N., Mary E. and Caroline Smead attended this school and later conducted the Bryan Seminary for girls in Toledo, Ohio subsequent to 1880.

The last school building is now [1941] an antique shop on Route No. 20.

Some of the teachers: Mr. Delahunt, Nancy Pierson, John Connor, Vinnie Mills, Jennie Coon, Michael V. O'Shea, Thomas F. O'Shea, Florence Reed, Mrs. Mary Bradley Kingdon, Irma French, Mrs. Mary Peck Wood, Mrs. Emma Kingdon Taylor, Abbie Mills, Ora Shamp, Phoebe Scarff, Lillian Dryer, Theresa Priestly, Miss Williams, B. J. Hoxey, Helen Doran, Alice Bowles, Miss Pfaff, Etta Youngs, Sadie Artman, Mildred Crane, Mrs. Julia Larkin Peck, Ann Hall, Ruth Clement, Nellie Dauchy, Mary Nevinger, Mrs. Mildred Bennet Baker, Nellie Wells, Mary McCormick, Mrs. Mae Colgate Smead, Mrs. Winifred Texter Dart, William Hurst, Mrs. Clarence Butler.

From *The Pavilion Community 1800-1941*. J. L. Broughton, ed. 1941

The schools of districts Nos. 8 and 9, Pavilion, taught by Misses **Carrie Robinson** and Ida Newell, respectively, joined in a picnic at Walker's grove last Saturday. The recitations and declamations by the scholars were excellent, and the compositions by Misses Mamie Thomas and Katie Hubbard showed careful thought. The children had a delightful time, and the sale of the old bachelors greatly amused the older people. The scholars reflected the thorough training and discipline of their teachers, who are students of the Brockport State Normal School.

*Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. August 2, 1879

Records of District No. 8 beginning in 1846, now [1985] in possession of the Smead family, record Marvin Lord as the successful bidder to supply ten cord of "good beech or maple" wood for fifty-nine cents per cord. Inflation was a problem then, too – wood in 1847 cost sixty-two cents a cord. In 1848 John Peck was paid seventy cents a cord. Minutes of the

January 3, 1850 meeting show resolutions were passed to raise \$30 for the winter school term and to leave \$1.50 in the hands of the trustee for school repairs. *History of Genesee County New York 1890-1982*. Mary McCulley, ed. 1985

We learn that D. D. Snyder of Warsaw, is teaching singing school in the North Transit school house. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. May 21, 1880

**Miss Abbie Mills** is engaged to teach for the Smead district on the Transit Road. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. September 5, 1888

**Miss Etta Youngs** has been engaged to teach the spring term of the North Transit school, commencing March 20th. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. March 3, 1899

**Miss Abbie Mills** is now enjoying a vacation after having taught a very successful term of school in the north transit district. The term closed with a school picnic held on Mr. Wm. Smead's lawn. The teacher and pupils are very grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Smead for opening their house to the gathered company when a storm arose, ending the outdoor sport. A beautifully bound volume of [illegible] was presented to Miss Mills by her pupils, while she bestowed prizes upon the following named pupils for regular attendance: Mary Connor, Lucy Smead, Abby Connor, Eddie Baker, Howell Reed, Daniel Connor, Willie Mills, Morgan Smead and Augustus Connor. *Spirit of the Times*. Batavia, NY. July 13, 1889

**Miss Mary Bradley** is to "wield the birch" in the North Transit district, Willie Hurst in the South Transit, Miss Etta Youngs on Burleigh Hill. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. August 28, 1891

The winter term of school in the North Transit district closed on Monday evening with an entertainment by the scholars. **Miss Irma French** will teach the spring and summer terms, commencing next Monday. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. January 23, 1901

**Miss Etta Youngs** teaches the North Transit school. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. December 26, 1906

Charles Kingdon has engaged **Sadie Artman**, of Le Roy, as teacher in District No. 8, on the Transit. School commenced Monday. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. September 18, 1907

**Miss Mildred Crane** of Alexander has been engaged to teach the North Transit school the ensuing year and Miss Nellie Dauchy the South Transit school. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. September 3, 1908

**Miss Nellie Wells** began her duties as teacher in the Pearson district, town of Bethany Sept. 4. *Western New Yorker*. Warsaw, NY. September 17, 1911

The school in the Pearson district, **Miss Minnie Cutcliffe** teacher, is closed this week on account of the prevalence of whooping cough. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. February 6, 1913

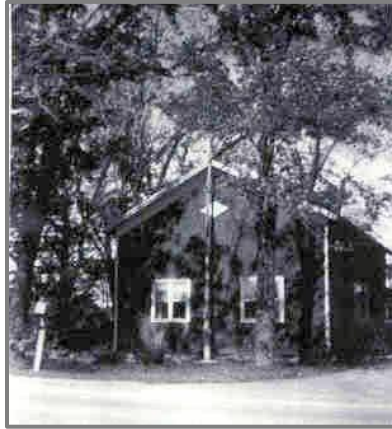
School began Tuesday, with **Miss Anna Hall** of Grey in the North Transit school. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. September 2, 1914

**Miss Anna Hall**, who has been teaching in the North Transit school, had to give up her school on account of sickness. **Miss Clement** of South Byron is teaching in her place. *Le Roy Gazette and News*. Le Roy, NY. January 13, 1915

**Mrs. Gayton Smead**, who teaches at the North Transit school had been ill for the past three weeks. Miss Nellie Dauchy is substituting for Mrs. Smead during her illness. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. December 21, 1927

**Mrs. Gayton Smead** resumed her work on Tuesday as teacher in the North Transit school district. Mrs. Smead has been ill for several weeks. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. January 11, 1928

**Miss Winifred Texter** will teach the coming year in the North Transit district.  
*Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. August 15, 1928



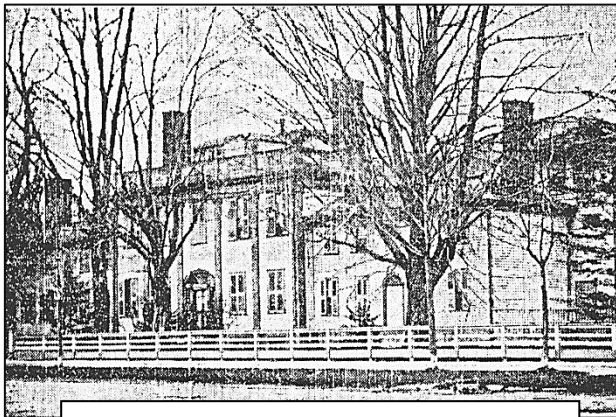
### **THE SMEAD SISTERS – MARIAN, MARY, CAROLINE**

PAVILION SISTERS REPRESENT FACINATING EDUCATION ERA. “DRAFTED” FOR TOLEDO SCHOOL.  
By Virginia Trietly.

Some long-time residents of the Batavia area may recall the Smead School which was located in the spacious and beautiful Ellicott-Evans home on West Main St. facing Walnut St. before Dellinger Ave. came into being.

[David Ellicott Evans purchased the fine residence of Mr. (Joseph) Ellicott, (his uncle), from the three sisters and the brother’s wife, to whom Mr. E. had willed it (after his death in 1826). Extending and carrying out the plans of his uncle, he has made it one of the most beautiful and tasteful residences in the state. Mr. Evans lived in the mansion until his death in May, 1850.]

This school, which was relocated in Toledo, O., in 1884, had been founded in 1842 by Miss Ruth Beardsley as a select day school for young ladies. In May 1848, Miss Beardsley married William A, Bryan and she and her husband changed the facility to a boarding school, known as Bryan’s Seminary.



Ellicott-Evans Mansion

After the school was well established, two unusual girls from Pavilion enrolled there, Marian and Mary Smead. These sisters were the daughters of William C. Smead whose farm stood at the intersection of what is now Rt. 20 and the Ellicott St. Rd. Marian was born in 1843 and Mary in 1845. In 1853 a son, William C. Jr., was born and in 1860 the Smeads had their third daughter, Caroline.

“I don’t know how my aunts happened to go to the Bryan School,” exclaimed Miss [Lucy] Smead, who, with her sister Marian, manager of the Pavilion Central School cafeteria, is now living in the large white farmhouse there. “It may be because they were so obviously gifted children. Mrs. Bryan was quite interested in them and may have had something to do with it. They started their schooling in the little district school house here and later changed to the Batavia private school.”

That they were remarkable young ladies is shown by their later record. Perhaps the most striking indication was that in 1866 Miss Marian left, alone, for France to learn the language and a year later Miss Mary went to Germany for the same reason. In that day, when career girls were a thing of the future and young ladies were trained to be just that, an unchaperoned voyage across the vast ocean was a daring adventure.

Eventually Mrs. Bryan retired and the Smead sisters took over the school. In those days daughters of well-to-do families were sent to finishing schools where training in gentility was the primary objective. They were taught such things as music, art, and French, but first and foremost, they learned to be ladies.

West of Batavia, few cities had such institutions and many of the girls from “the West” were sent to the Smead school. A large group from Toledo was enrolled here and waxed eloquent in their praise of the Misses Smead and their delightful school.

Thus it was that in 1884 a group of Toledo citizens appeared in Batavia to prevail upon the pioneer educators to move to their growing city. Among them was John Paul Jones, part owner of the Toledo Blade, and at the time a member of the state legislature.

Their trip was fruitful, as one of the sisters wrote: “In July ’84, the migration was happily accomplished. Faculty, servants, household goods, cast in their fate with the new enterprise. ... We started in Toledo with eight hours girls and 35 day pupils, and soon had to charter an omnibus to get the pupils to school. The second year we had to acquire another dwelling.”

In Toledo, the other sister, Caroline, was added to the faculty to work with the younger children.

The Sept. 2 issue of the Toledo Blade this year has in it a history of the school, now known as the Maumee Valley Country Day School.

An alumna described the Smeads: “The three sisters were of a vanishing type of womanhood – no excitement or confusion ever agitated their domicile – and haste never crowded out courtesy. Their real home must have been Cranford, for on Toledo streets they seemed out of place. Who in our day could have made their bonnets?”

“In meeting them downtown one had an elusive thought of faraway sweetness and light. Their complexions were shell-like, their hands transparent, their collars and handkerchiefs always exultantly white. Yet these beloved teachers seemed one of us, for their understanding bridged our awkwardness into ease, and their quiet humor revealed them as very human.”

Another said, “Along with many of the things they taught us, which sounds ridiculous today, they built character.”

Few of the pupils of the early days remain, but their daughters, who also attended the school, and who incidentally, are well represented at the present school with both sons and daughters, have fabulous tales, probably enlarged by repeated tellings.

There was a story of a girl who was expelled from Smead School for chewing gum. To that an alumna retorted, “It is utterly preposterous and untrue. No Smead girl would ever think of chewing gum.”

“Preposterous” was also the reaction of Miss Lucy Smead to another tale reported in the article. This story told that a student was granted permission to visit a friend for the evening. She dashed home and put on a bright red coat. When she reached the friend’s house she found no one home and returned to the school.

“Did she get in?” asked the Toledo resident. “Not with the bright red coat. What the poor girl did is not on record, but she did not get back in the school until she disposed of the coat.”

“They were strict,” explained the Pavilion resident. “That was another generation and they lived very differently then. But there was no such severity as that.”

“I was a pupil there myself from 1880 until 1890,” Miss Smead continued. “We had to wear gloves when we went downtown and they had to be put on before we left the building. It was quite improper to be seen putting on gloves in the street. The stories told in the article indicate that the pupils wore uniforms. There was no uniform when I was there, but we dressed conservatively.”

[The Smead School followed the Country Day School Movement, seeking to recreate the atmosphere, camaraderie, and character-building aspects of the best college preparatory schools while allowing students to return home to their families at the end of the day. In 1934 the name of the Smead School was changed to the Maumee Valley Country Day School and boys were admitted.]



Mary Smead



Smead Homestead. Pavilion.

From 1910, when Misses Mary and Caroline Smead ended their careers as educators, until 1919, Miss Lucy Smead was a member of the faculty in the school. She taught music and did some clerical work. Miss Marian Smead died in 1889.

In the living room of the large white Smead farmhouse hang two watercolors of the Batavia Smead School. In general appearance it is similar to the present Children’s Home, although it was larger. One view shows the rear of the building with charming gardens and walks which stretched back to Washington Ave. Here the pupils enjoyed their one physical activity, walking.

In the same room is a nicely decorated Boston rocker. “In that rocker,” says Miss Smead, “my great-grandmother rode, in an ox cart, from Vermont, with my grandfather a baby in arms. They came to Massachusetts, Central New York and then here.

“The original house was across the Ellicott St. Rd. It was a large log house with a 12 foot chimney up through the middle. Each room in the house, on both the first and second floors, had a fireplace.” Miss

Smead’s great-grandfather was Jedediah Smead.

“My great-grandparents maintained a close friendship with the Indians,” Miss Smead continued. “They gave them shelter and allowed them to sleep rolled up in blankets, on the kitchen floor.

“There is a story that at one time my great-grandfather refused to let them stay. So his wife bundled up and walked up the road with them to the next farm to make sure they would find lodgings. A while later the Indians appeared with a huge wagonload of baskets of all kinds and asked whether they could leave them there.

“My great-grandfather locked them up carefully. The Indians never came back for them. That.” Explained Miss Smead, “was their way of thanking our family for their friendship. We had enough baskets to last for 35 or 40 years.”

The present large house was built in 1865 by William, Sr. All of his children were born in the small house west of the home. His son, who was the father of the present Misses Smead, later ran the farm. The large house is now divided into two apartments with a nephew, John Smead, occupying part of the first floor.

It is he, who, with Robert Hale of Batavia, opened the Smead Farm Gift Shop there this summer.

It was to this house that the two remaining faculty members of the original Smead School finally returned. Miss Mary had surprised those who knew her by marrying Dr. Henry Marcy, a famous Boston surgeon, after retiring from teaching at 68. It was after her husband’s death that she joined her sister and nieces.

In 1935, at the age of 90, she died. In 1946, at the age of 86, Miss Caroline died. In the interim the home had been brightened by visits from many of their former pupil. With them passed away one of the last links with an era in living remembered now only in story, the age of gentle propriety.

*The Daily News*, Batavia., NY. October 27, 1951

Mrs. Bryan’s Seminary, Boarding School for Girls, Batavia Institution Known Throughout the Country. Founded In Year 1848. Started As a Private School for Boys And Girls Of Batavia

... During the later years of Mrs. Bryan’s regime at the school the burden of the work was taken over by the Misses Smead, who had received the greater part of their education under the guidance of the principal [Mrs. Bryan]. Miss Mary and Miss Marian were daughters of the late William Smead, a prominent farmer in Pavilion. After completing the course at the seminary, at Mrs. Bryan’s insistence they went abroad and peed themselves in French and German, returning to take charge of the classes in those languages at the school.

... Early in the 1880s Mrs. Bryan gave up all connection with the school and removed to Buffalo. The seminary was turned over to the Misses Smead, who conducted it for a few years under the name of “The Bryan School’ on the same lines that had made it popular under Mrs. Bryan. Though moderately successful the number of boarders was much less than in the days of the school’s greatest prosperity, and, an advantageous offer having come from Toledo, the Misses Smead decided to give up the school here and establish a private school for girls in the Ohio city. The establishment is still conducted in Toledo under the name of “The Smead School” though under other direction. Several years after going to Toledo, Miss Marian Smead died [December, 1889] and Miss Mary Smead retired and returned to the homestead in Pavilion, where she and her sister had lived in their youthful days. Later Miss Mary was married to Dr. Marcy, an eminent Boston physician, who died a few years ago. Mrs. Marcy is still living in Boston. ...

*The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. November 18, 1925

Miss S.C. McCulley, assisted by Miss Marian Smead, will re-open her school in the [Holland] Land Office building, on Wednesday, September 23, 1865, Miss Smead will give lessons in French and Latin and Mr. Klinitz (both from Mrs. Bryan's Seminary) will instruct in Music .

*Spirit of the Times*. Batavia, NY. September 2, 1865

Death Of Miss Marian Smead - The many friends of Miss Marian Smead, formerly of Batavia, will be shocked to learn of her death, which occurred at her home in Toledo, Ohio on Sunday [December 15], after a three-weeks’ illness of bronchial pneumonia, which was accompanied by intense suffering. The funeral services will be held in Toledo this afternoon, but the remains will be buried in Pavilion, her old home, sometime tomorrow. Her age was forty-six years.

*The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. December 17, 1889

At the home of the bride in Pavilion at noon today, Miss Mary E. Smead [aged 68] was married to Dr. Henry O. Marcy of Boston, Mass., by the Rev. Dr. George Miller of Warsaw in the presence of immediate relatives only. A luncheon was served and afterward Mr. and Mrs. Marcy departed on a wedding trip. They will be at home at No. 180 Commonwealth avenue, Boston, after September 10th.

Miss Smead and her sister, Miss Caroline Smead went to Pavilion a year ago, having disposed of their school for young ladies known as the Smead School, at Toledo, O., and took up their residence adjoining the home of their brother, William

C. Smead. Previous to going to Toledo, the Misses Smead conducted the Bryan School in Batavia. Miss Mary Smead is well known among the women educators of the country.

The groom, Dr. Marcy, is one of the most prominent surgeons in New England, and is the author of several well known works on surgery. He is a graduate of the medical department of Harvard University.

*The Daily News.* Batavia, NY. August 6, 1912

Mary Smead Marcy died in 1935, at the age of 90.



## COVINGTON DISTRICT No. 3 - PEARL CREEK

In Pearl Creek, as in every community, the school has been an important part of its daily life. The first school was established here in 1818. Because it was not yet evident where the center of the new community was, the school was built about one half mile north of the present site. It is likely that due to the presence of a saw mill, it was a frame building. In 1860, the school was moved to its present site, and in 1868 a new building was erected, which is the present building.

I have not been able to find a list of teachers who taught at the school so for the most part they will have to remain anonymous. In the *Wyoming Reporter* for June 7, 1887 we note that Maggie Beattie was doing a fine job of teaching at the school. Her career there must have been short for the cemetery records show that she died at the age of 25. She was 19 in the year 1887. Bessie Thayer taught there for several years as did Elizabeth O'Donnell, Elizabeth Foley Flowers and perhaps Grace Kenna. At first it was a one room school, but the growing number of students compelled the district to partition the one room into two and provide two teachers. We have no figures to prove the number of students attending, but we believe at times the number exceeded forty. The school was sold in 1937 for \$177.00 to Joe Powers after the district joined in the Pavilion Centralization. Today it serves as a dwelling.

From "A Pearl in Covington." By John G. Wilson. *Historical Wyoming*. Warsaw, NY. April, 1983



Portion of 1853 Wall Map of Wyoming County

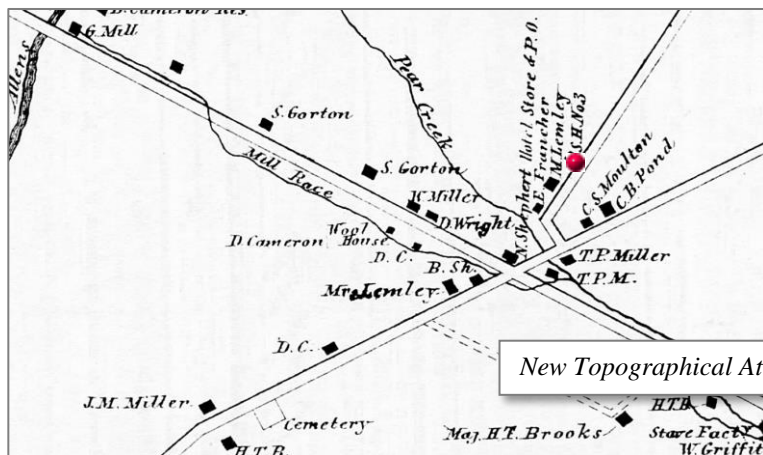
In 1815 [Partridge] Thatcher Beardsley taught the first school [in the Town of Covington] near Captain Levi Beardsley's [on the Warsaw-Le Roy Road] and Lucy Sleeper taught at LaGrange the same year. Shortly after this the "brick schoolhouse" was built, a mile east of Pearl Creek (since taken down), and it became a great religious as well as literary center. Women taught in the summer, seldom receiving more than a dollar a week. "Uncle Ned," Edward Davis, was the best teacher in the town. *History of Wyoming County, N.Y.* F. W. Beers. 1880

The predecessor of the school at Pearl Creek was built about 1817 near the four corners one mile east of Pearl Creek and was known as "The Red Brick Schoolhouse." It was used frequently for religious services by the Methodists and Congregationalists. Known as Covington District No. 7, it was dissolved, in 1885 and parts set off to Districts No. 3, No. 9 and No. 16.; also combined with the Pearl Creek school at this time was the old Covington District No. 11. Edward Davis was the first teacher; he was also a farmer and a preacher.

In 1868 Benedict Brooks bought the Pearl Creek building and had it moved to his farm and a new school house was erected. In the 1920s the growing number of students necessitated that the one room be partitioned into two and the hiring of two teachers. The building was sold to Joseph Powers in 1937 after the district consolidated with the Pavilion Central School District. Adapted from *The Pavilion Community of New York State 1800-1941*

This school [Covington District No. 11?] was located one-half mile north of the present location of No. 3, Pearl Creek and was situated on a line between Orrin Scranton's place (Lorenzo Brownell's) and the Jedidiah Walker place (Lawrence Jeffres) and was moved to the village of Pearl Creek in 1860 when land was purchased of A. Brown and Philanda Brown for \$100.00. That school was purchased by Benedict Brooks and moved to his place; it was made of plank and clapboarded. Following the Civil War the present building was erected and about twelve years ago [1925] was remodeled into a two room school house. From a scrap book of information on the Town of Covington researched by Nellie M. Paine. 1937





A partial list of school teachers in District No. 3, Covington – Mr. Houghton in 1865, Caroline Parks (received \$1.50 a week), Lillian Ridge, Clarence Tiat one term in the 1880s, Miss Chamberlin, Hugh Matthews, Addie Clark taught three terms, Augusta Dean taught two terms, Miss Barrett, Edward Parks, Mr. Watson, Mrs. Emma Kingdon Taylor, Walter Pelton, Miss Palmeter, Miss Keziah Waldron, Emma Miller, Clara Cate, Mr. Crandall, Ebenezer Webster, Mrs. Casdena Potter Parks, Calvin Eastman, Mary Bradley, Mrs. Frank Ward, Mrs. Ella Kingdon Avery, Mrs. Bessie Wells Thayer, Mrs. Mary Donahue Murphy two terms, Mrs. Grace Fisher Cain, Mrs. Elizabeth O'Donnell McCabe taught twelve years, Mr. Hoyt, Grace Kenna, Mrs. Elizabeth Foley Flowers, Vera DeLaVergne, Mary Caswell,  
 From *The Pavilion Community of New York State 1800-1941* and a scrap book of information on the Town of Covington researched by Nellie M. Paine.



**Miss E. Keziah Waldron**, 77, died Sunday at the Warsaw Hospital, from pneumonia, following a hip fracture that was the result of a fall at her home, in this village, March 18th. She was born on the farm now owned by William [illegible] east of Wyoming but later removed with her parents and sisters [Dryden A. and Anna C. Waldron] to this village. She was graduated from Middlebury Academy and from Geneseo Normal. After teaching several years at Pike Seminary and at Dale, during which time her father had become owner and manager of the Pearl Creek grist mill until his death, she and her sister purchased a home in Main street which has been the Waldron home for more than thirty years.

For twenty- years Miss Waldron was the teacher of the primary department in Wyoming. She was a member of the Baptist Church and the Wyoming Grange. Funeral from the home Wednesday at 2 o'clock, Rev. W. P. Smith and Rev. R. L. Everett officiating. Burial at Pearl Creek.

*Rochester Democrat and Chronicle*. Rochester, NY. March 30, 1927

An iron bridge is being constructed near Waldron's mill, at Pearl Creek. Cost, \$1,000.

*Rochester Democrat and Chronicle*. Rochester, NY. February 24, 1879



School Commissioner Chas. V. Hooper convened the Teachers' Institute at the Court House on Monday morning last, there being a very large attendance of teachers, about one hundred and eighty-one being registered. The attendance of ladies is largely in excess of gentlemen, as the former are more generally engaged as teachers during the summer. ... Pearl Creek:  
**Mary Braden** ... *Spirit of the Times*. Batavia, NY. April 30, 1881



Keziah Waldron, teacher, and a class at District #2 School on Main Street in Wyoming.

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The funeral of Mrs. Frank Ward, who resided a short distance west of this village, was held at the family home last Friday, the Rev. P. P. Sowers officiating. ... Mrs. Ward died on October 5th after a long illness. She was born in Canada 67 years ago. Her maiden name was Mary Braden and when a small child she came to the States and was taken into the family of William Crossman. She taught school in the districts in this locality until her marriage to Mr. Ward of Pavilion in 1883. ...

*The Daily News.* Batavia, NY. October 13, 1920

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Home Correspondence. Pearl Creek, March 20, 1862. Mr. Editor: ... A highly prosperous term of school has just closed under the supervision of **Miss Caroline Parks**. Too much credit cannot be given to the Trustees for their discretion in engaging the services of an experienced and accomplished teacher. *Wyoming County Mirror.* Warsaw, NY. March 26, 1862



Pearl Creek School. Built 1868. Real Photo Postcard.

**Mr. Edson Hoyt**, of Pavilion, has been engaged to teach the Pearl Creek school this winter. This insures to the Pearl Creekers an excellent school. *Progressive Batavian.* Batavia, NY. October 20, 1882

**Mrs. Geo. Avery [Miss Ella Kingdon]** is to teach the Pearl Creek school.

*Progressive Batavian.* Batavia, NY. October 1, 1886

Our school is being taught by **Miss Maggie Beattie**. She seems to be one who loves the work and is bound to succeed.

*Wyoming Reporter.* Wyoming, NY. June 7, 1887

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Margaret Belle Beattie. 1889

The death of Miss Maggie Beattie occurred Friday, Dec. 22, 1893, at the home of her parents at Pearl Creek, aged 25. The young lady was a graduate of the Geneseo normal, class '89 and in the same fall commenced her duties as teacher in the Caledonia village school. She was very bright and taught for two years with marked success and had begun her third year when failing health from consumption [tuberculosis] compelled her to resign. By advice of physicians she went west, stopping for a time with her sister, Mrs. Rupert, at Piqua, Kansas, and then went to Denver. She found little relief, however, and the disease made steady progress. She was born and raised in this village [Caledonia], and was a great favorite in society. Her parents resided here for many years, Mr. Beattie serving as postmaster for a long time.

When the family moved away from Caledonia some eight years ago, it consisted of a father, mother and four daughters, all of whom, with the exception of Mrs. Rupert, have since fallen victims to this dreadful disease. Mr. and Mrs. Beattie have many old acquaintances in this section who will sympathize with them in their bereavement. Miss Maggie was a member of the United Presbyterian church of this village and a most estimable young woman. The funeral was held Tuesday at Pearl Creek and was attended by a number of relatives from this village. Burial was in Pearl Creek Cemetery.

*Caledonia Advertiser.* Caledonia, NY. December 28, 1893

James Beattie, 1836-1899; Margaret Beattie, 1833-1902; Jennie H. Beattie Rupert, 1863-1895; Mary H. Beattie Brownell, 1864-1892; Margaret Belle "Maggie" Beattie, 1868-1893; Sophie H. Beattie, 1871-1888.

Intelligence has been received at Caledonia of the death of Mrs. Jennie Rupert, wife of William A. Rupert, of Nickerson, Kansas, which occurred on the 8th inst. Mrs. Rupert was born and raised in Caledonia and was the eldest and last surviving daughter of James Beattie, a former resident, and for many years postmaster at Caledonia, now at Pearl Creek, N. Y. Her death, like that of her three sisters, was due to consumption. She was 31 years of age and besides her husband leaves several small children. A few weeks ago her mother started for the West to care for her dying daughter but was recalled upon her arrival at Minneapolis by the illness of her husband who was stricken with paralysis. Mr. Beattie has since suffered a second shock and lies in a critical condition at his home in Pearl Creek.  
*Rochester Democrat and Chronicle*. Rochester, NY. January 21, 1895



Clarence Cate has rented a farm at Pearl Creek. His sister Clara is to keep his house.  
*Western New Yorker*. Warsaw, NY. March 31, 1881

**Mrs. Geo. Avery** has engaged to teach the winter term of school at Pearl Creek again this coming season.  
*Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. September 15, 1887

**Miss Clara Cate** has been engaged to teach the Pearl Creek school the coming term.  
*Wyoming County Reporter*. Warsaw, NY. March 28, 1888

**Miss Emma Kingdon** commenced her school at Pearl Creek Monday.  
*Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. April 18, 1888

**J. H. Webster** has taken charge of the public school at Pearl Creek for the ensuing year.  
*Buffalo Express*. Buffalo, NY. November 11, 1889

School Commissioners F. C. Benedict and Frank McElroy were at the Court House on Thursday and Friday making the apportionment of school moneys to the various districts in Wyoming County. This apportionment will give \$100 to each district employing one teacher, and \$100 for each additional teacher employed, and about 9½ mills per day for each day's actual attendance of pupils residing in the district. The total amount to be distributed in the county is \$38,974.75. The amount paid in the county the past year for teacher's wages was \$55,868.94. The number of pupils taught was 7,288.

The district quota is greater than last year, and in consequence the smaller or weaker districts get a larger proportion of public money. The basis of apportionment is different also. Heretofore the money has been apportioned according to the number of pupils in the district of school age. The present plan, which is in every way far better, apportions the money according to the aggregate daily attendance. Parents should realize the desirability of keeping their children in school regularly, both for their own advancement and because the daily attendance increases the amount of public money which the district will receive. ... Covington—District No. 1, \$135.47; No. 2, no report; No. 3, \$147.97; No. 4, \$118.69; No. 5, \$150.61; No. 6, \$130.68; No. 7, \$130.45; No. 8, \$105.61; No. 9, \$114.69; total, \$1034 17. ...  
*Wyoming County Times*. Warsaw, NY. March 26, 1891

**Miss Cate** has been engaged to teach the public school at Pearl Creek.  
*Rochester Democrat and Chronicle*. Rochester, NY. April 21, 1891

**Mrs. F. A. Putnam**, of Wyoming, is to take charge of the public school at Pearl Creek the ensuing year.  
*Rochester Democrat and Chronicle*. Rochester, NY. August 25, 1891

**Mrs. Mary Putnam** has been engaged as principal of the public school at Pearl Creek.  
*Rochester Democrat and Chronicle*. Rochester, NY. March 8, 1892

**Miss Nellie Hackett** has taken the Pearl Creek school, we are informed.  
*Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. August 17, 1894

**Miss Nellie Hackett** will teach at Pearl Creek. ...  
*The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. August 16, 1897

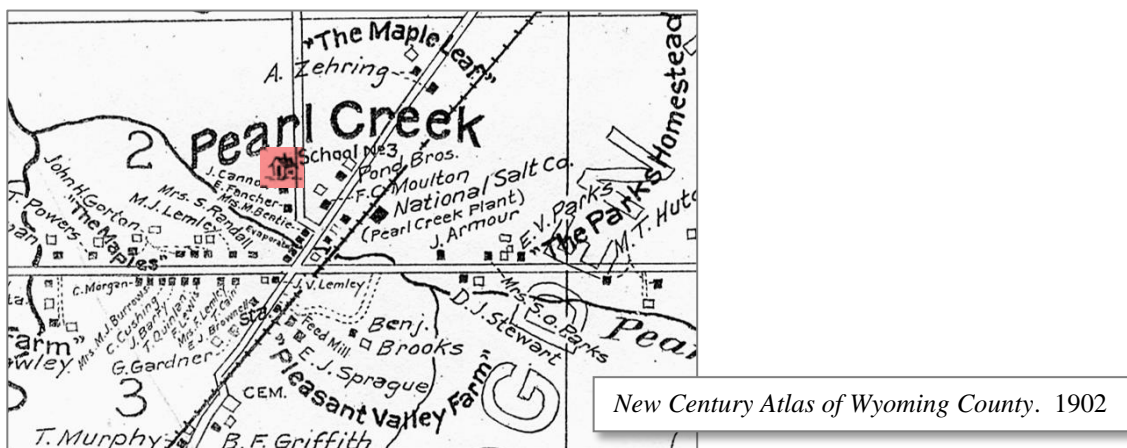
**Flora Wellman** closed her school at Pearl Creek Friday, and on Saturday entertained her scholars at her father's, V. C. Wellman's. *Wyoming County Times*. Warsaw, NY. February 10, 1898

School commenced this week Monday week [at Pearl Creek] with **Miss Hackett** as teacher.  
*Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. October 5, 1898

Dr. S. C. Sweeting [of Pavilion] was called to vaccinate the pupils of the Pearl Creek school Friday afternoon.  
*Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. November 30, 1898

School reopened in this village [Pearl Creek] Monday with **Miss Lusey** of Geneseo as teacher.  
*Wyoming County Times*. Warsaw, NY. October 5, 1899

School is closed for one week in District No. 3, it being the end of the winter term.  
*Wyoming County Times*. Warsaw, NY. February 15, 1900



At the annual school meeting of district No. 3, Edward Brownell was elected trustee.  
*Wyoming County Times*. Warsaw, NY. August 16, 1900

**Alice Murphy** closed her term of school in District No. 3 on Wednesday with a picnic at the school house which was well attended by all and much enjoyed. *Wyoming County Times*. Warsaw, NY. June 20, 1906

**Miss Mary Donahue**, our Pearl Creek school teacher, is spending the holiday vacation at her home in Arcade.  
*Western New Yorker*. Warsaw, NY. December 26, 1907

Friday was the last day of school in District No. 3, Pearl Creek, and notwithstanding that rain fell so in the afternoon to require rubbers, a rain coat and an umbrella or the lack of a Merry Widow hat, thirty-five women, all the children and five real live grown up men were present at the exercises held in the school house which consisted of recitations and singing, was most interesting both as to selections and desire of each one of the children to do its best. After the program was over ice cream and cake was served and a good social time was enjoyed. Much credit belongs to **Mary A.[Agnes] Donahue** for the able manner in which she has conducted the school during the past year.  
*Wyoming County Times*. Warsaw, NY. May 20, 1908

The Democrats of the town of Covington will hold their caucus tonight in the Pearl Creek school house.  
*Wyoming County Times*. Warsaw, NY. January 19, 1911

Our school opened on Monday with **Mrs. Clayton Thayer** as teacher.  
*The Western New-Yorker*. Warsaw, NY. September 1, 1911

Owing to the fact that Mrs. Benedict Brooks, clerk of the Board of Education, was in New York attending the women's' suffrage gathering, the necessary details preliminary to the school meeting were attended to by George Brooks. George got the notices out all right, and the event was pulled off on the scheduled date and according to the rules. James Murphy was the trustee elected for District No. 3 of Covington. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. May 15, 1912

**Miss Regina Kenna** has been engaged to teach the Pearl Creek school another year.

*Perry Record*. Perry, NY. May 22, 1913

**Miss Bertha Kenna** has been engaged to teach the Pearl Creek school next year.

*Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. May 28, 1913

Rev. F. J. Palmer of Pavilion held services in the Pearl Creek school house an Sunday afternoon.

*Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. July 30, 1913

Apportionment Of School Money - County Treasurer Charles B. Smallwood has received the sum of \$32,800.92 from the state treasurer as Wyoming county's share of the public money. ... Covington—Districts 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, receive \$125; district 8 receives \$150; full amount \$994.20. ... *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. March 18, 1914

On Tuesday, May 19th, in Pearl Creek School house will be held an Old Fashioned Exhibition, the proceeds to be used toward buying an organ for the school. Mrs. Chas. Johnson has charge of program.

*Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. May 13, 1914

**Miss Ruth Dixon** [of Silver Springs] has been engaged to teach the school at Pearl Creek the coming year and begins her labors Sept. 2nd. *Silver Springs Signal*. Silver Springs, NY. August 21, 1913

Miss Ruth Dixon spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Dixon [in Silver Springs]. She teaches at Pearl Creek. *The Western New-Yorker*. Warsaw, NY. February 26, 1914

**Miss Ruth Dixon** closed her school at Pearl Creek Friday, with a picnic for the scholars, and is home for the summer vacation. Miss Dixon expects to attend the Geneseo Normal next year.

*Silver Springs Signal*. Silver Springs, NY. June 11, 1914

Mrs. E. W. Hargrave will preach in the Pearl Creek School House at 3:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, August 23.

Rev. Edward W. Hargrove will occupy the pulpit of the M. E. Church in Perry both morning and evening. ...

*The Western New-Yorker*. Warsaw, NY. August 20, 1914

School opened at Pearl Creek, Tuesday, with **Miss Bessie Wells** as teacher.

*Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. September 9, 1914

**Miss Bessie Wells** of Wyoming has been reengaged to teach the Pearl Creek school for the coming year with a raise in wages of two dollars a week. Her sister, Miss Nellie, has been engaged to teach at the Covington Center school. The Misses Wells were at one time employed in the salt block in this village [Silver Springs].

*The Silver Springs Signal*. Silver Springs, NY. June 10, 1915

The school social of [Pearl Creek] District No. 3 will be held, next Friday evening, November 26th, at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. George Eastman. Supper will be served. Everyone in the district is urged to be present.

*Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. November 24, 1915

Last week **Miss Bessie Wells** resigned her position as teacher of the Pearl Creek school.

*The Western New-Yorker*. Warsaw, NY. November 25, 1915

**Mrs. Charles Morrow** of Covington is teaching the Pearl Creek school.

*The Western New-Yorker*. Warsaw, NY. December 2, 1915

Rev. F. K. Gibson of Wyoming now preaches in the Pearl Creek school house every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.  
*Perry Record*. Perry, NY. November 16, 1916

**Mrs. Clayton Phayr's** school at Pearl Creek gave an entertainment last Friday evening. Harold Whalen and George Griffiths of the eighth grade and George Doran and George Powers of the sixth grade each gave four-minute talks on thrift stamps. At the close of the program a collection amounting to \$24.95 was taken, and this money will be used for Red Cross work at Pearl Creek. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. May 14, 1918

**Miss Lila Mason** [of Silver Springs] began her work as teacher in the school at Pearl Creek Tuesday.  
*Wyoming County Times*. Warsaw, NY. September 5, 1918

**Miss Agnes Campbell** teaches the Pearl Creek school the coming year. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. May 14, 1919

**Mrs. Grace Bauer** who teaches the Pearl Creek school will hold Christmas exercises at the school house on Thursday.  
*Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. December 22, 1920

In addition to the teachers for district schools mentioned last week are ... Pearl Creek school, **Mrs. Grace Bauer**; ...  
*The Western New-Yorker*. Warsaw, NY. May 17, 1923

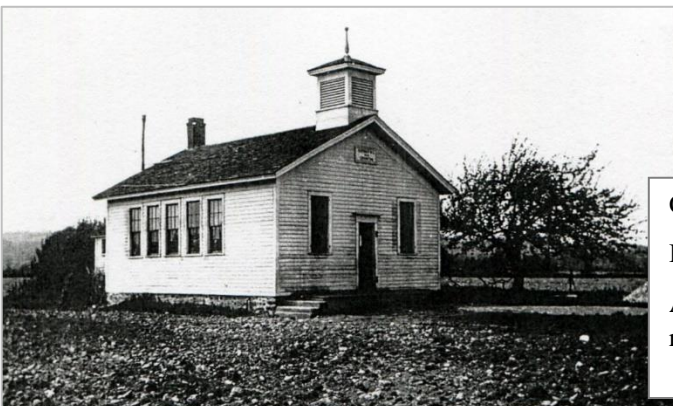
The lecture which was to have been given by Dr. Arthur K. Creasy, D. D. of Batavia at the Pearl Creek school house was postponed indefinitely on account of the weather. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. January 30, 1924

Four hundred persons, chiefly women and children—because the men were too busy on farms to attend a picnic—gathering at the home of Charles Jeffres a quarter of a mile north of Pearl Creek on Saturday for the fifth annual joint outing of the school districts of the town of Covington. Each of the eight districts in the town had a table of its own for the picnic dinner.

Picnickers began to assemble at the farm early in the day and by 10:00 o'clock a program of sports for the children was under way. Besides the sports and the dinner, the day's events were a base ball game between nines made up of older boys at Quinlan's field nearby and a program of exercises to mark the closing of the schools for tike summer. Each school furnished two or three numbers for the program. ... *Wyoming County Times*. Warsaw, NY. June 19, 1924

Kenneth Whiting, 11 years old, a pupil in the Pearl Creek school, district No. 3, has been selected to spell in the spelling contest at Warsaw fair, having claimed highest credit in a trial test given for pupils in the town of Covington.  
*Wyoming County Times*. Warsaw, NY. June 26, 1924

The pupils of Pearl Creek school district No. 3 tried regents' examinations in Pavilion last week. Twenty papers were written and 17 claimed regents credit. *The Western New-Yorker*. Warsaw, NY. June 25, 1925



Covington District School No. 3. Pearl Creek  
Built in 1868.

About 1925 the building was remolded into a two room school house.

The annual school meeting was held at the Pearl Creek schoolhouse on Tuesday evening, May 3rd. John Morgan was re-elected trustee, Clinton Phelps, clerk and George Eastman collector for the ensuing year. **Miss Elizabeth O'Donnell** was

re-engaged for the fifth year. Miss O'Donnell on Saturday attended a committee meeting of teachers at Castile. The purpose of the meeting was to select a uniform reader to be used in the rural schools of the supervisory district N. 2, Wyoming county. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. May 11, 1927

The interiors of the school district No. 3, Pearl Creek and school district No. 6, Covington are being painted and varnished. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. August 24, 1927

These pupils in the January examinations in the Pearl Creek school attained an average of 85 per cent, or more: Charles Morgan, Marjory Putney, Clayton Ewell, Josephine Dourie, Doris Phillips, Lillian Powers, Ronald Sandles, Robert Griffith, Irene Schimburske, and Francis Morgan. *Buffalo Evening News*. Buffalo, NY. February 1, 1928

Mrs. Alfred Rowe taught **Miss Elizabeth Foley's** school at Pearl Creek last week. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. February 22, 1928

The Pearl Creek school will close Friday afternoon with Christmas exercises, under the direction of **Miss Elizabeth O'Donnell and Miss Foley**. A two weeks' vacation will be enjoyed. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. December 17, 1930  
The Pearl Creek school picnic was held on the lawn at Lawrence Jeffres' Saturday afternoon, June 13. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. June 24, 1931

The Pearl Creek Dist. No. 3 closed Friday for two weeks with exercises and a tree and a visit from Santa Clans. The program was as follows: Song, Christmas Time, school; recitations: The Welcome, Tony D'Angelo; Poor Santa Claus, Martha Embt; Christmas Gifts, Ronald Bandies; exercise, Christmas Candles, Shirley and Martha Embt; recitation, Christmas Eve Thought, Francis Morgan; The First Noel, Charles Powers; Merry Christmas Time, Calvin Phillips; Santa Claus, Jack Barry; song, The Secret, Doris Lois and Louise Phillips; recitations, The Christmas Song. Clayton Swell; Christmas Punishment, Jean Barry; Appreciation, Irene Shimburski; What Should I Give, Afines Shimburski; Long, Long Ago. John Ewell; dialogue, A Christmas Stocking, by the sixth grade; recitations: Hurrah for Santa Claus, Sam D'Angelo; Christmas Thoughts, Robert Griffith; Which is Your Way, William Henderson; Santa Is Coming, Lee Carpenter; Santa Claus, Mae Ruth Carpenter; What I'd Like, Tina D'Angelo; If Santa Claus Was Pa, Harry Carpenter; Little Doris, a Christmas story, Lillian Powers; song: A Christmas Story, Doris Phillips. Exercise: The Christmas Letter, by the primary children; recitations: An Act of Courtesy, Josephine Dourie; A Tiny Santa Claus, Doris Whaley; Peace on Earth, Doris Phillips; Good Night, Shirley Embt; song: Silent Night, by school.

Pearl Creek has two teachers, **Mrs. Willard Flowers** [of Wyoming] , who will spend her vacation at home, and **Miss Elizabeth O'Donnell**, who will spend ten days in Philadelphia, Pa., visiting friends. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. December 23, 1931

A Washington program will be given at the Pearl Creek school house, on Friday night, February 19th at 8 o'clock. The children and outside speakers are taking part. The public is cordially invited. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. February 17, 1932

Following is the Honor Roll of the Pearl Creek school district No. 3, **Miss Elizabeth O'Donnell** the teacher. Mary Griffith Louise Morgan, Mildred McGee, Elizabeth Ewell, Lillian Powers, Jack McGee, Robert Griffith. Roger Griffith, Josephine Dourie, William Henderson, Frances Morgan, Doris Phillips, James Powers, Jack Barry, Jean Barry, Shirley Embt, Martha Embt, Marius D'Angelo, Tony D'Angelo, Samuel D'Angelo, Betty Powers. *Wyoming County Times*. Warsaw, NY. December 1, 1932



### Covington District No. 3

Teachers: Elizabeth O'Donnell, left and Elizabeth Flowers, right

Back Row: Robert Griffith, Harry Carpenter, Lillian Powers, Roger Griffith, Victor Higgins, Peter Murphy, Hazel Carpenter, Doris Phillips, Francis Morgan

Middle Row: Lee Carpenter, William Henderson, Ibbie Ewell, Josephine Dourie, Marius D'Angelo, Joe D'Angelo, Agnes Shimburshi, Tina D'Angelo, Louise Morgan, Mary Griffith, Francis Cain

Front Row: Evelyn Phillips, Betty Powers, Jean Barry, Calvin Phillips, Jack Barry, Rosie D'Angelo, Martha Embt, Louise Phillips, Lois Phillips, Mae Ruth Carpenter, Shirley Embt, Tony D'Angelo, Sammy D'Angelo

Election at Pearl Creek, Dist. No. 3, held Tuesday evening was as follows: Trustee, John Morgan; tax collector. Mrs. George S. Powers. The teachers for the coming year are: **Miss Elisabeth O'Donnell** for the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades and **Miss Grace Kenna** for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and fourth grades. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. May 10, 1933

Thirteen children under six years of age from the town of Covington, were examined at the Pearl Creek school house July 7 by Dr. J. W. Gallagher of Perry, assisted by Miss Anna Schmidt, county nurse and a state nurse. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. July 19, 1933

The County Democratic caucus was held at the Pearl Creek schoolhouse October 2nd. Horace Bradley was chairman, Miss Veronica Powers, secretary and George Powers of Pearl Creek and Chas. Fisher were tellers. ... *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. October 11, 1933

The Misses **Elizabeth O'Donnell** and **Grace Kenna** of the Pearl Creek schools and Mrs. Wm. Schroeder of No. 6, Covington attended the teachers' conference at Silver Springs on Friday. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. September 12, 1934

#### Pearl Creek School Honor Roll

Upper Grades — Mildred McGee 94, Mary Griffith 93, Josephine Davis 92, Hazel Carpenter 91, Agnes Shimbuiste 89, Martha Embt 89, Elizabeth Ewell 88, Mae Ruth Carpenter 88. Jack McGee 86, Lillian Powers 85, Louise Phillips 85. Teacher, **Elizabeth O'Donnell**.

Primary Grades — Lee Carpenter, A grade, Betty Powers, A grade, Katherine Burns, A grade, James Carpenter, A grade, James Dourie, A grade, Mary; Alice Cain, A grade. Teacher, **Grace E. Kenna**. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. April 24, 1935.

Miss Elizabeth O'Donnell, who has taught at the Pearl Creek school the past 12 years, has taken a position at Cowlesville district school the coming year. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. May 15, 1935

**Miss Vera DeLaVergne** of Geneseo has been engaged to teach at Pearl Creek Dist. No. 2[3?] the coming year. For a number of years it has been necessary to have a two room schoolhouse, but that will be discontinued and converted into one. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. June 5, 1935

The pupils of the Pearl Creek school very pleasantly entertained their teachers, **Miss Elizabeth O'Donnell** and **Miss Grace Kenna** at a surprise party at the home of Mrs. George Powers on Friday afternoon. The older pupils, assisted by Mrs. Powers



and Mrs. Charles Taylor, served a fine lunch. Miss Kenna was presented with a white purse by the children and Miss O'Donnell was given an electric lamp. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. June 19, 1935

The [Pearl Creek] school as a group won first prize in a "Setting Up Drill," at the Covington Picnic and was awarded a Medicine Cabinet. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. June 26, 1935

Covington schools opened Tuesday with **Miss Vera DeLaVergne** of Greigsville as teacher of Dist. No. 2, Pearl Creek; Miss Sarah Simpson of York, teacher at Dist. No. 5, Peoria; Mrs. Wm. Schroeder, Dist. No. 6, Covington; Mrs. Bessie Thayer, Dist. No. 4, West Pearl Creek, and Mrs. Charles Reap, Perry, Dist. No. 7. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. September 4, 1935

**Miss Vera DeLaVergne** of Greigsville is the teacher at the Pearl Creek school. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. September 18, 1935

Injuries received in a crash near Bergen last Thursday evening proved fatal to the driver, George Pearson, a member of the board of education of Pavilion Central School, his death occurring on Monday. Miss Vera DeLaVergne, a teacher in the school, is in a serious condition at the Batavia Hospital with a fractured skull. Postmaster John H. Quinlan, also a member of the board of education, and Miss Martha McKee and Miss Maude Mortimer, teachers, were badly but less seriously injured. The party were on their way to Brockport to attend a dinner tendered the Board of Education by the faculty of the Pavilion Central School.

*The Standard*. Holley, NY. April 22, 1937



Vera DeLaVergne. c.1940

Two persons are in critical condition today after an automobile-truck crash near here [Batavia] Thursday night. Three others were less seriously hurt. Taken to hospitals here, they are: George Parson, 89, former Bethany supervisor, fractured skull, punctured lung, internal injuries; Vera DeLaVergne, 42, Pavilion teacher, fractured skull; Martha McKee, 47, Pavilion teacher; John H. Quinlan. 70. Pavilion postmaster, Maude Mortimer, 50, Pavilion teacher.

*Lockport Union-Sun and Journal*. Lockport, NY. April 16, 1937

The destruction of the Pavilion Union School in April, 1935 brought to an end the era of the old time district schools. After careful consideration by the School Board, it was decided to look into the advantages of a Central School. On October 28, 1935 four hundred forty-five qualified voters approved the idea of a creating a new central school. Work on the new building was begun in early 1936. School sessions were temporarily held in the I.O.O.F. building, a portable building that had survived the fire and in several of the district schools. The new building was officially occupied April 5, 1937.

Adapted from *The Pavilion Community 1800-1941*

Covington, Pearl Creek and Peoria schools will unite with the Pavilion high school for their field day exercises Thursday afternoon and will participate in the parade with all of the children of the 14 districts, numbering over 382. The parade will begin at 1 o'clock. Each district will put on some special feature. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. June 3, 1936

Pavilion Central School opened for the fall term Monday. The following five grades are being transported with their teachers to the following rural districts which are part of the Central district: grade two, Miss Mary Caswell, to Pearl Creek school ... Five buses have been purchased to transport the students. ... *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. September 2, 1936



The Pearl Creek school house (District 3) was sold with the site at a public auction, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock to Joseph Powers for \$177. The sale of books, pictures and book cases brought about \$25. James E. Murphy was the auctioneer and Mrs. George Powers the clerk.

This was one of the oldest school districts in Covington and was established in 1817. The location of the school at that time was 1/2 mile north of the present location. The school was moved in this location in 1860. The present building was

constructed in 1868 or just after the Civil War. It was remodeled on land purchased from A. Brown and Philanda Brown for \$100. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. April 28, 1937

Pearl Creek District School No. 3, whose history dates back to 1817, will be converted into a tenant house, according to its new owner. As the result of consolidation with the Pavilion Central School, it was sold at auction to James Powers of Pearl Creek.

In 1817, the first building was erected on property half a mile north of the present site deeded to the district by A. and Philanda Brown. In 1860 it was moved to the present location and eight years later at the close of the Civil War was replaced by the present structure.

Books, pictures and other incidentals brought \$25 at the sale, which was attended by about 25 from the district. James E. Murphy was the auctioneer and Mrs. George Powers the clerk. Unidentified Newspaper Clipping.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mitchie, who recently moved here from Scottsville, have purchased of Joseph Powers the Pearl Creek school house, formerly Covington district 3. They are remodeling it into a modern dwelling.

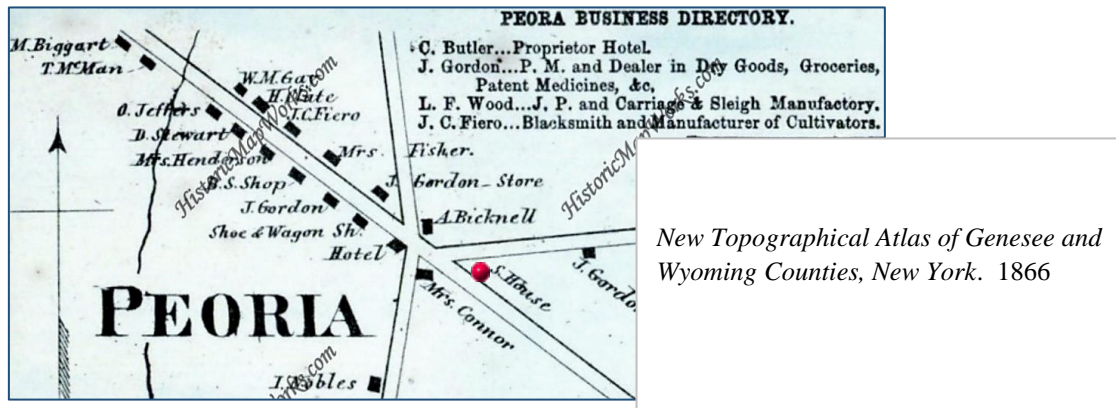
The former school has been used by the young boys of the community for a club house. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchie and daughter moved there from the Mrs. Mary Jane Murphy farm house which they rented two months ago.

*Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. August 28, 1940

Death of Milton Williams, 61, occurred at St. Jerome's Hospital, Batavia, on Sunday morning, Feb. 27, as a result of pneumonia. Mr. Williams had been a Covington resident for about eight years and at present lived in what was formerly the Pearl Creek School that was remodeled several years ago. He was an employee of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad for several years. ... *Perry Record*. Perry, NY. March 2, 1944



## COVINGTON DISTRICT No. 5 - PEORIA



This district was formed following the War of 1812. There have been three school buildings. The first was a small wooden building located about 400 feet west of the corners on the north side of the road, where the McIlroy Gas Station now [1937] stands. This building was abandoned and torn down in 1835.

Trustees in the district in 1842 were Lemuel Tryon and Chancellor Wing.

The second school house was erected on land purchased from Harriet and Artemus Blake of York in December, 1835 for \$130.00. The trustees in the district at that time were Lemuel Tryon, John Feiro and James Gay.

That building was used until 1882 when it was sold to Andrew Hawthorne who converted it into a dwelling. A new schoolhouse was built by Peter Cowie the next year.

Some of the teachers at the Peoria school were: Volney Witter, Belle Stewart, Mrs. Nettie Deyo Palmer, Nellie Connor, Mrs. M. O. Stone, George Crofoot, Nan Connor, John Cullings, George Cullings, James Cullings, E. W. Hoyt, Mrs. Emma Kingdon Taylor, Fred Sackett, Carl Fiero, Mrs. Anna McDowell Allen, A. Boyd Gilfillan, Estelle McDowell, George Parmer, Carl Fiero, William Witter, Mrs. Lillian Wallace Youngs, Ellen Deyo, Ella Taylor, Louise Braggings, John Stewart, William Robinson, Densmore Smith, Perry Chappel, Mrs. Etta Rosenberg Miller, Alton Rudgers, Sarah Simpson

Adapted from a 1937 scrap book of information on the Town of Covington researched by Nellie M. Paine and from *The Pavilion Community of New York State 1800-1941*

**Mr. Clapp** has been engaged to teach our school this winter. *Wyoming County Democrat*. Warsaw, NY. November 13, 1873

**George W. Clapp** of York taught the winter term from November 7, 1875 until March 7, 1876. There were 53 scholars attending that session, the youngest was four years of age and the oldest was twenty. **Miss Kate A. Stewart** began the summer term May 8, 1876, ending August 25, 1876. She had 31 students aged five to fifteen years old.

In 1880 **Pliney Seymour** was teacher.

**Gen. Crofoot** closed his winter term of school at Peoria Friday last. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. March 11, 1884

A large party of friends assembled at Noville(?) Baker's, last Friday evening, for a surprise. On the same evening **George Crofoot** and school gave an exhibition in Peoria. Several of our people attended. On the same evening was the donation visit for the benefit of Rev. Mr. Brown, which, though very pleasant and beneficial, was not as hugely attended as it would have been had not so much else been afoot. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. March 11, 1887

On Saturday last as Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Crofoot were riding along the road about a mile east of Pavilion, and were crossing a covered sluiceway, the horse broke through and fell to the ground. Both were thrown out and, although no bones were broken, Mrs. C. was badly bruised and otherwise injured. The buggy was shattered. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. April 15, 1887

**Mr. E. W. Hoyt** has been engaged to teach the winter term of the Peoria school, which will open in about a month. *Spirit of the Times*. Batavia, NY. September 29, 1888

**E. W. Hoyt** will teach the school at Peoria the coming summer, commencing next week Monday. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. March 19, 1890

**Miss Emma Kingdon**, of Pavilion Center, is in charge of the public school at Peoria. *Democrat and Chronicle*. Rochester, NY. April 22, 1891

There will be a Christmas tree in the [Peoria] school house on Thursday under the supervision of **Miss Emma A. Kingdon** and her pupils. All the patrons of the school are cordially invited to attend, as Miss Kingdon has taken great pains to get up a good programme for the occasion. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. December 23, 1891

**Miss Emma Kingdon** closes her school at Peoria on Friday. After a week's vacation she will resume her duties. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. February 3, 1892

Thursday afternoon our school received a visit from the Peoria school, 35 in number. **Miss Emma Kingdon**, the teacher, is a sister of Mrs. Geo. Avery, who teaches here. The young people enjoyed the sleigh ride. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. March 9, 1892

**Miss Emma Kingdon** closed a successful term of school at Peoria last Friday. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. May 25, 1892

Peoria – The summer term of school closed on the 20th, inst. last with appropriate exercises and a picnic. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. June 1, 1892

The Peoria school, accompanied by their teacher **Mr. Sackett**, visited Miss Emma Kingdon, their former teacher, Thursday night. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. December 7, 1892

Five pupils of the Peoria school, taught by **Boyd Gilfillan**, have tried the uniform examination on "Catechism on Alcohol and Tobacco," prepared by the LaGrange W.C.T.U, with the following results: Edna Brownlee, .93; Lilbe Wallace, .90½; Bertha Shay, .82½; E. Blanche Orr, .77; Carrie B. Orr, .76. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. June 6, 1894

**Miss Anna McDowell** will teach the Peoria school the coming winter. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. August 14, 1895

The spelling school [a spelling contest between schools] will be held in the Peoria school house Thursday evening, May 7, at 7:30. There will be a few exercises. All are invited. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. May 6, 1896



**Miss Etta Rosenberg** will teach the Peoria school during the coming year. *Daily News*. Batavia, NY. August 16, 1897

**Miss Etta Rosenberg** will teach the Peoria school the coming year. *Daily News*. Batavia, NY. August 29, 1900

**Miss Mary Milligan** has been engaged to teach the Peoria school. *Livingston Republican*. Geneseo, NY. August 15, 1901

**Miss Anna Bruce** has been engaged to teach the Peoria school this year.  
*Livingston Republican*. Geneseo, NY. August 11, 1904

**Mrs. Charles D. Cromwell** will commence to teach Peoria school Monday. She goes as a substitute to fill out the unexpired year of **Charles Robbins**, who resigned to accept a better position at Cohocton school.  
*Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. May 1, 1907

**Alton Rudgers** will teach the Peoria district school the coming year. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. September 18, 1907

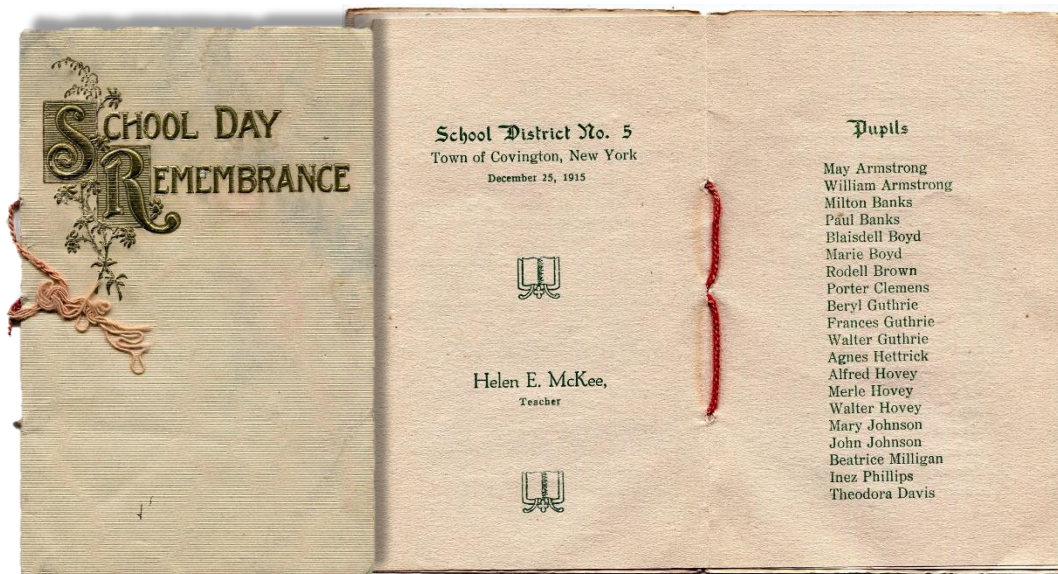
**Alton Rudgers** of Covington has been re-engaged as teacher at Peoria. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. August 7, 1908

The death of Leonard F. Wood occurred at his home in Peoria last Friday, after a prolonged illness of dropsy and heart trouble. ... The funeral was held at the Peoria school house. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. January 11, 1911

**Miss Hazel Empie** commenced teaching the Peoria school on Monday.  
*The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. October 4, 1911

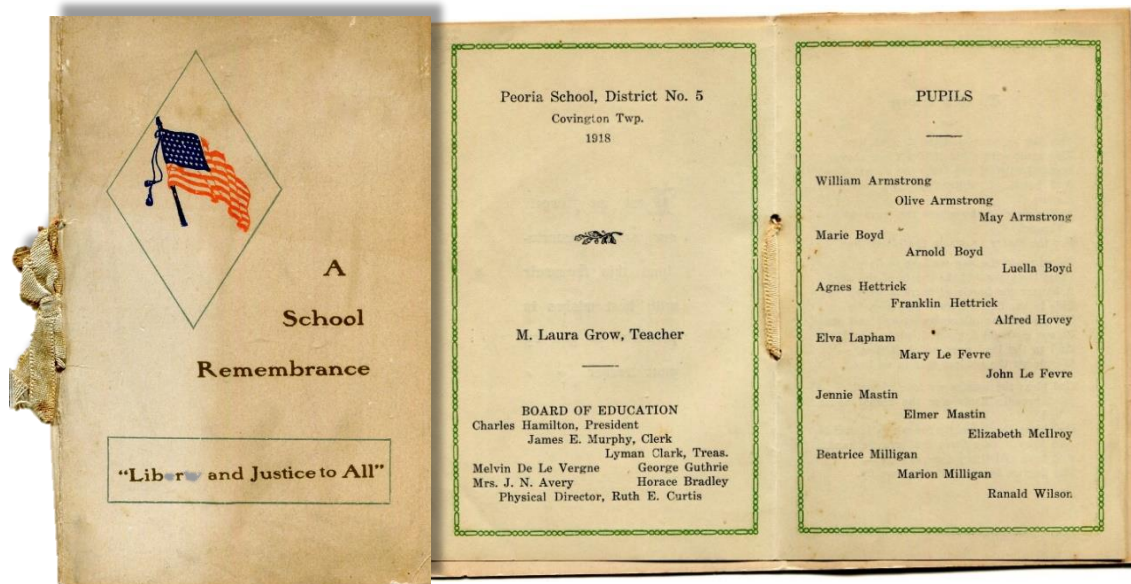
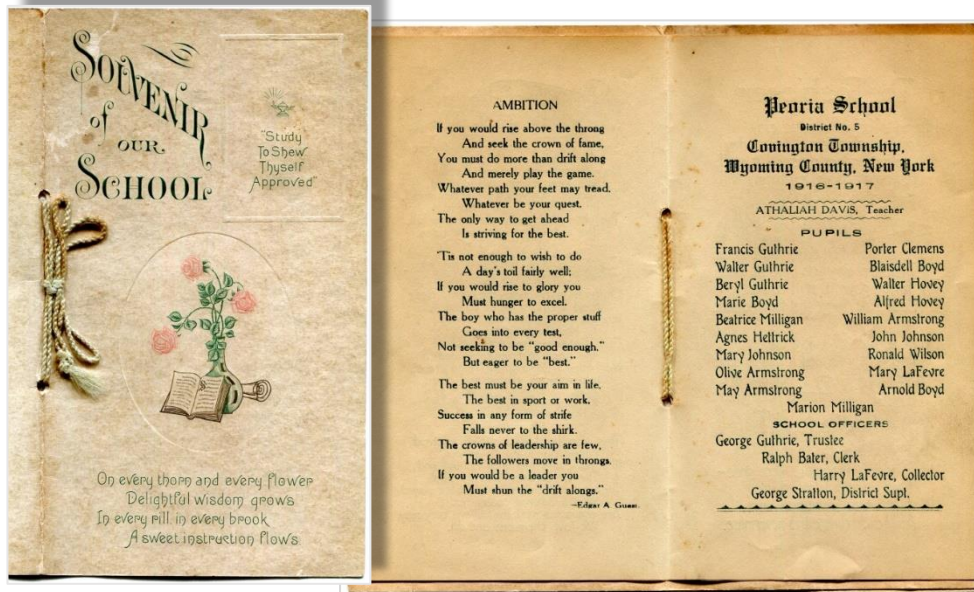
**Miss Hazel Empie**, who teaches the district school at Peoria, is at her home here [Pavilion] for a month's vacation.  
*The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. March 4, 1913

Peoria – School closed for the summer on Friday with appropriate exercises. George B. Guthrie has hired **Miss Helen McKee** to teach the coming year. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. June 23, 1915



North Perry - **Miss Athalia Davis**, who is teaching school at Peoria, spent Sunday with her brother, and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Davis. *Perry Record*. Perry, NY. March 15, 1917

**Miss Athalia Davis** entertained for two days last week, four of her scholars, the Misses Frances and Beryl Guthrie, Marie Boyd and Beatrice Milligan of Peoria. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. July 25, 1917



Peoria - **Miss Laura Grow**, a former school teacher here, was calling on old acquaintances here on Sunday. *Perry Record*. Perry, NY. October 9, 1924

Peoria - Mrs. Fred Idler, Mrs. Mildred McCaughey and Miss Laura Grow, all of Florida, were callers at the home of Miss Nan Turner on Saturday afternoon. They are on an auto tour of the country, and last week were in New York City, where they participated in the celebrations in honor of Colonel Lindbergh. Mrs. McCaughey and Miss Grow are sisters. The former was married a few years ago to Harry McCaughey of Geneseo, whose death occurred in Florida last winter. Miss Grow taught school in Peoria in 1917-18, and now teaches in St. Petersburg. *Perry Record*. Perry, NY. June 23, 1927

**Harold Altoft** will teach the Peoria school. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. May 12, 1920

The Community School picnic held at Harry LeFevre's Friday was a great success. Five hundred people grown-ups and children were present. Tables were set on the spacious lawn and were loaded with every good thing to eat. Games and

sports were indulged in before dinner and then dinner was served, ice cream and cake being the final course and we believe that for once every one had all the ice cream they could dispose of. A program by the children of the different districts followed and they were enjoyed. The children also sang several patriotic songs under the leadership of W. C. McKeever then the whole company sang America.

Mr. Frank Gibson then addressed the meeting and his well-chosen and humorous remarks were warmly applauded. Our genial supervisor James Murphy also spoke a few well-chosen words and thanked Mr. and Mrs. LeFevre for their hospitality. Ball games were indulged in afterwards but Peoria got beat so we won't tell any more of that. It was a beautiful day for a picnic and an ideal place to have one and Mr. and Mrs. LeFevre were around all day to see that everyone had a good time. Mr. Harold Alcroft played the marches and accompaniments during the singing and was in charge of the programs generally.

A committee will decide where the picnic will be held next year. It was a great get-together day and many old friends had a good visit who had not met for some time. It would be a good idea for other towns to follow and have a Community picnic at the close of the school session. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. June 21, 1922

**Harold Altoft** began his duties as teacher of the Peoria school on Tuesday. *Perry Record*. Perry, NY. September 7, 1922



Tug of War at Peoria School – 1920s

Left to Right:

Paul LeFevre, Allen Wallace, Maurice McIlroy, John Boyd, Neil Hettrick, Dean Cooper, John Bennett, Roland Rudgers, Austin Milligan

A box social was held at the school house on Wednesday night. A fine program was given by the children under the direction of their teacher, Harold Altoft. Mrs. Harry Lefevre and Mrs. John Clemens gave several recitations. Games and a guessing competition were also part of the program. John Clemens was the auctioneer and sold the boxes to the highest bidders. Coffee was served, and everyone had a great time. The sum of \$32 was realized and will go toward a fund to put a new floor in the school house. The school tax roll is now in the hands of the collector, John Clemens.

*Perry Record*. Perry, NY. November 30, 1922

Our popular teacher, **Harold Altoft**, gave the children a delightful dinner in the school house last Friday noon. Some of the parents sent special cooked dishes, and Mr. Altoft cooked eggs. The children surely enjoyed it. School is closed this week for Easter vacation. *Perry Record*. Perry, NY. April 5, 1923

Christmas exercises will be held at the [Peoria] school house on Thursday evening, Dec. 20th, under the direction of the teacher, **Harold Altoft**. There will be a tree and a good program given by the children. A good time is looked for.

*Perry Record*. Perry, NY. December 20, 1923

#### Town School Picnic Drew Big Attendance - Fifth Annual Gathering of Covington Districts

Four hundred persons, chiefly women and children—because the men were too busy on farms to attend a picnic—gathering at the home of Charles Jeffres a quarter of a mile north of Pearl Creek on Saturday for the fifth annual joint outing of the school districts of the town of Covington.

Each of the eight districts in the town had a table of its own for the picnic dinner. Picnickers began to assemble at the farm early in the day and by 10:00 o'clock a program of sports for the children was under way. Besides the sports and the dinner, the day's events were a base ball game between nines made up of older boys at Quinlan's field nearby and a program of exercises to mark the closing of the schools for tike summer. Each school furnished two or three numbers for the program.

Harold Altoft of LaGrange, teacher at Peoria and the only male teacher in the town was the genial chairman of the picnic. During the afternoon program there was community singing led by C. W. McKeever of Covington Center with Mr. Altoft at the organ. Two especially fine numbers on the program were dialogues, one by pupils of district No. 1, LaGrange, Miss Nesbitt, teacher, and the other by the pupils of tits Howard district west of LaGrange, Miss Fisher, teacher.

*Wyoming County Times*. Warsaw, NY. June 19, 1924

The Community Social held at the school house last Thursday night was a great success, a good crowd attending. A program was given by the children, and various games were played and stunts given under direction of the teacher, **Harold Altoft**. A delightful supper was served, after which a collection was taken and \$16 was received, \$5.00 of which was given toward the Junior Missionary Society Thanksgiving offering and the remainder went into the school treasury.

*Perry Record*. Perry, NY. November 20, 1924

Peoria - **Harold Altoft**, the school teacher, is boarding at Harry Lefevre's until the roads improve.

There was no school on Friday, as neither teacher nor pupils could get there on account of drifted roads.

*Perry Record*. Perry, NY. February 5, 1925

[The Peoria] School meeting was held last week Tuesday night. There was only a small attendance. Charles Toal was re-elected trustee and Roy Milligan reelected collector. No teacher has been engaged yet. Harold Altoft, who has taught here since 1919, has been engaged to teach the LaGrange school, and parents and pupils of the Peoria school are very sorry to have him leave here, as he is an excellent teacher and always had the interest of his pupils at heart.

*Perry Record*. Perry, NY. May 14, 1925



Several from here attended the funeral of Harold [Leslie] Altoft [1882-1959] held on Sunday afternoon at the LaGrange Baptist Church. Mr. Altoft was a teacher for several years at the Old Peoria District School. *Livingston Republican*. Geneseo, NY. February 12, 1959



Friday night, Nov. 27th, is the date when the Peoria school will celebrate with a harvest fete. There will be a program of exercises, contest, prizes and other surprises. A dime, but no more, will be charged at the door, of those over four.

*Perry Record*. Perry, NY. November 26, 1925

Peoria school was closed Tuesday for Columbus Day and also Thursday as **Mrs. Weaver** had to attend a teachers' meeting at Castile. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. October 20, 1926

A dancing party was held at the Peoria School house Friday evening. Music furnished by McQuillken and Fagon.

*Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. January 5, 1927

An enjoyable dance was held at the Peoria school house Friday night. A large crowd attended. Music was provided by William McKeown and John Lefevre. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. February 16, 1927

At the school meeting held last week [at Peoria], Frank Hettrick was elected trustee to succeed Andrew Wallace; Mrs. James McIlroy, tax collector to succeed herself; and John Cromwell, clerk to succeed himself.

*Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. May 11, 1927

In the June examinations Rollo Rudgers of the third grade attained the highest average of the school, 93%. Rollo is only seven years old. Paul LeFevre and John Boyd were the highest in the seventh grade, 87%. Rowland Rudgers led the sixth grade with the average of 85 per cent. Irving Smith was the highest in the fifth grade with an average of 85%. George Toal was highest in the second grade with an average of 92 per cent. The following pupils have perfect records of attendance for this term: Allen Wallace, Rowland Rudgers, Irving Smith and Rollo Rudgers.

A very interesting portfolio of colored drawings and a letter written in Japanese have been received from the pupils of the Naose School in Japan in return for the exhibit sent to Japan from the Peoria school through the Junior Red Cross.

*Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. June 15, 1927

Peoria - The following named pupils have left district school and are now attending high school: Rowland Rudgers, Maurice McIlroy, Austen Milligan and Paul Lefevre at Greigsville; John Boyd at LeRoy; and John Bennett and Nelson Brice, who formerly attended Covington school, are now attending the Pavilion High School.

*Perry Record*. Perry, NY. September 15, 1927



A program was given Friday evening by the pupils of Peoria school district 5, under the direction of **Miss Eva Ackerman**, teacher. ... *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. December 28, 1927

School commenced last week [in Peoria] with **Miss Ackerman** as teacher. There was no school Friday afternoon as a teachers' meeting was held at LaGrange. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. September 12, 1928

Pupils on the honor roll [at Peoria] for the first three months are Gladys Johnson, Anna Rudgers, Alvin Hettrick, Betty Cromwell and Lois Tryon. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. November 20, 1929

The Thanksgiving program that was given by the students of Peoria School Dist. No. 5, under the direction and supervision of **Miss Edith Evans** was enjoyable and appropriate to the season. *Livingston Republican*. Geneseo, NY. December 1, 1932

Rev. A. B. Gilfillan is to preach in Peoria school house next Sunday evening at five o'clock.

School meeting was held at Peoria school house Tuesday, May 2. The Officers for the coming year are as follows: Frank Hettrick, trustee; Lewis Wellman, collector. Mrs. Frank Rudgers. *Livingston Republican*. Geneseo, NY. May 11, 1933

The students of the Peoria school, under the direction of their teacher, **Miss Edith Evans**, entertained their parents and friends with a program appropriate for Thanksgiving on Wednesday afternoon.

*Livingston Republican*. Geneseo, NY. December 7, 1933

Results of election in the district schools Tuesday evening were as follows: ... District. No. 5, Peoria: Trustee, Frank McQuilkin; collector, Lewis Wellman; clerk, Walter Guthrie. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. May 15, 1935

The annual picnic of the eight district schools of Covington will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Wellman at Peoria Saturday, June 15. The speaker will be Editor Guy Comfort of Perry. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. June 12, 1935

**Miss Sarah Simpson** of Greigsville has been hired to teach the Peoria school this year. School will start Sept. 3.

*Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. August 21, 1935

Many couples from the Pearl Creek Dist. No. 2, Peoria Dist. No. 5, and Covington Dist. No. 6 are planning to participate with the central district of schools of Pavilion, when they will attend a victory and testimonial dinner, celebrating the consummation of the Pavilion central school district at The Barn, LeRoy, Wednesday evening, Dec. 11, at 7 o'clock. Those from Covington on the dinner committee are Mr. and Mrs. George Powers, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wellman, Mr. and Mrs. John Cromwell, Miss Elizabeth O'Donnell and John O'Donnell. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. December 11, 1935

At a special school meeting held Wednesday evening, April 7 in the Peoria school house it was decided to permanently close the school, following the consolidation with the Pavilion Central School. Lewis Wellman was chairman of the meeting and Mrs. John Cromwell, clerk. Tellers were John Cromwell and Herbert Toal. The meeting adjourned for 2 weeks to allow sealed bids to come in on the site, building and contents and consider what to do.

The present school building was built in 1883 by Peter Cowie. Andrew Hawthorne purchased the old school, built in 1853. When the site was purchased of Harriet Blake and Artemus Blake of York for \$130, the trustees were Lemuel Tryon, John C. Ferio and James Gay. It was purchased in 1853. Trustees in the district in 1842 were Mr. Tryon and Chancellor Wing. The school before 1853 was located on the now Mrs. Margaret McElroy lot, near the gas station and was built following the war of 1812 when Peoria was settled. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. April 14, 1937

Covington has solved the problem of the little old red school house. With the coming of the new consolidated or central school at Pavilion, several districts found themselves with school houses on their hands. Some could be sold, others had to revert to the owner of the original land. Thursday evening, Peoria District No. 5 sold its building and site for \$175 to George Sequerth of Pavilion who will convert it into a dwelling.

At the auction a furnace, a pump, and other contents brought \$95.55. Lewis Wellman was the auctioneer and William Douglas, the clerk of the sale, which drew about 25 bidders.

The history of the district dates back to 1853, when the first building was erected on the site of the present James McIlroy home. The present site was purchased from Harriet and Artimus Blake for \$130 by Lemuel Tryon, John C. Feiro and James Gay, the trustees. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. May 5, 1937

The Greigsville Community club held a dance Friday evening in the Peoria school house recently purchased by George Sequerth. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. May 19, 1937

The North Road Peoria young people held a watch night party Tuesday evening in the former Peoria school house. A tureen supper was served and dancing followed. Music was furnished by Paul LaFever and Fred Ladley. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. January 8, 1941

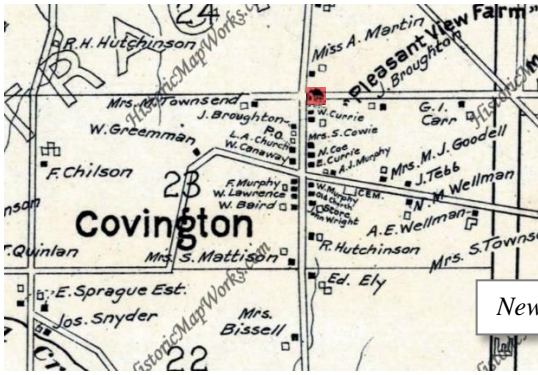
The 4-Ps 4-H Club met recently with their leader Willard Logsdon. One new member, Roger Higley, was added to this list. At the business meeting it was decided to repair the old District school, Covington No. 5, at Peoria owned by Neil McQuilken for a Club House as the membership is growing so rapidly that a larger space is needed for meetings. Mrs. McQuilken is donating the use of the building for the club. Refreshments were served by Larry, Stewart and Gary Freeman and Rob Wellman. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. May 3, 1956

The 4-P's, 4-H Club, the Pearl Creek Boys Club and the Pe-Co-Ettes 4-H Club recently held a card party at the Peoria School. Thirteen tables were played. Prizes for Bridge were won by Mrs. Milford Rudgers, John Ewell and Mrs. Lawrence Jeffres; Pedro, Mrs. Irving Smith, Irving Smith, and Mrs. Howard Schwytzer; and Euchre, Mrs. Willis Whaley, James Putney and Lyman Rudgers. The proceeds from the party were \$43. *Livingston Republican*. Geneseo, NY. November 30, 1961



Covington District School No. 5. Peoria.  
PCS *Tower* Yearbook. 1965

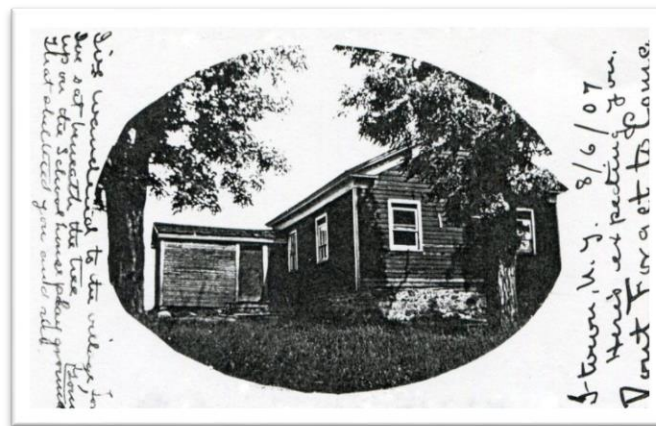
## COVINGTON DISTRICT No. 6 - COVINGTON CENTER



New Century Atlas of Wyoming County. 1902

The first Covington Center school was built in 1817. It was a frame building 24x28 feet and heated by a fireplace. The children must have given the first schoolhouse rough usage, for after thirteen years it was replaced in 1830 by what is remembered as the “Old Red Schoolhouse.” According to the old deed, a parcel of land 45 feet by 50 feet was deeded to the school district by David Norris. This land is located on the corners just north of William Curry’s house at the present time. For the new building \$225.00 was raised by equal tax. After the sale of the old building for \$26.00 and the cherry table and brass andirons for \$3.36 the tax payers received \$45.00 refund.

Adapted from a 1937 scrap book of information on the Town of Covington researched by Nellie M. Paine



1830 Covington Center School. Real photo Postcard.

... Schools were started as soon as the early settlers could adjust themselves to their surroundings, and after erecting their own dwelling a school house was built and a teacher engaged as soon as the school commissioners could gather a sufficient number of children. We do not believe they had any difficulty in the last respect for in District No. 6, Covington Center, they had 92 scholars for the 4 months winter term, ages from 23 years of age to 5 years of age. There, as in many of the other early school houses temporary winter seats were put up along all sides of the building. The early schools were rude in appearance, like the primitive houses of the settlers they were adapted to the circumstances of the people of those times.

Most of the earliest schools in several of the parts of Covington first settled were log structures warmed by a Dutch fireplace but soon was replaced by frame buildings as Covington had 3 saw mills. Some districts put up frame buildings at first. Most of the school buildings in the Covington districts were about 25x30 ft.

The desks were slanting shelves of slabs or boards supported by long pins driven into auger holes in the logs, with ends sustained by braces from the logs below. In front of these were benches made of split and hewn logs. These were used by the big scholars and smaller ones stood in front of these where the smaller children sat.

The first course of instruction was the three R’s or reading, arithmetic (or ciphering) and writing. Quill pens were used for writing and were made and repaired by the teacher, who also had to set the copy however poor a penman he might be. Beginners were allowed to rule their paper but after a time they were to acquire the art of writing straight without ruling.

The teachers boarded around with the parents of the scholars often staying in another district, utterly disregarding the schedule. Early winter teachers received as much as \$15 a month for the four winter months. A female teacher taught

through the summer months, mostly beginning in early May and closing in August or September and receiving from \$1.00 to \$1.50 a week. ... "The Founding of Covington and the Passing of the District Schools." By Mrs. Nellie M. Paine. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. August 17, 1938

... The Center school was built in 1817. It was a frame building 24x28 feet and heated with a fire place. R. Smith was an early teacher. A man taught for four months in the winter and as the record put it "a female teacher" taught sometimes seven months. The winter teacher received as much as \$15.00 a month and boarded around and the woman teacher about one-fourth as much. During one year, 92 pupils were taught in the district. Slates and pencils were used for most of the school work. One of the teacher's duties was making and "mending" quill pens. However, poor a penman, he "set the copy" for the children. ... "Early Days in Covington." By Mrs. C. W. McKeever. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. September 26, 1934

Some of the early teachers were: Joseph Durfee, Wheaton Merrill, Kate Fisher, Eliza Taylor, Emma Knowles, Rebecca Whitney, Emma Kingdon Taylor, Charles Cochaine, Mary Ann Squires, Mary Gay, Charlotte Gordon, Grove Whitney (taught in the school before serving in the Civil War) and Cornelia Tompkins Lewis.

In 1852 Judson Lewis taught the school, commencing his duties on November 15 with 38 scholars. They increased in attendance until there were eventually 64 students. School closed March 9 the following year, making a winter brief term.

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Samuel Judson Lewis, 1827-1853, taught in three different local schools: Pavilion District No. 1 at Pavilion Center, Pavilion District No. 5 (formerly Covington District No. 1) at the top of Burleigh Hill and Covington District No. 6 at Covington Center. His salary for the Pavilion District No. 5 appointment in 1850 was \$17 a month; he was paid \$22 a month at the Covington District No. 6 in 1852. He died August 3, 1853 during the typhoid fever which swept the town in 1852-3.

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Other teachers in the Covington Center school included Miss Richardson, Miss Blodgett, Miss Griffith, Julia Miller, Florence Taylor Cornwell, Clarence Cate, Seymour Miller, Estelle Hutchinson Crofoot, George McWethy, Eva Harris Morrow, Mrs. Effie Kingsley and Ella Phelps Rudgers.

Adapted from a 1937 scrap book of information on the Town of Covington researched by Nellie M. Paine and *The Pavilion Community of New York State: 1800-1941*.

The Pavilion Center school made a visit to the Covington Center school on Friday last, 19th inst. A pleasant visit reported. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. February 26, 1875

**Mrs. E.[Edson] W. Hoyt** will close her school at Pavilion Center with public exercises Friday afternoon. Mrs. Lewis at Covington Center will do likewise next week Friday. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. March 3, 1876

**Miss Cornelia Lewis** is to teach at Covington Center. *Genesee Courier*. Le Roy, NY. May 4, 1877

On Friday afternoon of last week **Mrs. Grove D. Whitney** [Rebecca] surprised her school at Covington Center with a candy-pull, with popped corn and cracked butternuts as accessories. It is needless to say that there was no candy left; and one little chap was heard to ask "Teacher, when are we going to Have another candy-pull?" *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. February 23, 1884

Mrs. R. Whitney closed her school at Covington Center on Friday last. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. July 30, 1884

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Mrs. Rebecca Whitney of Pavilion, who was visiting her daughter, Mrs. John Starr of Royal Oak, Mich., and who was crossing the trolley tracks at that place to take a car to visit a cousin in Detroit, was struck by a limited train last Friday afternoon and instantly killed. She was thrown a distance of sixty feet. Mrs. Whitney was the mother of Mrs. Starr, formerly of Scottsville, whose first husband was William Franklin of that town. Miss Jessie Franklin, a sister of Mrs. Starr's first husband, left Monday forenoon to attend the funeral, held at Pavilion at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon. The dead woman is survived by her husband, Grove Whitney, three daughters and one son. *The Scottsville Bee*. Scottsville, NY. June 14, 1911

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E. F. Johnson took a picture of the Covington Center school and teacher, **Miss Etta Rosenberg**, Tuesday afternoon. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. July 23, 1886

... Albert Sprague is school trustee at Covington Center ... *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. September 10, 1886

Etta Rosenberg is to teach at Covington Center. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. September 17, 1887

Miss Etta Rosenberg commenced teaching at the Covington Center school on Monday last. This is about the sixth term Miss Rosenberg has presided over this school. *The Spirit of the Times*. Batavia, NY. April 14, 1888

**Miss Mary Bradley** is to teach the Covington Center school. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. September 21, 1888



Back Row-Mary Bradley Kingdon, teacher; John Cowie, Wm. Cowie, Wm. Boyd, Charles Sprague, David Cowie, Wm. Baird, Lee Broughton, Chas. Barrett, John Canaway

Middle Row-Ella Patous, Neva Patous, Addie Wellman Milroy, Emma Wright Ewell, Winifred Wellman McKeever, Ida Milroy, Mabel Broughton Rudgers, Frank Barrett, Jay Durfee

Front Row-Olive Canaway, Martha Baird Martin, May Baird Dysary, Lizzie Cowie, Ina Carmichael Heaman, Nina Wright, Josie Durfee Boyd, Lillian Carmichael, Maggie Murphy Currie

School on Burleigh hill is in session; also for three weeks at Covington Center. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. November 23, 1888

Miss Etta Rosenberg is to teach the Covington Center school. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. August 10, 1892

A surprise party was made for our teacher Miss Etta Rosenburg, at her home in Pavilion last Wednesday evening, by her former pupils near Perry Center. Games and a fine supper were the order of the evening until 1:30 o'clock in the morning, when they returned to their respective homes.

There are forty-two names on the school roll, which shows a larger number of scholars than has attended, school here in nine or ten years. There is a very good attendance too considering the extremely cold weather this winter. *Wyoming County Times*. Warsaw, NY. January 16, 1893

**Miss Florence Howard** will teach the school at Covington Center both the winter and spring terms. *Wyoming County Times*. Warsaw, NY. August 27, 1896

**Edward Clark** commenced his school at Covington Center on Monday. *Wyoming County Times*. Warsaw, NY. September 26, 1895

The storm of Tuesday and Friday hindered Edward Clark from reaching his school at Covington Center. *Western New Yorker*. Warsaw, NY. February 20, 1896

The Misses Winnie and Addie Wellman and Emma Wright will attend school at the State Normal at Geneseo this coming term. *Wyoming County Times*. Warsaw, NY. August 17, 1893

**Miss Emma Wright** is teaching the spring term of school here; she has over thirty pupils. *Wyoming County Times*. Warsaw, NY. May 7, 1896

**Miss Florence Howard** began the spring term of school at Covington Center, Monday.  
*Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. March 25, 1897

Miss Etta Rosenberg has been engaged to teach the school at Covington Center.  
*The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. August 15, 1899

1900 – **Miss Eva Lewis**, teacher; Robert Wright, trustee.

Miss Etta Rosenberg was pleasantly surprised on Friday night by a visit from thirty pupils of the Covington Center school, where she taught last year. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. January 22, 1901

1901 - **Darwin Curry**, teacher; William Curry, trustee.

The school at Covington Center will be taught the coming year by **Mr. C. E. Williams** of Wyoming.  
*The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. September 2, 1902

The following schools in the First Commissioner District of Wyoming County will hold the ninth grade examination, June 9th and 10th, 1903: ... Covington, Dist. No. 6, C. E. Williams, teacher ...  
*Wyoming County Times*. Warsaw, NY. May 20, 1903

The ninth grade examination will be held in the following schools in the First Commissioner district of Wyoming County June 14-15, 1904: ... Covington—district No. 6, **Mae M. Orr [Mrs. Wm. Bennett]**, teacher, ...  
*Wyoming County Times*. Warsaw, NY. June 8, 1904

**Miss Mary Orr**, teacher at Covington, entertained its pupils at her home at Peoria on Friday night.  
*Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. January 13, 1904

The school at Covington Center opened on Monday of this week with **Roy Hulburt** [of Moscow] as teacher.  
*The Livingston Republican*. Geneseo, NY. September 23, 1904

1905-1907 – Grace Fisher, teacher; C. J. Taylor, trustee.



Red Schoolhouse at Covington Center.  
[Identified from left to right, maiden name and married name]

Back Row:  
Agnes Cassada Shepard, Olive Murphy Pforter, Teacher Grace Fisher, Florence Murphy Rhodes, Anna Wellman Charles, Della Lawrence Atherton, Mabel Eligh Jameson, Anna Murphy Robinson, Emma Murphy Pforter, Minnie Lawrence Botts, Pearl Calkins Campbell

Front Row:  
Florence Calkins Botts, Leah Murphy, Mabel Andrus Hey, Iola Curry Hamilton, Edna Greenman, Mary Copeland Morse, Myrtle Curry

At a special meeting of the voters of the school district of Covington Center it was voted by a vote of 20 to 8 to erect a new school building upon a new site in the near future and A. E. Wellman, James Smith and Albert Sprague were appointed to co-operate with the trustee, Samuel Andres, in obtaining options on lots and plans for the new building, and to report at the next meeting, to be held on Friday night. The present building is pronounced wholly inadequate for the accommodation of

the large number of pupils in the district, and has been condemned by one of the State school inspectors. The site is also undesirable, as being too much to one side of the district. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. May 30, 1906



The school building constructed in 1830 remained in use until 1907 when it was decided to rebuild as there was no playground for the children at the old site. The old Red School was sold to John Broughton for a fruit storage for \$140.00. This building burned when Alton Rudgers' barns were destroyed by fire February, 1928.

School plans were drawn up in 1906-07 and one acre of land a half mile from the old site on the road leading from Covington Center to Peoria was purchased from B. A. Martin, W. J. Martin and Martha Martin for \$200. Robert McDowell of Linwood was the contractor and James Croft of Pavilion the mason. The building cost about \$2500.00. It is heated by a furnace.

From a scrap book of information on the Town of Covington researched by Nellie M. Paine. 1937

At an auction sale of the old Covington Center district school property, held on Friday night, the school building was sold to John Broughton for \$140, the lot to William Curry, for \$15 and the trees upon the lot to A. E. Wellman for \$15. The new school building will be erected upon the site recently purchased on the John Martin farm and opposite the old cemetery, the contract having been let to Robert McDowell, of Linwood, for the sum of \$2,300 with the stipulation that the building be completed by the middle of September. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. July 24, 1907

Covington - School meeting was held Tuesday night. C. J. Taylor is trustee and William Curry collector. **Miss Grace Fisher** will be the teacher. If the school house is not completed in time, school will start in the town hall until it is finished. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. August 14, 1907

Mr. Orville Pervorse of Fowlerville, who formerly resided near this village [Wyoming], is employed in carpenter work on the new school house at Covington Center and spent Monday evening in town. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. August 28, 1907

1908 – **Grace Fisher**, teacher; Albert Wellman, trustee.

All teacher-trustee information researched by Nellie M. Paine

The boys' club of the Covington Center school will hold an old fashioned school exhibition at the Town House tonight, for the purpose of raising funds with which to purchase a dictionary. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. March 27, 1908



Covington Center School.  
Grace Fisher second from the left on the right steps.  
Emily Boyd, red dress.

**Miss Grace Fisher** will teach the Covington Center school this year. It will be her fifth year there.  
*Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. August 11, 1909

1910 – **George Allen**, teacher; William Curry, trustee  
1911-1912 – **Rose Gaugel**, teacher; A. E. Wellman, trustee

A very large and enthusiastic audience enjoyed the play given by the Wyoming Grange, under the auspices of the Pavilion Entertainment Co., in Graves' Hall, Saturday night. All of the parts were well rendered, and the play kept the audience laughing from start to finish. The pantomimes given by the pupils of the Covington Center school, made much merriment and showed careful training-by their teacher, **Miss Rose Gaugel**. ...  
*Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. March 13, 1912

**Miss May Wheeler** is the teacher at the school at Covington Center.  
*Le Roy Gazette and News*. Le Roy, NY. December 31, 1913



Covington Center School. June 2, 1914  
May Wheeler is fourth from the left, back row.

The Covington Center school will close Friday, with a picnic on the lawn at N. J. Durfee's residence. The teacher, **Miss May Wheeler**, has had a very successful year. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. June 10, 1914

On Friday evening, **Miss May Wheeler** entertained the pupils of her school. Covington Center district, No. 6, at a Hallowe'en party at her home. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. September 4, 1914

On Friday evening, **Miss May Wheeler** entertained the pupils of her school. Covington Center district, No. 6, at a Hallowe'en party at her home. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. November 4, 1914

Miss Bessie Wells of Wyoming has been reengaged to teach the Pearl Creek school for the coming year with a raise in wages of two dollars a week. Her sister, **Miss Nellie Wells**, has been engaged to teach at the Covington Center school. The Misses Wells were at one time employed in the salt block in this village [Silver Springs].  
*Silver Springs Signal*. Silver Springs, NY. June 10, 1915

**Miss Florence Murphy** will teach the Covington Center school, which opens on Tuesday, September 5th.  
*The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. August 14, 1916

1917 – **Lillian Williams** of Warsaw, teacher; C. J. Taylor, trustee



1918-1919 – **Jennie Conrad**, teacher; C. J. Taylor, trustee  
1920-1921 – **Martha Gardner**, teacher; Alton Rudgers, trustee  
1922 – **Glen Covert**, teacher; Alton Rudgers, trustee  
1923 – **Gertrude O'Brien**, teacher; Lloyd Wellman, trustee

The school children and teacher, **Miss Gertrude O'Brien** of Covington Center school gave a surprise party for Roy and Donald Newton, Friday afternoon at their home. Refreshments were served, about twenty-five were present.  
*Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. October 29, 1924

1925 – **Miss Helen Mooney**, teacher; Ernest Phillips, trustee  
1926 – **Harrison Weaver**, teacher; Mrs. Ernest Phillips, trustee

The Junior Project workers, under the leadership of their school teacher, Harrison Weaver, held a social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Bennett last Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Bennett served refreshments, and games were played. The children all enjoyed a good time. *Perry Record*. Perry, NY. February 4, 1926

School is closed this week, as our teacher (Harrison Weaver) and his wife and two little sons are spending the week in Fillmore. *Perry Record*. Perry, NY. March 25, 1926

The Community School Picnic of the Town of Covington will be held at Wm. Smith's this year at Peoria. Sports will be from 10 to 12 o'clock, 12 to 1 P. M. dinner hour. That will be followed by an address by the Rev. J. R. Hanley of Perry. There will be a community song service led by C. W. McKeever. Then the closing numbers will be exercises by the school children from each school in the district. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. June 16, 1926

School opened at District No. 6, Covington Tuesday morning with Harrison Weaver of Peoria as teacher.  
*Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. September 15, 1926

District No. 6 Notes - Our school was examined on Tuesday by Dr. S. C. Sweeting and nearly all the pupils were found in excellent physical condition. In the month of October one pupil had a perfect spelling lesson every day. This was Helen Mortimer. Mary Courts and Mary Martin missed only one word each in the month.

On Friday morning Nov. 12th The Happy Time Club held its regular monthly meeting. The committee: Francis McGee and Helen Mortimer arranged the following program: Recitation, Margaret Wellman; Reading, Amy Wellman; Reading, Nelson Bryce; Reading, Ralph Phillips; Dialogue, Pilgrims and Indians; Reading, Vincent McGee; Reading, Wallace Phillips; Reading, Richard McGee. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. November 17, 1926

Harrison Weaver is ill with the grippe [influenza] and unable to teach school at Covington Center.  
*Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. February 9, 1927

**Harrison Weaver** is sick and under the doctor's care. He is unable to teach his school at Covington Center, and a substitute has been secured for his place until he recovers. *Perry Record*. Perry, NY. March 10, 1927

Harrison Weaver has resigned his position as teacher of Dist. No. 6, Covington Center, on account of ill health. Mr. Weaver was confined to the house with grippe and on going out too soon suffered a relapse. **Mrs. Roy Richardson** of Perry is supplying at the school. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. April 13, 1927

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Weaver are attending summer school at Geneseo normal.  
*Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. July 13, 1927

1927 – **Mrs. Jesse Ackerman**, teacher; Alfred Murphy, trustee

The interiors of the school district No. 3, Pearl Creek and school district No. 6, Covington are being painted and varnished.  
*Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. August 24, 1927

The following program was carried out the Covington Center school home Wednesday evening under the direction of the teacher, Mrs. Helen Ackerman.

Song—Christmas Welcome, by the school.

Recitation—Christmas Welcome, Robert Paine.

Dialogue—Their Christmas Gifts.

Recitation—The Reason, Milford Rudgers.

Recitation—Through the Telephone, Helen Mortimer.

Recitation—Sing a Bon of Christ, Mary Jane Wellman.

Dialogue—A Christmas Box from Aunt Jane.

Recitation—A Season of Joys, Vera Phillips.

Song—Silent Night, by the school.

Recitation—Winter, Mary McGee, Joseph Wellman.

Recitation — Christmas Greetings,

Dialogue—Darning the Christmas Stocking.

Recitation—Santa Claus, Margaret Kirkpatrick.

Exercise—Santa Claus.

Recitation—That Boy.

Song—Up on the Housetop, by the school

Recitation—Scaring Santa, Jack McGee.

Concert Recitation—The Truly Believes, Amy Wellman and Winifred Murphy.

Dialogue — Interview with Santa Claus.

Recitation—Three Christmas Candies, Marian and Muriel Kingsley, Arlene Wellman.

Song—Till We Meet Again, Y. H. Club.

*Perry Herald.* Perry, NY. December 28, 1927

Several pupils from District No. 6 Covington Center are trying regents this week at Pavilion Union School.

*Perry Herald.* Perry, NY. January 18, 1928

Miss Estella Ackerman of Warsaw was a guest Friday of her mother, Mrs. Helen Ackerman and visited the school at Covington Center of which Mrs. Ackerman is teacher. The Covington Center school closed Friday for a three weeks' vacation. *Perry Herald.* Perry, NY. April 11, 1928

District No. 6, Covington: Percentage of attendance—95%. Pupils neither absent nor tardy— Pierre Court, Austin Martin, Jack McGee, Robert McGee, Vincent McGee, Donald Newton, Wallace Phillips, Milford Rudgers, Charles Wellman, Joseph Wellman, Mary Court, Marian Kingsley, Mary McGee, Betty Kirkpatrick, Arlene Wellman Margaret Kirkpatrick, Vera Phillips, Winifred Murphy, Amy Wellman.

Pupils earning reading certificates —Amy Wellman, Marion Kingsley, Muriel Kingsley.

Trustee Alfred J. Murphy died April 9; Mary Phillips was appointed to act as trustee until the annual school meeting when Malling Mortimer was elected. Mrs. Helen B. Ackerman remains teacher for 1928-29.

*Perry Herald.* Perry, NY. May 16, 1928

1928-1929 – Effie Schroeder, teacher; Malling Mortimer, trustee

1930-1932 – Effie Schroeder, teacher; George Kingsley, trustee

Hallowe'en exercises were held at the Covington District No. 6 school Wednesday evening. The school was well filled. The program given by the pupils was nicely prepared by the teacher, Mrs. Schroeder. Chas. Wellman played several violin selections during the program which was followed by a box social. About \$6 was taken in. Alexander Eligh acted as auctioneer of the boxes. *Perry Herald.* Perry, NY. November 12, 1930



Covington Center School. c.1929

Francis Dickerson, Unknown, Vincent McGee, Donald Newton.  
Marian Kingsley Berkemeyer.

Louise Mortimer, Robert Boatfield, Vallone Phillips, Robert McGee, Mildred McGee Powers, ? Kilpatrick, Milford Rudgers.

Mary McGee, Muriel Kingsley Phelps, Mary Jane Wellman Logsdon, Charles "Bud" Wellman, Arlene Wellman Easton, Vera Phillips Wilson, Joe Wellman.

Wallace Phillips, Austin Martin, Effie Schroeder Kingsley, teacher, ? Kirkpatrick, Pierre Court, Jack McGee.

Mid-year examinations will be given by Mrs. Effie Schroeder at No. 6 school at Covington Center Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. January 21, 1931

Covington District No. 6 school of which Mrs. William Schroeder is teacher, opened Monday morning after a two weeks' vacation. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. January 7, 1931

The annual Covington Union school picnic was held at Hollis Clark's, west of LaGrange. Saturday afternoon, and was largely attended. Clark Wellman of LaGrange was chairman of the event and Frank A. Roberts of Perry was the speaker of the afternoon. Eight pupils from Covington Dist. No. 6 and eight pupils from Peoria school, under the direction of Mrs. Wm. Schroeder and Miss Evans, repeated the minuet in costume, the same as was given at Letchworth Park recently. "Minuet In F" was played on the violin by Miss Mary LaFevre of Peoria for the benefit of the participators.

A program of stunts was put on by Superintendent H. J. Harrison of Castile. ... *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. June 15, 1932

School at Dist. No. 6, Covington, opened Monday morning again after a vacation the past week. Mrs. Schroeder, the teacher, with Mr. Schroeder and family, moved from the Durfee house to the Norris house at Covington Center. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. April 26, 1933

The election held at Covington Dist. No. 6, Tuesday evening, resulted as follows: Cleric, Lloyd Wellman; chairman, Richard Costello; trustee, Stewart Kingdon; tax collector, Alton Rudgers. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. May 10, 1933

1933 – Miss Pearl Thompson, teacher; Stewart Kingdon, trustee

1935 – Mrs. Effie Schroeder, teacher; Floyd C. Paine, trustee

Many couples from the Pearl Creek Dist. No. 2, Peoria Dist. No. 5, and Covington Dist. No. 6 are planning to participate with the central district of schools of Pavilion, when they will attend a victory and testimonial dinner, celebrating the consummation of the Pavilion central school district at The Barn, LeRoy, Wednesday evening, Dec. 11, at 7 o'clock. Those from Covington on the dinner committee are Mr. and Mrs. George Powers, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wellman, Mr. and Mrs. John Cromwell, Miss Elizabeth O'Donnell and John O'Donnell. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. December 11, 1935

The result of the 10 weeks tests at Covington Dist. No. 6 School, of which Mrs. Effie Schroeder is teacher, are as follows:

Grade 6: Irene White 91, Jacob Weber 78.

Grade 5: Edgar Kingsley 77, Marion Jaeh 85

Grade 4: Julia White 85, Howard Kingsley 85, Elva Weber 78

Grades 3 and 4: Miriam Paine 87.

Grade 3: Albert Milroy 78, Cecil Shade 74.

Grade 2: Ronald Kingdon 84, Boyd McCall 84, Jean Milroy 88.

Grade 1: Jeanette Feitshans 93, Maude Pforter 83, Donald Feitshans 84, Genevieve Weber 85, Robert Kingdon 79.

Those neither tardy nor absent were Marion Jack, Elva Weber, Jacob Weber.

*Perry Herald.* Perry, NY. April 1, 1936

Over 400 attended the annual picnic of the 8 Covington district schools Saturday at the Covington Center school house. Following dinner the business meeting was held with Harold Altoft, teacher in District No. 1, LaGrange, chairman. Mrs. Elizabeth Thayer was elected secretary to succeed Mrs. C. W. McKeever of North Darien. Owing to the fact several of the district schools were going into centralization, action was taken in regard to continuing the annual picnic. It was unanimously carried to continue them. The committee in charge are Supervisor Burr Cornwell, Clark Wellman and Mrs. Elizabeth Thayer. The picnic will be held in the Kendall district.

The program opened with a duet with Miss Doris Young playing the piano accordion and Miss Gladys Young the guitar. A drill was given by the children of District No. 6 school. Mrs. Harold Ostertag of Attica, guest speaker, gave the "Highlights of the Cleveland Convention". Speaking on the duties of a citizen, Harvey Wellman, Cornell junior, guest speak, told that the duty of inquiry and of tolerance were paramount if free institutions are to be maintained. Prejudices should be abolished, he declared, and only by free inquiry can this nation hope to wipe out future wars and international misunderstanding. No institution is sacred unless it meets the needs of the people, he emphasized.

Superintendent of 3rd Supervisory district, H. J. Harrison of Castile, had charge of the sports program. Winners follow:

50 yd. dash for boys not over ten years: 1st, Lewis Wellman, Jr., 2nd, Gerald Copeland.

50 yd. dash for girls not over 10 years: 1st, Julia White, 2nd, Rose Mary Coefield.

75 yd. dash for boys not over 15 years: 1st, Lewis Wellman, 2nd, Howard Clark.

60 yd. dash for girls not over 15 years: 1st, Genevieve McQuilkin, 2nd Marion Jack.

Peanut race: Marion Jack.

Relay race for boys not over 11 years: Herbert Clark, Richard Costello, Ronald Auger.

Relay race for girls not over 11 years: Pauline Wellman, Genevieve McQuilkin, Julia White.

Relay race for boys not over 15 years: Alvin Hettrick, Warren Kingsley, Lewis Wellman.

Relay race for girls no age limit: Vera Phillips, Mildred McGee, Lorraine Milligan.

A picnic lunch box was presented Covington Central school for having the largest number present.

*Perry Herald.* Perry, NY. June 24, 1936



Pavilion centralized school opens Monday, August 31, with the various grades located in different school districts and buildings. This was made compulsory until completion of the new building. Following are the grades and teachers and locations: 1st grade at Pavilion, Miss Nellie Wells teacher; 2d grade, at Pearl Creek school, Miss Mary Caswell teacher; 3d grade, Covington Center District No. 6, Miss Geraldine Tillotson, teacher; 4th grade at Bethany No. 8, Miss Sarah Simpson, teacher; 5th and 6th grades at Linwood, Miss Catherine Green and Miss Martha McKee, teachers; 7th and 8th grades and high school in Odd Fellows hall, Pavilion.

The new school buses arrived Tuesday and until school will be sent on trial trips to acquaint drivers with schedules, routes, etc. Pupils will be picked up for registration at the high school. Tuesday morning at Covington No. 5 and 6; afternoon Covington No. 3, Middlebury No. 11, Bethany No. 8 and No. 1; Friday morning, Pavilion districts No. 1, 6, 10; Friday afternoon York No. 4 and Pavilion No. 11. *Perry Herald.* Perry, NY. August 26, 1936

Covington District No. 6 schoolhouse will be sold at auction on July 9 at 7 o'clock. Alton Rudgers, Ernest Phillips and George Kingsley are the committee in charge. Mr. Phillips will auction the school off.

*Perry Record.* Perry, NY. July 1, 1937

The Covington Center school building and site in District 6 was sold at auction on Friday evening to Jacob A. Fishbaugh of Pavilion for \$320. He and his family moved recently to Pavilion from Coldwater, taking the rural mail route of the late Lyle Chadock. He expects to remodel it into modern dwelling. The school was unanimously voted to be sold after District No. 6 had consolidated with Pavilion Central School, thus closing a school district founded in 1815.

*Perry Record.* Perry, NY. July 14, 1937

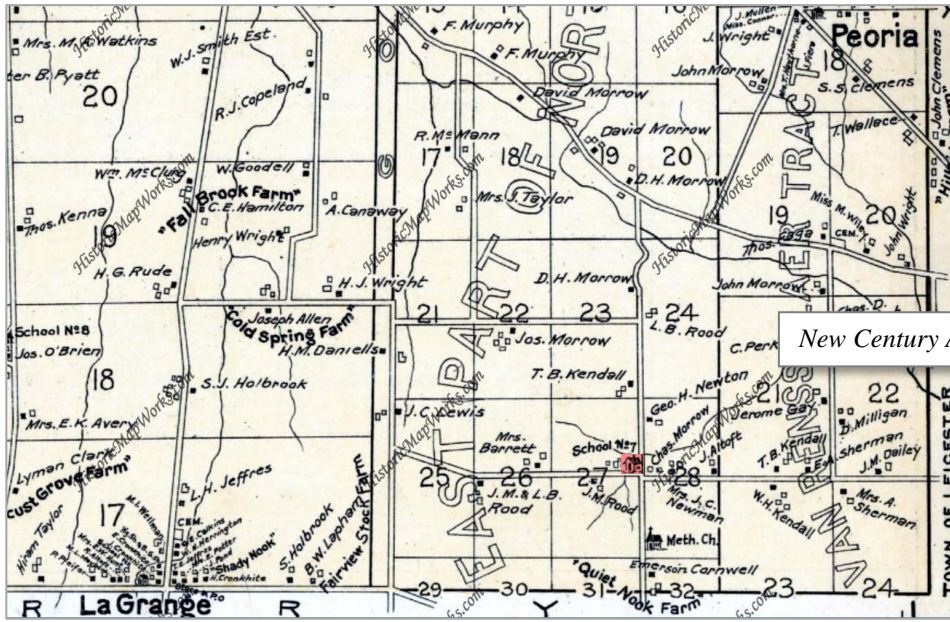
Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Fishbaugh and family moved the past week from the former Warren Clemens home at Pavilion to their home at Covington Center. Mr. Fishbaugh purchased the Covington Center school house and has converted it into a two-story apartment modernly equipped, making a very attractive home.

*Perry Herald.* Perry, NY. October 6, 1937



Former Covington Dist. No. 6 Schoolhouse. 1955. Home of Lyman Gage.

## COVINGTON DISTRICT No. 7 - KENDALL DISTRICT



Some of the teachers in the Kendall District: Perry Chappel, Nan Connor, Lillian Munger, Dunmore Smith, Emma Miller, Will Witter, Ida Morrow, Will Robinson, Caviro Conrad, Ethel Waldo, George Crofoot, Marion Thomas, John Stewart, Mrs. Reap, Bell Stewart, Kate Stewart, Mrs. Will Alleer, Phinny Seymore, Ella Taylor, Ellen Deyo, Nettie Deyo, Mrs. Stone, Louis Bouggine, Miss DeLavernge, Florence Howard Morrow, Charles Cromwell, Mrs. McMahn, Mrs. Kendall. From a scrap book of information on the Town of Covington researched by Nellie M. Paine. 1937

Miss Ida Pratt is going to the Normal School at Geneseo the 7th of Sept. She intends to take a thorough course, and to fit herself for a first-class teacher. *Wyoming County Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. August 30, 1887

The school in district No. 7, town of Covington, has opened for fall and winter term and is in charge of **Miss Ida Pratt**, as teacher. *Wyoming County Times*. Warsaw, NY. October 24, 1889

Miss Julia E. Rude has secured the school in the Herrington district for the year; **Edward Clark** the Kendall district, for the winter, and **Lida Cronkhite**, for the summer. *The Western New Yorker*. Warsaw, NY. August 18, 1892

Mrs. George Avery, of this place [LaGrange], is to teach the Pavilion school the coming year for a consideration of \$650. **Edward Clark** has secured the school in the Kendall district which he taught last year. *The Western New Yorker*. Warsaw, NY. August 31, 1893

**Edward Clark**, who has been teaching in the Kendall district, closes his school labors there today. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. February 21, 1894

**Miss Addie Covert** commenced her school in the Kendall district on Monday. *Wyoming County Times*. Warsaw, NY. April 5, 1894

**Miss Addie Covert** closed very successful term of school in the Kendall district on Friday of last week, yesterday the members of her school gathered at her home, where they were served with a fine supper and enjoyed themselves immensely. *Wyoming County Times*. Warsaw, NY. June 28, 1894

The teachers in this vicinity have taken school as follows: Mrs. Ida Morrow, at LaGrange; **Mr. E. B. Clark**, Kendall District; ... *Perry Record*. Perry, NY. August 16, 1894

**Edward Clark** commenced his school in the Kendall district on Monday – same one he taught last winter.  
*Le Roy Gazette.* Le Roy, NY. October 3, 1894

**Edward B. Clark** resumed his duties as teacher in the Kendall district on Monday of this week.  
*Perry Herald and News.* Perry, NY. January 31, 1895

**Edward B. Clark** attended a successful term of school in the Kendall district east of LaGrange Friday.  
*Western New Yorker.* Warsaw, NY. February 21, 1895

The following teachers have taken the following schools for a whole or part of the ensuing year: E. B. Clark, LaGrange; Mrs. Ella K. Avery, Bathrick District; **Mrs. Ida P. Morrow**, Kendall District; Miss Florence Howard, Covington Center.  
*Perry Record.* Perry, NY. August 13, 1896

**Mrs. Charles Morrow** closed the term of school in the Kendall district east of here [LaGrange] last week, and is visiting friends in Buffalo this week. *Perry Record.* Perry, NY. February 10, 1898

**Mrs. Ida Morrow** closes her school year in the Kendall District this week. *Perry Record.* Perry, NY. May 5, 1898

**Mrs. Florence Morrow** commenced her school in the Kendall district Monday.  
*Perry Record.* Perry, NY. September 21, 1899

LaGrange - **Charles Cromwell, Jr.** will teach in the first district, east and north of here, known as the Kendall district.  
*Perry Herald and News.* Perry, NY. August 23, 1900

**Miss Cora Strutt**, teacher in the Kendall district, will spend Thanksgiving with her parents in Salamanca.  
*Wyoming County Times.* Warsaw, NY. November 23, 1904

**Miss Cora Strutt** has returned from Salamanca and will resume her school duties in the Kendal district.  
*Wyoming County Times.* Warsaw, NY. March 22, 1905

**Carrie J. Conrad** resumed her school duties in the Kendall district on Monday last after a two weeks' siege with the tonsillitis. *Perry Herald-News.* Perry, NY. February 7, 1907

LaGrange - **Carrie Conrad** teaches in the Kendall district east of here. *Perry Herald-News.* Perry, NY. March 21, 1907



Kendall Dist. No. 7 – 1908

Left to Right.

Back Row: William Graham, Margaret Knox, Joseph Snider, Anna Graham, Margaret Moag, Addie Murphy

Second Row: ? Gardner, Fred Barber, Hugh Graham, Emiline Kendall, **Miss Ethel Waldo**, teacher, Hazel Newton, Mary Snider, Hugh Moag, Ruth McMahan, Unknown

Seated: ? Barber, Fred Snider, Marian Knox, Theodore Kendall, Hilda Graham, Helen Snider, Howard Moag, Mary Streeter, ? Gardner, Robert Moag

**Miss Carrie Conrad** began her school in the Kendall district Monday morning.

*Wyoming County Times.* Warsaw, NY. September 15, 1909

**Miss Carrie Kendall** began her school duties in the Kendall district Monday, after a short vacation.

*Perry Record.* Perry, NY. April 8, 1910

**Miss Carrie Conrad** closed her school in the Kendall district on Monday. *Wyoming Reporter.* Wyoming, NY. June 15, 1910

**Mrs. H. E. Fisher** opened the spring term of school in the Kendall district on Monday.

*Western New Yorker.* Warsaw, NY. April 6, 1911

**Mrs. H. E. Fisher** opened the spring term of school in the Kendall district on Monday.

*Wyoming Reporter.* Wyoming, NY. April 5, 1911

**Mrs. Homer Fisher** was able to resume her school duties in the Kendall district on Monday, after a week's illness.

*Wyoming Reporter.* Wyoming, NY. January 15, 1913

**Miss Agnes Campbell** has been enjoying a month's vacation from her school duties in the Kendall district.

*Perry Record.* Perry, NY. March 25, 1915

Miss Agnes Campbell, who taught school in the Kendall district for several years, graduated from Geneseo Normal last week and has accepted a position in Rochester. *Perry Record.* Perry, NY. January 26, 1922

School in the Kendall District closed on Friday with a picnic for all. **Miss Onley**, the teacher, was well liked by the people of the district as well as by her pupils. *Perry Record.* Perry, NY. June 22, 1922

The Misses Helen and **Ruth Lybarger** are enjoying a week's vacation from their school duties in the Jones and Kendall districts. *Perry Herald.* Perry, NY. April 4, 1923

Misses Helen and **Ruth Lybarger** commenced teaching in the Jones and Kendall Districts, respectively Tuesday, going to and from in their new Ford coupe. *Perry Herald.* Perry, NY. September 6, 1923



313,273 Ford Model T Coupes were made in 1923, costing \$530 each. The cars were equipped with electric start and demountable rims. New features included instrument panels and a sheet metal firewall instead of the wooden firewall used since the early 1900s.

School in the Kendall district has re-opened, having been closed for two weeks on account of scarlet fever.

*Perry Record.* Perry, NY. March 6, 1924

District No. 7 of Covington held a Community picnic at the home of Frank Hettrick on Saturday.

*Perry Herald.* Perry, NY. June 16, 1926

District No. 7, Covington. Percentage of attendance—95.4%. Pupils neither absent nor tardy: Kenneth DeLaVergne, Kendall Graham, Robert Moag, Adair Slane, Jackson Slane, Elwood Weber, Harry Weber, Maurice Weber, Ruth Auger, Janet Cornwell, Mary DeLaVerne, Vivian DeLaVergne, Marian McDonald, Rita McDonald, Elsie McIlroy, Dorothy Moag.

*Perry Herald.* Perry, NY. May 16, 1928



District No. 7, Covington, Teacher, **Marian Thomas**. Percentage of attendance—97%. Pupils neither absent nor tardy: Kenneth Boyd, Kenneth DeLaVergne, Kendall Graham, Adair Slane, Harry Weber, Maurice Weber, Ruth Auger, Janet Cornwall, Marlon McDonald, Evelyn Swede, Hilda Swede. Rita McDonald, Stanley Cornwell, Robert DeLaVergne, Elwood Weber.

Pupils earning reading certificates: Kenneth DeLaVergne, Adair Slane, Ruth Auger, Vivian D LaVergne, Janet Cornwell, George Boyd, Marlon McDonald. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. June 20, 1928

**Miss Julia Petko** of Warsaw has been engaged as teacher in the Covington School District No. 7.  
*Perry Record*. Perry, NY. May 25, 1933

The Ladies Aid society of the Covington M. E. church gave a variety shower Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. William Kendall for **Miss Elizabeth Petco** of Warsaw, the teacher at Dist. No. 7 school, who is soon to be married. 22 ladies were present. Miss Petco received many beautiful and useful gifts. She will return to the school for the next term.  
*Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. June 27, 1934

At the special school meeting in District No. 7, Covington, Monday evening, it was voted to retain the school, but no definite decision was reached as to transportation of high school pupils. *Perry Record*. Perry, NY. May 23, 1935

Mrs. Howard Moag and daughter Vera, with the mothers and children of the Kendall district, enjoyed the movies at Warsaw and a picnic supper with their teacher's mother, Mrs. Petco, at Warsaw Friday afternoon.  
*Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. June 19, 1935

**Miss Arlene Milligan** has been engaged to teach in Covington District No. 7 school which is known as the Kendall district.  
*Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. May 27, 1936

... **Miss Helen Butler**, teaching in District No. 7, Covington; ... *Perry Record*. Perry, NY. September 16, 1937

Junior Graham was pleasantly surprised at District No. 7 school when his mother brought a complete hot dinner with ice cream and cake to the school and served it to the pupils, assisted by the teacher, Miss Helen Butler. It was Junior's 11th birthday anniversary. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. March 9, 1938

Covington District No. 7. Chairman of the meeting, Judd DeLaVergne; tellers, William Auger and Clifton DeLaVergne; trustee, William Graham; clerk, Mrs. William Boyd; collector, John Cornwell. It was decided to close the school for 1 year and authority was given the trustee to contract for one year with some large district or districts.  
*Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. May 11, 1938

The teachers, Miss Rossney of District No. 8, Perry, and **Miss Butler** of District No. 7, Covington, and pupils will hold a combined picnic at District No. 7 on Friday of this week. *Perry Record*. Perry, NY. June 16, 1938

With the passing of time we find of the 21 school districts formed in the early days in Covington only two independent schools remain open, Dists. No. 1 and 7, the LaGrange District and the Kendall District. ...  
*Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. August 17, 1938

Ten pupils in District No. 7, Covington, are attending Pavilion Central School. *Perry Record*. Perry, NY. September 8, 1938

District 7, Covington – Trustee, Wm. Graham; Collector, John Cornwell; Clerk, Mrs. Wm. Boyd. It was voted to continue the present practice of contracting with Perry High and Pavilion Central Schools to teach the pupils from this district.  
*Perry Record*. Perry, NY. May 4, 1939

District No. 7 (Kendall District): Trustee, William Graham; Collector, John Cornwell; Clerk, Mrs. Wallace Lansbury. The school will remain closed and the south side pupils will be transported to Perry High School and the north side pupils to Pavilion Central school. *Perry Record*. Perry, NY. May 13, 1943

FOR SALE: Schoolhouse, District No. 7, Town of Covington. Building in excellent repair—complete electric wiring. May be inspected before sale. Owner of land will consider sale of site if desired. Sealed bids for purchase of building without land may be submitted to the undersigned before June 1, 1947. Right reserved to reject any or all bids. 10% deposit with each bid. John E. Cornwell, Trustee, Peoria Road, Perry, New York, Tel. Perry 74-F-21.

*Perry Herald.* Perry, NY. May 22, 1947

#### Covington Rural School, Now Closed, Had Long History

The sale of the "little red school house" in Covington Dist. No. 7, to Thomas Barber, the highest bidder, marks the passing of a historic structure dating back more than a hundred years. The district was centralized this summer with the north part of the district going in the Pavilion Central School district and the south part centralizing with Perry. This district, known as Covington Dist. No. 7, and also the Kendall district, was changed from Dist. No. 10, Covington, on Aug. 15, 1865. The earlier school house stood one-fourth of a mile north of the present Newton home. It is located in the southeast section of Covington and is next to the last school house in Covington to be sold. The last one, Dist. No. 1, at LaGrange, is still open for elementary students but is consolidated with Perry Central with the north section in the Pavilion Central district.

An old record clerk's book shows that \$32.18 was received in public money previous to 1858. Two-thirds of which was applied to the winter session and one-third to the summer session. The winter school started in November or late October and closed sometime in March. Nine cords of wood were purchased for the winter session at 56 cents a cord by a tax on the scholars. A librarian was hired to keep the books in his home each year until 1858 when it was voted to place the library in the school and the teacher be appointed assistant librarian. The annual meeting was usually held the second Tuesday in October at the school house at 6 p.m. before the winter term opened and the meetings were adjourned by prayer until 1877.

Three trustees held office (one elected each year to hold office for three years) until 1858 when L. P. Kendall was elected sole trustee. In 1865 the school number was changed from Dist. No. 10 to Dist. No. 7, Covington, and in November, 1866, it was voted to raise a tax of \$800 to build a new school house. The site of the school house was moved one-fourth of a mile north of the Newton home, formerly known as the May home, to a quarter of an acre of land where it now stands. After the decision was made to build a new school the old school was sold for \$20.00. The new school was built for \$802.00, raised by equal tax. The plans were drawn by E. F. Chaffee.

In 1867 a coal stove was purchased and three tons of coal. The last record of the summer and winter school was made in 1864 but it may have been conducted later. The winter session was four months and the summer session five months. In 1866 the new school was built and the following year it was painted brown and a fence was built around it. The building committee was Harvey Daniels, L. F. Kendall and J. C. Newman.

In 1870 the school was insured for the first time thru John Broughton. In 1877 new books were bought and in 1881 a new stove had to be bought. In 1883 the building was painted again and in 1866 a new floor had to be laid, new seats put in and a new fence put up and the wall repaired.

In 1888 the Ewinton's Series of readers and Milnes' Arithmetic replaced the Analytical Reader and Robinson's Arithmetic. A teacher was to be paid just the amount paid in public money.

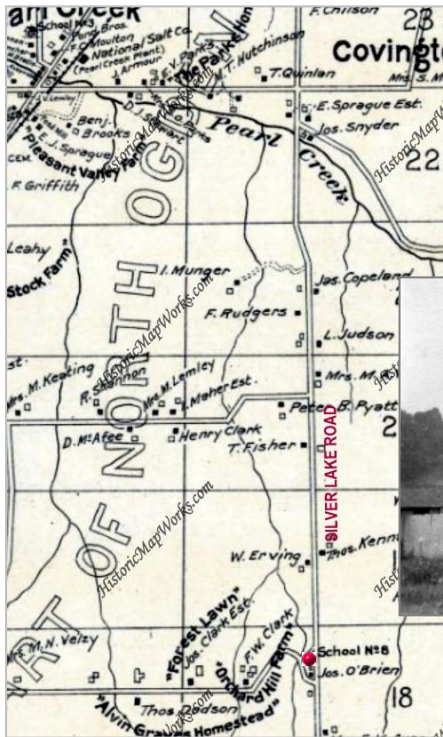
District No. 10 school was founded in October, 1824, with Warren Wing and Mark Norris as commissioners of common schools. The old school house north of the present one was used when first built by the Covington Methodist Church as a meeting house for two years prior to the building of the present Covington Methodist Church built in 1833. At that time candles were purchased at 21 cents a pound and contained 6 inch wicks.

On Oct. 18, 1836 a purchase of a gallon of kerosene was made for \$1.26 and in March the following year the price was raised to \$1.60 a gallon. John S. Miller, who was on the Middlebury line in the year 1819, was instrumental in laying out roads and building school houses and churches thru this area.

Miss Emma Taylor taught in this district in 1875. Other early and late teachers in the district were Perry Chappel. Nan Connor, Densmore Smith, Will Witter, Will Robinson, George Clapp, George Crofoot, John Stewart, Kate Stewart. Phinny Seymore, Ella Taylor, Nell Connor, Hector Williams, Nettie Cromwell, William Barclay, Cornelia Clue, Emma Miller, Ellen Deyo, Nettle Deyo, William Stone, Louise Bruggins, Mrs. Will Allen, Marion Thomas, Mrs. Reap, Florence Howard, Charles Cromwell, Nellie Harris, Julia Miller, William Noble, Emma Miller, Bell Clute, Edward Clark, Ida Pratt Morrow, Mrs. M. O. Stone, William McMahan, Lillian Munger, Carrie Conrad, Ethel Waldo, Arlene Milligan, Helen Butler.

*Perry Record.* Perry, NY. December 14, 1950

## COVINGTON DISTRICT No. 8 - SILVER LAKE ROAD



Covington District No. 8 was originally organized as District No. 9. The district was renamed in 1860.

This district was organized in 1824. In 1838 Joel Clark and Abijah Bainbridge were trustees in this district; in 1843, Henry Johnson, Alfred Sturdervant and William McVeigh; in 1856, Isaac Rudgers and John Rudgers.



New Century Atlas of Wyoming County. 1902

Some early teachers in the district were Mrs. Fisher, Flora Cronkite, Edith McWethy, Effie Altoff and Edward Clark, Carl Feiro, Ella Kingdon Avery, Anna Bruce, Margaret Peddle, Edith McWethy, Grace Fisher, Florence Smith, Edna Broan, Rene Capwell, Mabel Dodson, Elizabeth Wethy, Ruby Crane, Mrs. Maher, Mabel Foskett and Francis Wethy.

The present building on Silver Lake Road was erected in 1896. The school has not been open for nearly twelve years, as there is no family in the district with children of school age. They were transported to the Pavilion High School with transportation and tuition paid by the district.

Information on the Town of Covington schools researched by Nellie M. Paine. 1937

List of Scholars who attended the School of Dist. No. 9 - Town of Covington, during the term commencing the first day of November 1843 & the number of days they respectively attended the same, up to Jan. 1st 1844

Harriet Pelton - 4 1/2	E. Fidelity Clark - 1
Ann M. Pelton - 4 8	Blighdon H. Watkins - 38
Sarah L. Watkins - 4 7	Cephas B. Carter - 36
Mary A. Watkins - 4 5 1/2	Charles H. Wettonan - 47 1/2
Elvira J. Watkins - 4 8	Jared R. Legonite - 8 1/2
Josephine Watkins - 7	Phineas Pelton - 4 8
Caroline M. Watkins - 5	George Secker - 17
Annanda M. Tyrell - 39 1/2	
Mary S. Tyrell - 4 8 X	23
Harriet Wettonan - 4 1	31
Agnes S. Cook - 4 6	39 Children
Elizabeth Seymour - 2 1/2	16
Emaline G. Legonite - 9	8 - 5 Days
Elizabeth J. Carter - 27 1/2	8 - 4 Days
Panette E. Burr - 14	Weeks 3 3 - 3 Days
Martha M. Grass - 14	8 - 5
	8 - 5
	20.00
	14.25
	7.25 paid man teacher
	12.00
	8.00
	25.92

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Names of Parents in List. No. 9  
Covington

Nathan H. Cook - 3	Schollars
Asahel Pelton - 6	do
James Seymour - 6	"
Boale Watson - 3	"
Gaspar Beckwith - 2	"
Joseph Wettonan - 1	"
Geel G. Clark - 2	"
Joseph Clark - 1	"
Edwin J. Thompson - 1	"
Sam Rudgers - 4	"
George Whitney (scholar) - 1	"
Henry Watkins - 1	scholar out of list

N. H. Cook. Trustee

Rate bill containing the name of each person liable for teachers wages, in district No. 9, Town of Covington, for the term ending on the fourteenth day of March 1849, and the amount for which each person not exempted either wholly, or in part from the payment of such amount, is so liable - with the fees of the Collector thereon.

Name of person	Wages	Exempt	Balance	Collector's fee	Total
Stanhurst Cook	70 82.25	149 82.73	87.98	.25	
Abraham Dalton	150 3.75	141 3.11	6.86	.35	
David Probst	63 1.60	102 1.86	3.46	.18	
Daniel C. Payne	61 1.54	145 2.64	4.18	.21	
David C. Clark	45 1.13	71 1.31	2.43	.13	
Joseph Clark	28 .70	18 .33	1.03	.05	Prind
Joseph Wellman	18 .45	41 .75	1.70	.08	
John Tompkins	28 .56	33 .60	1.18	.06	
George Whitson		20 .37	.37	.02	
Henry Watkins		75 .84	.84	.05	Prind
James Pyatt		196 3.57	3.57	.18	
Ed. Walker		104 1.90	1.90	.10	

Rate bill containing the name of each person liable for teachers wages in district No. 9, Town of Covington, for the term ending on the fourteenth day of March 1849, and the amount for which each person not exempted either wholly or in part from the payment of such amount, is so liable with the fees of the collector thereon.

The school in district No. 9 of Covington, closed on Friday last with an exhibition and picnic which was largely attended. **Miss Angie Magee** has been the successful teacher of that school for the past sixteen weeks. The scholars showed their appreciation of their teacher by presenting her with a beautiful toilet set.

*The Western New Yorker.* Warsaw, NY. August 13, 1885

Honor roll of pupils in Dist. No. 8: Charles W. Pyatt, Lula Pyatt, Mattie Kenna, Nellie Kenna.

*The Western New Yorker.* Warsaw, NY. January 28, 1886

**Miss Flora Lang** closed school in District No. 8, Covington, on Friday this week.

*Wyoming County Times.* Warsaw, NY. June 10, 1890

**Millie Taylor** closes her school in Dist. No. 8, Covington, this week.

*Perry Herald and News.* Perry, NY. January 19, 1893

**Miss Rene Capwell** of West Middlebury is teaching in district No. 8, Covington.

*Wyoming County Times.* Warsaw, NY. September 11, 1913

On Wednesday evening at School District No. 8, Covington, Christmas exercises were held under the direction of **Miss Beulah Cate**, teacher. Sixty were present and a tree heightened the enjoyment of old and young.

*The Western New Yorker.* Warsaw, NY. December 30, 1920



Covington Dist. No. 8 – 1920

Teacher; Frank, Paul, Grace and James Kenna

Enrollments in the 1932 National Spelling Bee conducted throughout Western New York by the *Buffalo Evening News* ... Covington, district 8, Charles Morgan, champion; Irene Shimburske, second; **Elisabeth M. O'Donnell**, teacher. ... *The Castilian*. Castile, NY. April 14, 1932

Those with averages above 80 in the last tests at Covington Dist. No. 8 school were: Warren Kingsley 91, Marian Kingsley 91, Milford Rudgers 90, Robert Schroeder 86, Edgar Kingsley 82, Valance Phillips 83, Louise Mortimer 87, Elva Webber 85, Elwood Weber 81, Kenneth Weber 81, Howard Kingsley 81. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. April 26, 1933

**Miss Pearl Thompson**, teacher at Dist. No. 8, Covington, was ill last week. Mrs. Scholes of Silver Springs supplied during her absence. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. October 4, 1933

There will be general rejoicing among the farmer folk of district 8, town of Covington, when a family with children of school age moves into the district. For twelve years they have patiently and hopefully waited for such an event—ever since they closed the school for want of pupils. The years have sped by but interest in the little school has never faltered.

Mrs. Clyde Klugh, wife of the present trustee, unfolded the story of the unique situation existing in the district. "There is only one child residing in the district," she said. He is one-year-old Robert Ewell. There have been no other children for twelve years.

Yet every year, Mrs. Klugh relates, a band of loyal taxpayers meet in the pupil-less school and perfunctorily carry out their duties. "We have no taxes here," Mrs. Klugh adds, "for the simple reason that when the school closed there were funds in the treasury. We spend only \$50 per year on insurance, repairs and general upkeep."

The district has been invited to join with the Pavilion and Wyoming central school systems. The offer has been declined because it would mean paying taxes. And there are no children to go to school.

Last year when a public utility surveyed the region preparatory to putting through a power line, the trustees voted to include the school in the circuit, to assure sufficient signers. They paid a year's rental of \$24, but never had the little frame building wired.

Only in May when the school meetings are held is the building opened to the public. Then windows are flung open, the desks dusted off and the school meeting held. After that the door is padlocked and voters go homeward.

Someday there may be children in the district again. A teacher will be hired then and the long silent school bell will pour forth its welcome ring over the country-side.

The school is more than 80 years old, Mrs. Klugh declares and when she was a pupil there in 1903, 20 children daily filled its one room. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. May 19, 1937



In district 8, town of Covington, stands this little frame school house, pupil-less for the past twelve years, but kept in repair against the day when children many again live in the district and go to school. Closed twelve years ago for want of pupils, taxpayers have loyally kept the building in good repair and insured.

The district is entirely rural in population and its only child is Robert Ewell, eighteen months old. Young Robert was more concerned with a bump on his head than with thoughts of school when this photo was taken last week. Whether Robert will attend the little school or go to a consolidated school in Pavilion or Wyoming is a question that must be settled when he becomes five years old and eligible to attend classes. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. June 2, 1937

LaGrange – In a school picnic nearby yesterday, one district of 1,117 acres with an assessed valuation of \$64,000 participated without a single resident child on hand. The reason was that there are no children on the 1,117 acres under academic school age.

Added interest is in the fact that although there are no children who might grow into the school age, district officials are annually elected at the school meeting and a school house is kept painted and insured against fire. This is designated as Covington District 8 and Clyde Klugh, a farmer residing near the school house, is trustee.

A lonesome, light-haired boy of 18 months, with no playmates on the more than 1,000 acres, represented the district's children at last year's picnic, but Mrs. Klugh revealed last night that Bobby Ewell, the child, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Ewell, had moved to Caledonia.

Eight rural districts [from the Town of Covington] were represented at yesterday's picnic although all but two, Number One, LaGrange, and Number Eight, are new consolidated into central districts in Pavilion and Wyoming.

Grownups had to represent District eight and they talked about the good times they had in their district when they went to the school house, now glistening white, but vacant. Parents mingled with their children from the other districts, ate ice cream and then went home to resume the farm work.

Although maintaining a schoolhouse and keeping the district intact may be unusual, there is no secret as to the reason why. With no children to go to school there is no teacher to pay and for that reason there are no district taxes to pay.

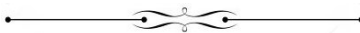
*Rochester Democrat and Chronicle*. Rochester, NY. June 19, 1938

... Covington District No. 8: Trustee, Raymond Clark; collector, Charles Fisher; clerk, Jay VanAllen. This district sends its pupils to Pavilion Central school. ... *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. May 8, 1940

District No. 8 meeting was held at the home of Miss Alice Powers. Officers elected were: trustee Miss Alice Powers, collector Clyde Klugh and clerk Jay VanAllen. The school will remain closed and the pupils transported to the Pavilion Central School. *Perry Record*. Perry, NY. May 13, 1943



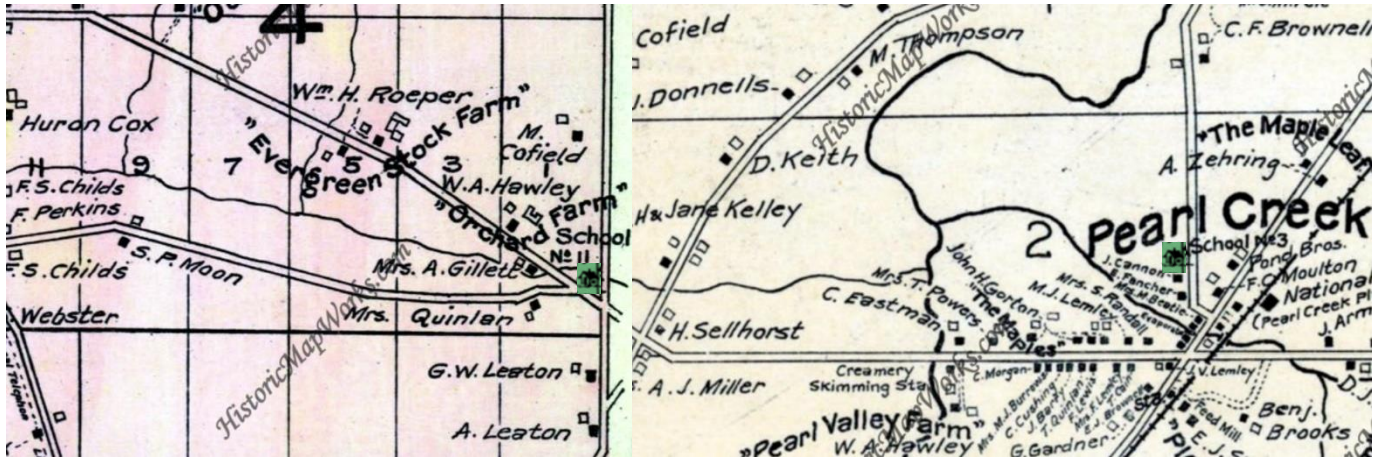
Samuel Starquist has sold his farm (the former Leslie Judson farm) to Mr. and Mrs. Long of Pavilion Center. Mr. Starquist purchased the Covington District School No. 8 last fall when the district consolidated with the Pavilion central School district, and will convert it into a dwelling which he will occupy when he is home, as his insurance business necessitates his being away much of the time. He has reserved a strip of land from the farm, which he sold on the Silver Lake road, and plans to move the house there later. *Perry Record*. Perry, NY. March 25, 1948



## MIDDLEBURY DISTRICT No. 11 – TRANSIT ROAD

Covington and Middlebury District No. 11 - Very little is known of the history of this district. The school was situated on Transit Road one and a half miles west of Pearl Creek. *A Crossroads by the Oatka. 1790-1982.* Isabel MacDuffie, editor.

The 1866 *Topographical Atlas of Genesee and Wyoming Counties, New York* shows that Middlebury District No. 11 School was located at the intersection of Transit and West Middlebury Roads ... just as it is in the 1902 atlas.



*New Century Atlas of Wyoming County New York. 1902 – Composite Map of the Towns of Middlebury and Covington*

Honor Rolls - ... District No. 11, Middlebury, **Ellen P. Deyo**, teacher. Nicholas Kauffman, Bridget Thompson, Eddie Forbes, Mary Knight, George Gill, Libbie Gill, Lizzie Knight, Martha Cofield, Sarah Cofield, Florina Mauer, Maggie Cofield. ...

*Western New Yorker.* Warsaw, NY. March 25, 1886

School Commissioners F. C. Benedict and Frank McElroy were at the Court House on Thursday and Friday making the apportionment of school moneys to the various districts in Wyoming County. This apportionment will give \$100 to each district employing one teacher, and \$100 for each additional teacher employed, and about 9½ mills per day for each day's actual attendance of pupils residing in the district. The total amount to be distributed in the county is \$38,974.75. The amount paid in the county the past year for teacher's wages was \$55,868.94. The number of pupils taught was 7,288.

The district quota is greater than last year, and in consequence the smaller or weaker districts get a larger proportion of public money. The basis of apportionment is different also. Heretofore the money has been apportioned according to the number of pupils in the district of school age. The present plan, which is in every way far better, apportions the money according to the aggregate daily attendance. Parents should realize the desirability of keeping their children in school regularly, both for their own advancement and because the daily attendance increases the amount of public money which the district will receive. ...

Middlebury—District No. 1, \$0.66; No. 2, \$547.47; No. 3, \$121.10; No. 4, no report; No. 5, \$144.36; No. 6, \$120.66; No. 7, \$132.54; No. 8, \$113.46; No. 9, \$109.40; No. 10, \$113.09; No. 11, \$127.14; No. 12, \$126.82; No. 13, \$123.89; No. 14, \$112.76; No. 15, \$125.68: total, \$2,019.03. ... *Wyoming County Times.* Warsaw, NY. March 26, 1891

The following teachers have been engaged to teach the spring term in the different towns in Wyoming county: ... **Jessie Smith**, Middlebury, No. 11 ... *Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.* Rochester, NY. March 22, 1895

Miss Cora Strutt has been engaged to teach the LaGrange school for the ensuing year. Miss Grace Fisher will teach at Covington Center, Miss Gladys Pratt the primary department of the Perry Center school, Mr. Harold Altoft the Bethel school and **Miss Carrie Conrad** in Middlebury, District No. 11. *Perry Record.* Perry, NY. August 10, 1905

**Miss Maude Mortimer** began her duties as teacher in district 11 on Monday.

*Wyoming Reporter.* Wyoming, NY. February 27, 1907



Miss Maude Mortimer has been engaged by the Board of Education as teacher in the [Wyoming?] high school to fill the position made vacant by the resignation of Mrs. James Quinlan.

*Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. March 31, 1909

Miss Maud Mortimer assisted on the teaching staff at the Academy on Monday, in the absence of Miss Mary Lytle.

*Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. March 22, 1911

Miss Marjorie Bradley has recovered from her recent attack of the grip so that she is able to attend to her school duties. During her illness Miss Maud Mortimer taught in her place. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. March 6, 1912

Wyoming - Miss Maude Mortimer is clerking in Warren's store. *The Attica News*. Attica, NY. May 2, 1918

Hermitage - **Miss Maud Mortimer** teacher of our district school is preparing her pupils for Christmas exercises to be held at the school room on Wednesday afternoon, December 24th. *Wyoming County Times*. Warsaw, NY. December 18, 1930

... Middlebury, Dist. 8, **Maud Mortimer**, teacher; ... *The Castilian*. Castile, NY. March 10, 1932

The schools of the Middlebury districts are competing in an attendance contest. ... District No. 8 teacher. Maude Mortimer ... District No. 11 teacher, **Esther Ferguson**. Percentage of attendance 99 per cent. Those with perfect attendance were Grace Coefield, Helen Coefield, Rose Mary Coefield, Frances Henderson, Kenneth Henderson, Ralph Henderson, Jack Lee and Juanita Lee. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. October 4, 1933

Pavilion is to have a centralized school composed of twelve rural districts and the building will be located in Pavilion Village. The districts joining in the central school are Pavilion Nos. 1, 2, 5, 6, 10 and 11; Covington Nos. 3, 5, and 6; Bethany Nos. 1 and 8; and Middlebury No. 11. ... *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. October 16, 1935

Miss Maud Mortimer began her duties as teacher of Dist. No. 11, Middlebury, Monday, following the resignation of **Miss Veronica Coefield**. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. January 8, 1936



Miss Veronica Coefield left Monday, September 11th for Geneseo where she will begin her practice teaching—ten weeks at the Geneseo Normal and ten weeks at Le Roy. *Wyoming County Times*. Warsaw, NY. September 14, 1933

Barbara Griffith Moag remembers stories about her dad, Worth Griffith, showing up at school during recess to spend time with her mom, Veronica Coefield, and do some “courting.”

Miss Veronica Coefield and W. Worth Griffith were united in marriage on Thursday, January 16th at 10 o'clock at the St. Mary's rectory at Pavilion, N. Y. by Rev. Father Donnelly. ... *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. January 22, 1936

Many school boards in the 1920s and 1930s routinely dismissed a female teacher if she married. The idea that married women did not need the income and that hiring married women would deprive single girls of opportunities were common rationales for these marriage bars. Especially during the Great Depression, when jobs were scarce, one job per family was the demand. There was also a presumption that working wives represented a breakdown in the ideal family, a belief that a married woman's place was at home. Some people even thought that impressionable children should not know their teacher had married because marriage implied sex – and sex should not even be contemplated!

The restrictions on married women teachers eased with World War II when these women were needed in the labor force and then died out relatively rapidly during the 1940s.



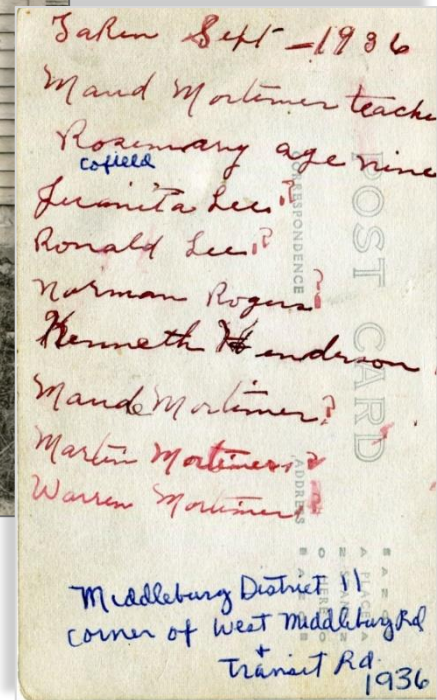
During the past week the following schools were enrolled in the [National Spelling Bee] contest by the teacher or principal whose name is listed: ... Middlebury District 11, **Maude Mortimer** ...

*Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. March 4, 1936

Spelling Bee winners ... Middlebury District 11, Frances Henderson, 10, champion; Kenneth Henderson, 9, second. *Wyoming County Times*. Warsaw, NY. April 16, 1936



Rosemary Cofield is standing at the far left.



Rosemary Cofield is on the left, back row.

William Henry Mortimer, 1851-1934 m. Fannie Durfee, 1859-1902  
 Maude D. Mortimer, 1884-1967  
 Raymond Malling Mortimer, 1886-1951  
 William Leo Mortimer, 1890-1980  
 Bessie P. Mortimer, 1894-?  
 Florence M. Mortimer, 1896-1958  
 Marguerite Franchetta Mortimer, 1898-1973  
 John Price Mortimer, 1900-1980 m. Ina M. Sparks 1904-?  
 Harry Laverne Mortimer, 1924-2000  
 Maude Louise Mortimer, 1931-2008  
 Martin E. Mortimer, 1928-  
 Warren G. Mortimer, 1927-  
 Laura Mortimer, 1934-  
 Mary Mortimer, 1939-  
 Marjorie Mortimer

Middlebury District No. 11 unit of the Pavilion Central school of which Miss **Maude Mortimer** is teacher, had 100% attendance for the first quarter of the first semester. The following pupils had perfect attendance: Rosemary Cofield, Juanita Lee, Roland Lee and Kenneth Henderson.

The following pupils are eligible for the honor roll, having received an average of 85 or over in their school work: Kenneth Henderson 95, Roland Lee 87, Norman Rogers 86, Martin Mortimer 90, Juanita Lee 88, Maude Louise Mortimer 85.

*Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. October 28, 1936

During the past week the following schools have been enrolled in the [National Spelling Bee] contest ... Middlebury District 11, **Maude Mortimer**, teacher ... *The Batavia Times*. Batavia, NY. March 11, 1937

Injuries received in a crash near Bergen last Thursday evening proved fatal to the driver, George Pearson, a member of the board of education of Pavilion Central School, his death occurring on Monday. Miss Vera DeLaVergne, a teacher in the school, is in a serious condition at the Batavia Hospital with a fractured skull. Postmaster John H. Quinlan, also a member of the board of education, and Miss Martha McKee and Miss Maude Mortimer, teachers, were badly but less seriously injured. The party were on their way to Brockport to attend a dinner tendered the Board of Education by the faculty of the Pavilion Central School. *The Standard*. Holley, NY. April 22, 1937

Two persons are in critical condition today after an automobile-truck crash near here [Batavia] Thursday night. Three others were less seriously hurt. Taken to hospitals here, they are: George Parson, 89, former Bethany supervisor, fractured skull, punctured lung, internal injuries; Vera DeLaVergne, 42, Pavilion teacher, fractured skull; Martha McKee, 47, Pavilion teacher; John H. Quinlan, 70, Pavilion postmaster, Maude Mortimer, 50, Pavilion teacher.

*Lockport Union-Sun and Journal*. Lockport, NY. April 16, 1937

Attica Center Rd. - Maude Mortimer, teacher in Dist. No. 11 spent the week-end at her home in Wyoming.

*The Attica News*. Attica, NY. October 5, 1939



Miss Maude D. Mortimer, 82, of 29 Maple Ave. died yesterday (Jan. 7, 1967) in the King Nursing Home, Warsaw, where she had been a patient about 3 years. She had been in failing health seven years. She was born in the Town of Bethany, Nov. 19, 1884, a daughter of William H. and Fannie Durfee Mortimer. She graduated from the Middlebury Academy, Wyoming, in 1900 and taught in rural schools in the towns of Attica, Middlebury and Gainesville for 30 years.

She had lived in the area all her life and had worked for five years before her retirement as a cook at the old Wyoming Inn Restaurant. She was a member of the Wyoming Presbyterian Church. Memorials may be made to the Church Memorial Fund.

Mrs. Bessie Henderson and Mrs. Marguerite Henderson, both of Wyoming; two brothers, William L. of Buffalo and John P. of Warsaw; and several nieces and nephews survive.

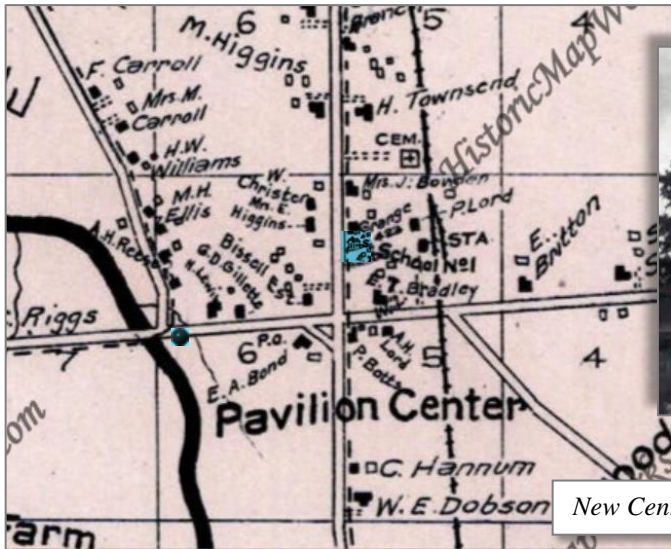
Services will be Tuesday from the Stripp Funeral Home where friends may call today and tomorrow from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Burial will be in the Wyoming Cemetery. *Rochester Democrat and Chronicle*. Rochester, NY. January 8, 1967



The Middlebury District No. 11 school building was remodeled into a residence and is currently (2016) owned by Jerry Legg.



## PAVILION DISTRICT No. 1 - PAVILION CENTER



New Century Atlas of Genesee County. 1904

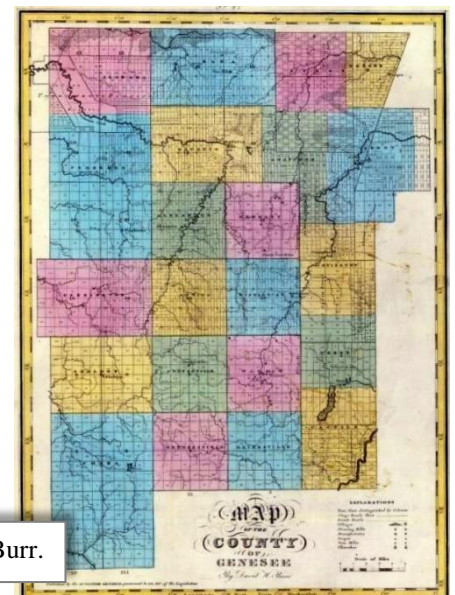
A school was established in this area as early as 1825. The first school built at South Le Roy – the name was changed to Pavilion Center in 1841 when the new Town of Pavilion was created – was a log structure just east of the Oatka Creek on the south side of what is now Route 20. The school had a roof of long hand riven shingles; there was a Dutch fireplace with a stick chimney in one corner of the building. The scholars would often bring sausage or other raw meats to roast for their dinner Indian style over the roaring fire on a long pointed stick and eat it with corn bread and milk. This building was moved to the Creek Road and incorporated into the house now occupied by Douglas Vagg, 10321 Creek Road.

A Union Church was constructed about 1835. The church was abandoned sometime in the late 1860s and the building was used for a time as a town hall; in 1879 the Pavilion Center Grange purchased it to use as their meeting hall. About this same time the “new” school building was erected adjacent to the church. It was used as a schoolhouse until 1937 when the Pavilion Grange Society purchased the building and site for \$100 to be used as a Junior Grange.

Adapted from a 1937 scrap book of information on the Town of Covington researched by Nellie M. Paine and from *A Crossroads by the Oatka: 1790-1982*. Isabel MacDuffie, ed.

A Dutch fireplace was a jambless fireplace. Jambs are the sides of the fireplace and, in a jambless fireplace, there are no sides, just a hood above. The hood rises to the ceiling, and hangs over a rather large area in which people can walk around. The fire was built in the center. Jambless fireplaces aren't good producers of heat. This is also a dirty system, because the smoke often got out into the room, and downdrafts through the chimney might cover everything with ashes. A stick-and-mud chimney is made of sticks laid crosswise, and cemented with clay or mud.

Pavilion Fifty Years Ago - When Wyoming County was first placed upon the map – in the year 1841 – I [George Tomlinson] was teaching at South Le Roy [Pavilion Center]. I held a certificate signed by Cyrus Tompson and J. Lyman Crocker. By the erection of the new county I was suddenly removed into [the town of] Pavilion. A question now arose as to the validity of my license to teach in the same old school house, but in another town and county. To settle the question I proposed to go before the legal inspectors and obtain, if I could, their high authority under the aegis of Pavilion. This is how I chanced to make the acquaintance of that beautiful place so appropriately named. Messrs. Dr. Wm. Sprague, Chauncey Whitney and Alvin Whitney were the school inspectors. I was invited into the workshop of Chauncey Whitney; Alvin Whitney was sent for; Dr. Sprague was out of town. Never before or since have I been so thoroughly examined as on that occasion. Well, “I passed.” *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. May 15, 1895



1829 Map of Genesee County. David H. Burr.

Some of the teachers in this district were Janette Bradley Keeler, Judson Lewis, William Bradley, Horace Coe, Leonard Crofoot, Fanny M. Bradley, Fanny Snow Hoyt, Emma Kingdon Taylor, Ella Avery, Etta Rosenberg Miller and Carrie Bishop.

The following was written by Wm. L. Bradley for the reunion of students who had attended the Pavilion Center School, District No.1, in the years 1847 – 1900. The get-together was held at Pavilion Center Grange Hall November 5, 1921

My Friends,

Our committee thinks that after such a grand exposition of the times of the present School House that you may like to hear of the old one and the happenings there. Besides, I would like to prove my right to be here as a former pupil, as well as the fortunate husband of the oldest teacher living. [William L. Bradley, 1836-1923, married Fannie Meigs Bradley, 1842-1925, in 1866.] Yes it is 77 years [ about 1844] since I was sent to be my sister's ([Mary] **Janette Bradley** [Keeler, 1822-1885]) scholar at the former school house on the Telephone Road, a few yards west of the Corners on the south side of the street. Father's farm was in the Pavilion Village District, but when they located a new school house where the feed mill now stands, he decided [words illegible] in Dist. No.1. The old school house was a one story building about 30 ft. x 36, standing broadside to the road, the entrance to the east. A writing desk of pine ran around the walls on three sides of the room with a bench with no back for seats. The center was occupied by seats with backs but no desks, in 2 rows of graded heights, with room in front for classes to stand or sit for recitation, a large box stove burning wood and the teacher's table and chair.

Our play grounds were rather small, but we used the road and the empty hotel barns to our satisfaction.

The school books were Webster's Spelling Book, the Columbia Reader, Adams Arithmetic and Colburn's Mental Arithmetic. In summer time, the older pupils who attended in winter had advanced text books, of what I know nothing.

There was no institutional nonsense about corporal punishment then. The teacher's scepter was a hickory ruler 20 inches long and an inch thick with which they not only pointed the way to knowledge but gave us an impetus by emphatic appliance to our hands and bottoms. The teacher's wages were \$2.00 per week and board round on the [illegible word] and \$3.00 in winter. They were paid by a rate bill, based on attendance, and each family, rich or poor, paying for their own children when attending, the only public aid being from the U. S. Deposit Fund, established during the presidential term of Gen. Jackson, when most marvelously the tax eaters and other politicians allowed the income of the nation to exceed its outgoes. We did not get the Free School law till years later, which was a great relief to the poor [illegible].

The Center school then had a high standing in the Township and its number of scholars was increased by [illegible words] children when such teachers as Bigelow, Kent, Sewell, Orange C. [1832-1856] and Jenny(?) Chaddock were employed and the little gray building was packed like a box of herring. School commenced at 8:30 and closed at 5 p.m. if the teacher got through with the classes. The winter term wound up a public examination and an evening exhibition at the church, when the scholars strove to outdo the other districts in imitating and emulating the actors of the tragic stage and orators of the political forums, to capacity audiences. Then there were the Spelling Schools when one school class challenged another, all poured over their spelling books and dictionaries, hoping to help our school to excel.

... The subjects taught were fewer and the instructions more crude, but I would assert that a class in spelling would "spell down" the best Batavia and Le Roy could provide and the problems in old Daboll's [Practical System of Arithmetic] or Adam's [Arithmetic] would puzzle some of the present teachers as well as scholars. What we learned not forgotten for some new fad, and, too, we were taught that work was honorable as well as necessary, that the labor-hardened hand was the most likely to be able and willing to give the less fortunate a lift. That honor comes by being honorable and not by "putting it over on some confiding(?) person who believed your [illegible]. That we must do things as well as talk them and that it was not for the world's benefit to have a half dozen advisers and managers at high salaries to manage a few workers.



The population of the Township of Pavilion in 1865 was 1,611, and the area is 22,728 acres.

There are ten school districts, employing the same number of teachers. The number of the school population is 446; the number attending school, 372; the average attendance, 218, and the amount expended for school purposes during the year ending September 30, 1868, was \$3,012.10.

*The Gazetteer and Business Directory of Genesee County, N.Y. for 1869-70*

Compiled and published by Hamilton Child, Syracuse, NY, 1869.



**Mrs. Cornelia Lewis** is to teach the summer school at Pavilion Center. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. March 29, 1872

**Mrs. Cornelia Lewis** is teacher at the Pavilion Center school. The number of scholars at the closing exercises was sixty, and the average attendance was thirty. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. March 7, 1873

The most noticeable event that has occurred in our town within the past few days was the picnic of the Pavilion Center School. This school, under the care of its teacher, Mrs. Cornelia Lewis, held an exhibition and picnic in Mrs. Moore's grove, on Friday last, 22d inst. A platform and seats had been arranged for the accommodation of the school and audience. The exercises consisted of declamations, dialogues and singing, and were highly interesting. The pupils did great credit to their teacher and themselves by their clear and distinct speaking and proper appreciation and correct rendering of their pieces.

The crowd present was large, several hundred being in attendance. The fact that the farmers and mechanics of the neighborhood left their work at this busy season to attend this picnic shows the interest they take in their school; and the further fact that there were many present from Le Roy, Covington, Pavilion village, &c, shows the high reputation of the school and teacher. The people expected a good thing and they were not disappointed. Singing, speaking and victuals were abundant and excellent, and all were delighted and satisfied. *The Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. April 29, 1873

**Mrs. Cornelia Lewis** closed her school at Pavilion Center with a picnic in Mrs. Moore's grove, on Friday last, which was attended by some three or four hundred people. The day was beautiful and everything passed off very pleasantly. Rev. Edler Newton made a few remarks, but the principal part was done by the scholars - which consisted of songs, dialogues and single pieces, all of which were finely done. After the exercises were over the little folks (and big ones too) did good service in spoiling the looks of as nice a table as anyone wishes to see.

*Genesee Courier*, Le Roy, NY. August 29, 1873

The school at the Center, kept by **Mr. McFarland**, of Batavia, has over forty pupils.

*Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. December 11, 1874

The Pavilion Center School made a visit to the Covington Center school on Friday last, 19th inst. A pleasant visit reported.

*Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. February 25, 1875

**Mrs. E.[Edson] W. Hoyt** will close her school at Pavilion Center with public exercises Friday afternoon. Mrs. Lewis at Covington Center will do likewise next week Friday. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. March 3, 1876

The schools in this town [Pavilion] have been one after another closing their winter terms, and the children are jubilant in the prospect of a long vacation. Our village school, which for the past year has been under the charge of Miss Mary Marsh, gave an exhibition on Friday, the 25<sup>th</sup> ult., which was largely attended and gave general satisfaction. Miss Marsh has been very successful as a teacher, and the desire is quite universal for her return. On Friday evening of last week the [Pavilion] Center school closed with an exhibition in the church which was also a success in its way. The room was nicely trimmed with evergreens, and on the drop curtain at the front of the stage appeared the word "Welcome." Appropriate and tasteful mottoes were seen in various parts of the house, and the *ensemble* was excellent. Perfect order was maintained during the whole performance, whose extreme length was its chiefest fault, and every part was plainly audible to all. Where every pupil performed his part so excellently that it is difficult to discriminate in favor of any, but we may be pardoned for mentioning as particularly noteworthy the opening address of Miss Hattie Waldo, and a declamation by Miss Mary Branch. A tableau representing the American Union in which the States were indicated by thirteen young ladies appropriately dressed was also quite fine. The large audience were well pleased with the affair, and many praises were spoken of the thorough and careful training which the pupils had received from their teacher, **Mrs. Fanny Hoyt**. There are a few people in every community who regard the time spent in the preparation of these entertainments as so much wasted in matter of no particular value, but they afford the children pleasing relaxation from the dry and arduous intellectual duties of a long winter term, and give them a confidence in their own abilities which is very convenient for them sometimes to possess; and at the same time give enjoyable recreation to the parents and friends of the scholars, and go far toward sustaining in the community that interest in the common school which is the chiefest means of support.

*Genesee Courier*, Le Roy, NY. March 10, 1876

Our common schools are ready for their summer's work. **Mrs. Hoyt** commenced school at the Center this week Monday, this being the beginning of her third year in the school. Miss Sarah Fleming teaches at the village, and is to open school on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Miss Carrie Whitney commences at that date on Burleigh Hill, and Miss Cornelia Lewis is to teach at Covington Center. They seem to think at Covington that Miss Lewis is the only teacher, and they have the same opinion of Mrs. Hoyt at Pavilion Center. *Genesee Courier*, Le Roy, NY. May 4, 1877



Bessie Bond

**Miss Bessie Bond** has been engaged to teach the school at Pavilion Center.

*Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. November 26, 1880

The term of sixteen weeks in the village school ends on Friday, but Mr. Austin, the trustee, has concluded to continue it for some weeks yet. Burley Hill school closes the middle of next week. Bessie Bond's school at Pavilion Center continues for two weeks longer.

*Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. February 25, 1881

Bessie Bond has been engaged to teach the Pavilion Center school for the winter term.

*Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. April 1, 1881

Nearly all the schools in town opened the summer term last Monday morning. Miss Bessie Bond has been retained at Pavilion Center. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. May 6, 1881

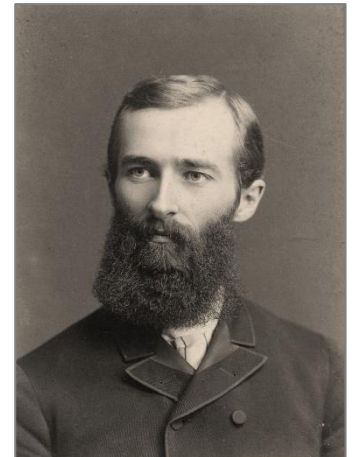


At the close of the morning services in the Methodist church on Sunday occurred the marriage of Mr. Ray Allen, formerly of Union Corners, near this village, and Miss Bessie Bond, of Pavilion. [She is the daughter of Oswald and Charlotte Bond.] Mr. Allen is the traveling passenger agent of the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba railroad, with headquarters at Harrisburg, Pa. He is the brother of Mr. George Allen, editor of the Buffalo Railway Magazine. Miss Bond has been connected at different times with the Ingham University [in Le Roy] and the Le Roy Academic Institute, as a teacher, and is highly respected.

*Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. December 23, 1885

Ray Allen, one of the former publishers of the Railroad Magazine at Buffalo, and an extensive railroad traveling agent, was married on Sunday to Miss Bessie Bond, of Pavilion. The bride is a well-known lady of Genesee county, having at one time been a teacher of Ingham university and the academy at Le Roy. During the winter they will reside at Pittsburg.

*Democrat and Chronicle*. Rochester, NY. December 22, 1885



Bessie Bond Allen and Rev. Ray Allen  
September 3, 1886

Bessie Jane Bond was the daughter of Oswald and Charlotte Bond of Pavilion Center. Bessie and her husband Rev. Ray Allen were missionaries to India from 1886-1888. She contracted tuberculosis in 1887 and died as the result of that illness at her parents' home in Pavilion Center, NY in May of 1888.

Mrs. Ray Allen, nee Bessie Bond, died last week, at the home of her mother, at Pavilion Center. She came home from missionary work in India to die, having left the region March 22. Mrs. Allen was a graduate of Ingham University, and subsequently she became a teacher in that institution. During her life she attracted many friends by her lovable disposition. Immediately after her marriage to Rev. Ray Allen she left with him for India to do missionary work. She was a true Christian and worked in the good cause to the last moment possible. She was 27. *Western New Yorker*. Warsaw, NY. May 31, 1888

... They sailed from Calcuta for America via China and Japan March 22, 1888 and landed in America (Vancouver, B.C.) May 8th. Ten days later they were home. ... Although unable to scarcely lift so much as a finger she was perfectly resigned and the old, happy, characteristic smile would often illumine her face as she spoke of the blessed work, which she never once regretted having undertaken. On Friday morning last, nine days after reaching home, her spirit took its flight and reached a far more glorious habitation, and found a richly merited reward.

The funeral was held at the homestead on Sunday afternoon last, hundreds of friends coming from many localities to pay their tribute of respect to one of God's noblest creations. *Spirit of the Times*. Batavia, NY. June 2, 1888

In Memoriam: Bessie J. Bond was born April 16th, 1861; converted to God in August, 1879; married to the Rev. Ray Allen, December 20th, 1885, with whom she sailed for India as a missionary, Nov. 18th, 1886, and returning home with her work done eighteen months later, entered into the rest of her heavenly home May 25th, 1888.

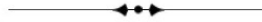
The good lady's frail health in India, her transfer from the Seamen's Rooms, Calcutta, to Simla, her long painful winter in Agra where our brethren of the Baptist Mission took her in so heartily and nursed her so tenderly and lovingly, and where Dr. Valentine of the United Presbyterian Church watched her with so much devotion; then the long sea voyage across the Pacific—the only hope left for restoring health—are all familiar to the members of this Conference.

Mrs. Allen and her husband set out from their home land in the winter of 1886 under appointment for South India Methodist Conference. The separation from home and friends was peculiarly severe. First, because of the bright prospects for temporal success which they dashed aside, Mr. Allen holding an important position on a Railroad, and being in special favour, as we have seen, with the men whom the world calls great. But he conferred not with flesh and blood, quickly surrendering every tie for the joys of a missionary's work to the darkened millions of India. Secondly, they came to India with the intention of never returning. On their route they visited the great centres of historic attraction in Europe, "because we were burning the bridges behind us," said Mr. Allen. Possibly they did too much sight-seeing, and the fatigue of the long journey was too great for the courageous, but frail, lady whom we mourn.

Landing at Bombay, January 1887, they proceeded to Madras and received their appointment to the Seamen's work, Calcutta. On the first night of the Conference session at Madras Mrs. Allen spoke in the love feast. Her words were these: "I have come to India, not to do all I can, but to do all that Christ will enable me to do." The words were striking and prophetic. Mrs. Allen took up the study of Bengali on her arrival in Calcutta, and pursued it with zeal during her stay here. Her consecration to God and to her work was perfect. For the seamen she toiled, and sung, and prayed long after the fatal cough had settled upon her lungs and her frail form showed only too plainly the dread results. She was ready and willing to die at her post, but, yielding to the entreaties of friends, she left Calcutta and finally left India. The separation from the land of her choice was sad.

"My purposes are broken off, even the very thoughts of my heart," were the words with which the final farewell to India were spoken. The laws of health are no respecter of persons, and the firmest human purpose and the strongest mortal resolve bend and break before the whirlwind of Providence.

... Who can measure Mrs. Allen's work? Her memory is an inspiration and her devotion calls to those that remain like a trumpet blast. "We live in deeds, not years." No life is short that meets God's purpose, while the longest life that fails here is worse than wasted. May the Puritan courage and divine meekness, tenderness and consecration of the departed abide with the living. May her love for India become contagious and possess all who hold the divine relation of missionary to their ascended King. There was a special tenderness in the mercy that tempered the storms on the Pacific, and permitted the weary traveler to go home to die. ... Seven days after the gates of her American home opened to receive her, the crystal doors of the Palace of the King swung inward and she entered, to go no more out forever. ... *Minutes of the Bengal Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church*. Calcutta. 1889



Pavilion Center - On Wednesday evening last eight or ten of our scholars accompanied their teacher to Pavilion to attend the spelling match which closed the session of the Literary Society for that evening. They report a very interesting programme previous to and including the spelling match in which several of them engaged and acquitted themselves creditably. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. January 26, 1883

The Pavilion Center school will begin on Monday, May 7th, with **Mrs. G.[Grove] D. Whitney** teacher. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. May 4, 1883

**Miss Emma Kingdon** is engaged to teach the summer school at Pavilion Center. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. March 28, 1884





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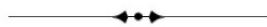
Pavilion Center School. Emma Kingdon, teacher.  
 Far Right – Mary Bradley  
 Third Right – May Stacey  
 Fifth Right – Etta Bradley  
 Sixth Right – Robert Bradley  
 Second Beyond in Back Row – Horace Bradley



Back Row: John Ward, George Ward, Minnie Gillete, May Stacy, Will McGrath,  
 James Reese, Philip Christner, Emma Kingdon teacher

Middle Row: John Britton, Minnie McWethy, Barbara Christner, Grace McWethy,  
 Ella Britton, Celia Christner, Maude Stevens, Alta Ward, Unknown, Unknown

First Row: Ray McWethy, Ralph Tillotson, Romanta Tillotson



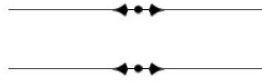
Romanta L. Tillotson, whose home was a mile south of the village of Pavilion, was instantly killed at 8 o'clock, Saturday morning when his automobile, in which he was riding alone, left the highway and turned over, he being pinned under the machine and his neck being broken.

The accident happened on the Perry road and near the residence of John Niebch, about five miles south of the village of LeRoy. Mr. Tillotson, who lived on a farm, had been working on the Pavilion state highway job. He was bound from Pavilion to a point on the road where gravel was being drawn. He was traveling at a rapid rate of speed. Sand in the highway caused Mr. Tillotson to lose control of his automobile. It left the roadbed and he made a desperate effort to turn it back, but in an instant the machine swerved in the opposite direction from that in which it was traveling and turned bottom side up.

People near who hurried to the rescue found that the edge of the body of the car rested across Mr. Tillotson's neck and that he was dead. Coroner Graney of LeRoy went to the scene and after learning the facts turned the body over to the family. The automobile was badly wrecked.

About two years ago Mr. Tillotson and his wife and child had a narrow escape in an automobile accident in LeRoy. Mr. Tillotson was driving up the approach to the Lodi bridge on Clay street, when the machine left the roadway, crashing through the guard rail, and started down the embankment. A telephone pole prevented a serious accident, holding the machine fast just below the edge of the embankment.

Mr. Tillotson was born in Pavilion in December, 1879, and had always lived in that town, where he was widely known. He was a member of the Pavilion Grange. Surviving him are his wife, who was Miss Nettie Legg of Pavilion, and whom he married in 1904; a daughter, Gertrude; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Tillotson; two brothers, Ralph and Herbert Tillotson; a sister, Mrs. Charles Legg, and a foster sister, Miss Hazel Tillotson, all of Pavilion. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. October 27, 1915



#### Four-Year-Old Girl Exchanged For Dog - Previous Attempt To Make Her a Public Charge

After vainly trying to induce an official of Genesee county to take and care for a pretty little girl, a couple anxious to dispose of the child finally traded it for a dog in Pavilion. The child is four years of age and the incident has been for a few days the chief topic among Pavilion people.

Mr. and Mrs. George Tillotson, who live on a farm a short distance east of Pavilion Center, started out for a drive one afternoon a few days ago. They had not gone far on the main road when they saw approaching a very dilapidated rig, which at once attracted their attention. It contained a man, woman and child, who were evidently traveling over the country in much the same way as gypsies are accustomed to do, although their conveyance was one which was very inferior to those used by the dark colored race. The wagon evidently contained all the earthly possessions of the party, consisting of a few cooking utensils, a little bedding, etc.

When Mr. and Mrs. Tillotson came near enough they halted and began conversing with the travelers. Mr. Tillotson has fondness for trading and asked the man in the other rig if he had anything he would trade. The woman at once spoke up and said she would trade the child for Mr. Tillotson's dog. This surprised both Mr. and Mrs. Tillotson, but apparently the child touches their hearts and they decided to make the trade.

Mr. and Mrs. Tillotson then began to question the man and woman, to learn something of the child, and this was the story they gathered:

The man had a crippled arm and was unable to do much work, aside from mending umbrellas, which he did as they traveled along, thus earning enough to keep body and soul together. He claimed that they had seen better days and at one time were quite well-to-do. He said that until a short time ago they lived at Lansing, Mich. Last fall they were overtaken by a flood, in which they lost all their possessions, and they decided to start for the east, to some place along the Hudson river, where they said the woman had relatives.

Last November, the man said, a widower came to board with them, bringing the little girl. Her mother had died a short time before. After being with them a few weeks the father of the child ran away, leaving the little girl in their care, and they had since cared for it, but in their straitened circumstances they were willing to part with her. The man gave his name as J. H. Carry, and said that for some time he had been employed at the Elks' Home in Lansing, and said that if Mr. and Mrs. Tillotson would write there they would confirm his story.

The exchange of the child being made for the dog, the travelers went on their way and Mr. and Mrs. Tillotson returned home with the little girl. The child, although but four years of age, is a very bright little girl and her memory serves her quite well, so she was able to tell something of her past life. Her clothing was of very poor quality, and her little feet were swollen, evidently from long travel. She said the woman had been unkind to her, but the man had always treated her well. The child's back had some marks across it. She seemed delighted with her new home and she has certainly fallen into good hands. Mr. and Mrs. Tillotson have not yet decided whether they will keep her, but they intend to investigate the story and see what they can learn.

It develops that Carry and his wife spent a couple of days in Alexander about two weeks ago and while there endeavored to induce Cortland Crosman, one of the county superintendents of the poor, to assume custody of the child as a public charge. Mr. Crosman says the little girl was a bright, pretty child but he could not see his was clear to take charge of it and he advised the couple to proceed on their way with it and endeavor to find a home for it with some family which wished to adopt a little one.

To Superintendent Crosman the Carrys told a different story than they did to Mr. and Mrs. Tillotson. They said they hailed from Lockport and that the child's mother had deserted it, running away from that city with a man. The little girl's father had arranged with them to care for her, agreeing to pay them a dollar a week for so doing. A few weeks after they assumed charge of her, however, the father decamped, in company with a Lockport woman, and they were left with the child on their hands.

*The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. July 27, 1905

#### Peculiar Woman Created A Stir

Pavilion Center was greatly stirred on Sunday by the appearance at about 7:30 p.m. of a woman who claimed to be the aunt of the little child, Jennifer Riley, who five years ago was obtained of a traveling man and woman camping at the Center by Mr. and Mrs. George Tillotson, and was afterwards adopted by them under the name Hazel Tillotson.

The strange woman, who made her appearance in this village [Pavilion] on Sunday afternoon, told Mrs. J. H. Miller, at whose home she called, that she was the mother of the Tillotson child and that she was going to kidnap it. Mrs. Miller transmitted this message to Mr. Tillotson over the phone of his neighbor, Frank Phillips, and Mr. Tillotson, with his neighbors, was on the lookout for the stranger.

Arriving at the Center the woman stopped at several places making enquiries for the Tillotson place; but instead of going there, she passed it by and found refuge in an oat lot beside the highway owned by Romanta Tillotson [1880-1915], son of George. There she was seen by a passerby, who told Romanta Tillotson, who, with his hired man and a neighbor instituted search for her, but evading them, the woman made her way to the house, where later the men found her.

The woman made very pert replies to their inquiries, and she was finally told to move on. She next went to the home of Mr. Phillips, where she said that she was an aunt of the adopted child. She said she had named the little one Florence Genevieve Riley, that she had married Frank Riley, a brother of the child's father, but was divorced from him, and that her present name was Mrs. Maud Kirk, and that she lived in Ohio.

After being refused a night's lodging the woman moved on, singing noisily as she went.

Justice Bernd of this place being notified about 8 o'clock of her suspicious actions gave instructions that she be watched and a report made later. At 11 o'clock he was again called up. Search was then begun for the woman, but she was not to be found. Early yesterday morning Constables W. H. Reese and James Croft were sent out to find her, being successful after a long search. She had spent the night beside the B. R. & P. railroad tracks, and when found was sitting down with her dress skirts raised over her head. After being handcuffed she was placed in an automobile and brought before Justice Bernd, who committed her to the county jail to await examination.

The prevailing opinion is that the woman is mentally unbalanced, but that she is in some way related to the child said to have been traded for a dog by her former guardians five years ago. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. July 5, 1910

Mrs. Maud Kirk, who was arrested in Pavilion on Monday on suspicion of being party in an attempt to kidnap Hazel Tillotson, nine years old, the adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Tillotson of Pavilion Center, was taken to Pavilion this afternoon to be arraigned before Justice Bernd. *The Buffalo Express*. Buffalo, NY. July 7, 1910

#### Will Try Again To Get The Girl

Mrs. Maud Kirk, whose alleged attempt at kidnapping Hazel Tillotson of Pavilion, whose aunt she claims to be and whose advent into Pavilion caused no end of excitement in that town, was discharged by Justice Bernd yesterday afternoon.

The charge on which Mrs. Kirk was arrested in Pavilion on Monday was that of being insane. Two warrants which had been prepared charging her with attempted kidnapping were not served. There was no evidence taken in court. District Attorney Coon made investigations and went over the ground which Mrs. Kirk had traveled during her Sunday night excursion into Pavilion. The district attorney was satisfied that there was not enough evidence to hold the woman to await the action of the grand jury.

Mrs. Kirk returned to Batavia last night with Officer Reese of Pavilion and the district attorney. While Mr. Reese was in the Williams garage Mrs. Kirk went to the jail and, securing her personal effects, disappeared. It is supposed that she left town on an evening train for the west.

To Officer Reese Mrs. Kirk intimated that she had been in the circus business and from what she said he supposed she was a snake charmer. She told the officer that if she could get a job at it she would go to work.

Mrs. Kirk also told Mr. Reese that Hazel Tillotson would someday get a drink of something as colorless as water and she would go right along with her.

On her way to Pavilion yesterday afternoon Mrs. Kirk told the officer and the district attorney that she had committed no crime.

"Until I do," she said, "you can't do anything to me."

In a general way she seemed to know her rights and both going to and coming from Pavilion she would not promise to desist in her attempts to take the Tillotson child.

While the investigation showed that Mrs. Kirk had made threats as to the child, no evidence was found that any man accompanied her to Pavilion. There certainly was no man that got off the train with a motor cycle as she said. Railroad officials said there had not been a motor cycle brought to Pavilion on the train for over two weeks. Nor could anyone be found who had seen any strange man answering the description given by Mrs. Kirk.

Joe Columbus, the farm hand who, Mrs. Kirk said, agreed to point out the Tillotson home, was seen by the district attorney and he told of his meeting with Mrs. Kirk. He had never seen her before, he said. He walked along the road with her, but he did not go as far as the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George Tillotson. The two stopped at the home of Matt Tillotson, a son of George. The woman was ejected from there. The district attorney was unable to find any place where Mrs. Kirk stopped in Pavilion overnight. Joe Columbus worked as a farm laborer on the old Bissell farm.

There seems to be hardly any question that the woman is related to the child, Hazel Tillotson. To Mrs. J. H. Miller of Pavilion Mrs. Kirk said she was going to take the child, but she added, "I have a perfect right to," intimating that she was her mother. To all others she said she was the child's aunt. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. July 7, 1910



**Abbie Mills** is to teach at Pavilion Center. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. September 17, 1887

Miss Etta Rosenberg began her summer term of school at Covington Center last week; **Miss Maud** teaches at Pavilion Center and Miss Frazier on Burleigh Hill. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. April 20, 1888

Pavilion Center - School in Dist. No. 1 begins this week with **Miss Taggart**, of Batavia, as teacher. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. March 28, 1894

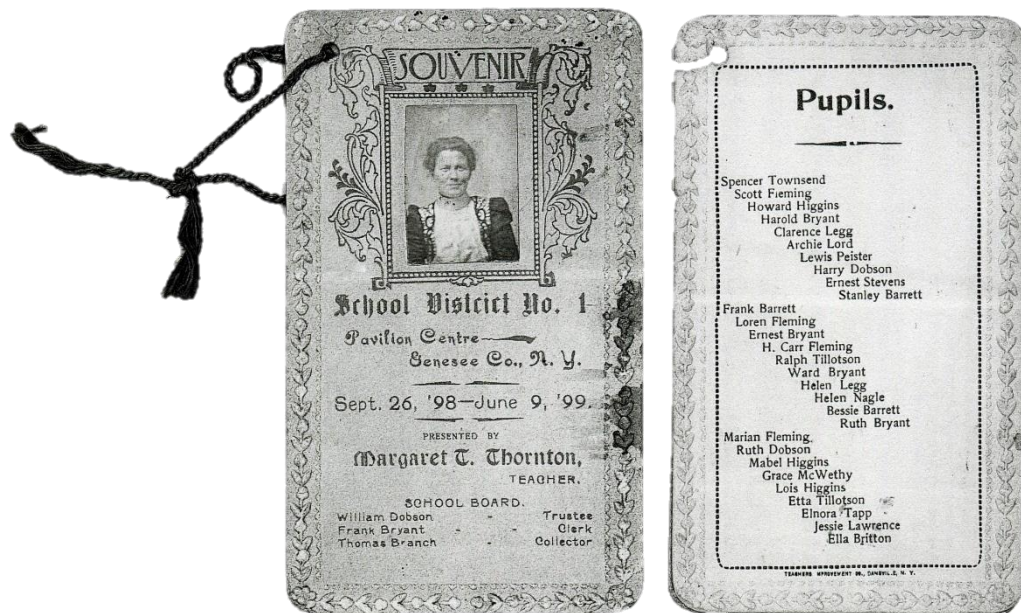
**Miss Carrie Morrow** has commenced school teaching at Pavilion Center where she will spend the winter. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. October 25, 1894

Our school began last Monday with 17 scholar, **Miss Morrow**, teacher. *The Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. April 5, 1895

**John Hamilton** will teach our school this winter, beginning Sept. 30. *The Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. September 20, 1895

Mr. and Mrs. **John Hamilton** will soon remove to near East Pembroke to her father's farm. Mr. H. terminates his labors in the Pavilion Center school next week, and has rented his own farm. *The Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. March 20, 1896

The Pavilion Center school will be taught by **Mr. [Frank] Curtiss** of Le Roy. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. August 16, 1897



Pavilion Center - **Miss Maggie Thornton**, our school teacher, is entertaining the measles. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. December 20, 1899

School Commissioner Loveridge has made the following appointments of persons to conduct ninth-grade examinations on June 5th and 6th: ... Pavilion No. 1, Margaret Thornton, Pavilion Center; ... *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. April 30, 1900

Joseph P. Horgan of Le Roy and Miss Margaret Thornton of Pavilion Center were united in matrimony at St. Mary's church [Pavilion] yesterday morning, the pastor of the church performing the ceremony in the presence of a few friends of the bride and groom. Mr. Horgan was attended by George S. Bernd and the bride by Miss Katherine Dinan. The dress of the bride was of seal brown zibeline [a thick soft fabric made of wool and other animal hair, such as mohair, with a flattened silky nap] and of the bridesmaid brown broadcloth.

The bridal pair left on the 10:11 train for a trip to Michigan, expecting upon their return to reside in Batavia, where Mr. Horgan is engaged in business. Mrs. Horgan is a young lady much respected by the people of Pavilion, where she has taught in the district schools of Pavilion Center and Burleigh Hill. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. January 20, 1904



There are a number of cases of scarlet fever in the town of Pavilion. The disease first made its appearance about Thanksgiving time in Linwood, and, although precaution has been taken, it seems to be on the increase. The school at Burleigh Hill and also at Pavilion Center have both been closed and will not open until all danger is over. Two children in the family of George Tillotson at the Center are ill with the disease and also two of James Tremble's. One death has occurred thus far, that of Mary Partlan, the 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Partlan, who reside about two and a half miles west of Pavilion. Two other children in the same family are now ill of the disease.

*Democrat and Chronicle*. Rochester, NY. December 11, 1901

**Miss Mae Bliss** has been engaged to teach the Pavilion Center School.

*Buffalo Evening News*. Buffalo, NY. August 8, 1902

Pavilion Center school closes Friday of this week for a vacation of five weeks.

*Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. February 3, 1904

◀ **George A. Bryce** taught the Pavilion center school from September 25, 1905 to June 10, 1910.



Pavilion Center – At the school meeting in Dist. No. 1, Pavilion, Wilbur Aiken was elected trustee, Mr. Bowden collector, and Mr. Mix clerk. Mr. Aiken has hired Mr. Bryce, of Union Corners, again for teacher. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. August 15, 1906

The teachers of the various schools of the town convened at the Pavilion Center school this afternoon for a conference regarding school work with School Commissioner Stickle of Batavia. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. May 25, 1907

Pavilion Center - At the school meeting in District No. 1, Tuesday evening Wilbur Aiken was again elected trustee, James Bowden collector, and George Mix clerk. Mr. Aikens has again hired George Bryce as teacher for the coming year. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. August 14, 1907

Miss Ruth Dobson and Geo. Bryce were in Batavia last week, attending the teachers' institute.

*Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. October 23, 1907



Pavilion Center - The southeast gale Wednesday filled the east and west roads. The wind then shifted to west, blocking the north and south roads. Mail carrier Plucker on Thursday only came as far as Ellsworth Legg's. On Friday he succeeded in getting to the Center. Mr. Bryce, whose home is at Union Corners, was unable to get to his school on Thursday. Tuesday night was very cold, a thermometer at the Center reregistering twenty below at ten in the evening. Saturday men with teams and shovels broke out the roads, though in some places they had to take down fences and go through the fields. The S. E. Stevens' hill has such a depth of snow that no attempt to shovel it out was made.

*Le Roy Gazette.* Le Roy, NY. February 12, 1908



Gathering at Exercises. June 12, 1908

Mr. George Bryce closed a very successful year of school on Friday with interesting exercises by the school. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. June 17, 1908



Christmas Tree  
◀ December, 1908



The School  
▶ April, 1909

**George Bryce** will teach the Pavilion Center school. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. August 16, 1909

**Miss Mary L. Doran** is teaching at Pavilion Center. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. September 8, 1917

Misses Mary and Anna Doran closed their schools in Pavilion last Friday with picnics; Miss Mary Doran's on Theodore M. MacDuffie's lawn and Miss Anna's on John McElwain's lawn. Miss Mary will teach the same school next year and her sister the school in district No. 6, Pavilion, at \$15 a week. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. June 18, 1918

**Mary Doran**, teacher of the school in district No. 1. Pavilion, and her sister, Miss Anna Doran, teacher of the school in district No. 6, Pavilion, whose schools closed Friday with a picnic at Horseshoe Lake, are at home [in Bergen] for the vacation. They will teach the same schools next year. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. June 13, 1921

Teachers and pupils of school district No. 1 at Pavilion Center held their second annual reunion in the grange hall at Pavilion Center on Saturday. Many of the 126 people present came from long distances to participate in the gathering. Dinner was served at noon, after which a program was carried out. ... *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. November 6, 1922

The third annual reunion of the teachers and scholars of district No. 1, Pavilion Center, was held in Grange Hall at the Center on Saturday. Dinner, under the direction of Mrs. Louise Britton, was served to ninety.

Officers who served last year were re-elected. Mrs. Minnie Lord Ward was chosen chairman of the dinner and Mrs. Mary Christner Gage of the program committee for next year. There were ninety-nine names on the register. Mrs. Emma Bishop

Barnett, of Rochester, was the oldest person present. Members of the association were there from Perry, Warsaw, Wyoming, Pavilion, Le Roy, Batavia, Buffalo and Rochester.

The program, under the direction of Miss Bertha Bradley, consisted of songs, readings and recitations. One of the readings told of conditions at Pavilion Center eighty years ago. Five former teachers were present: Mrs. Emma Kingdon Taylor [aged 62], Mrs. Louise Hena(?) Carter(?) and Mrs. Margaret Thornton Horgan, all of Le Roy; Mrs. Etta Rosenberg Wilder of Pavilion and Mrs. Ida Pratt Morrow [aged 54], of Pavilion Center.

*Democrat and Chronicle*. Rochester, NY. November 6, 1923

Pavilion Center - The pupils of district No. 1 and their teacher, **Miss Doris J. Maher**, observed Arbor Day Monday May 2nd at noon. The pupils of Burleigh Hill school and teacher, Miss Anna M. Jones, motored down and joined in a wiener roast in the school yard. In the afternoon, both schools enjoyed a May walk in the woods.

*Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. May 11, 1932

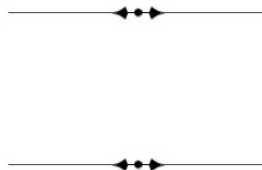
Pavilion Center - **Mrs. Doris Maher Tiede** is the teacher of the pupils of District No. 1. There is a registration of 18 pupils this school year. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. October 12, 1932

District No. 1 school, Pavilion Center - **Miss Francis McDowell is teacher.**

*Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. November 29, 1933

Pavilion Center - Owing to an epidemic of mumps in the Pavilion Center school, school was closed all last week and will be closed this week by order of health officer Dr. Sweeting. The teacher, **Miss Helen Howard**, and also the larger portion of pupils are all ill with this disease. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. May 1, 1935

Pavilion Center - Schools opened for the coming year in this vicinity on Tuesday. **Miss Katherine Green** of Bergen will teach Pavilion Center. Miss Mildred Given of Le Roy returns to No. 10 [located Near the Junction of B.R.&P. and D.L.&W. Railroads], Miss Ruth Morrow of Mount Morris returns to Union Corners school No. 11, and Miss Dorothy Bradley returns to Craigs for the second year. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. September 4, 1935



Pavilion Juvenile Grange, the first to be organized in Genesee County, comes to the front again, being the first group in New York State to have its own individual home building. The new Juvenile Grange building was formally dedicated Friday evening by Mrs. David C. Kidd, Dansville, New York State Juvenile superintendent.

The Pavilion Juvenile Grange is one of the largest in Western New York and the acquisition of its own home is a decided accomplishment. Many similar groups in the state have their own rooms or an addition to the building occupied by the subordinate grange but as far as can be learned, the Pavilionites are the first to have a separate and complete building in which to meet and carry on their own activities. The membership numbers 42.

The new home will have a sentimental attachment for some of the juveniles. It was formerly the Pavilion Center school but was sold when the district became a part of the new Pavilion centralized school district, becoming the property of the Juvenile Grange about a year ago. Alterations to make the former school suitable for grange purposes has been going on, being completed last week with the hanging of new curtains and the placing of the grange sign upon the exterior.

Under the direction of Mrs. Natalie Barnes, a state deputy from Orange County, Pavilion Juvenile Grange was organized in 1925, being the first of its kind in Genesee County and one of a half dozen such organizations in Western New York. ...

Present officers of the group are: Master, Ernest L. Roblee Jr.; overseer, Shirley Hull; lecturer, Lola Mae Hull; steward, Robert Hunt; assistant steward, Royal Walters; lady assistant steward, Beatrice Roblee; secretary, Betty Baker; treasurer, Dorothy Mason; chaplain, Evelyn Acker; gatekeeper, Russell Gleber; flag bearer, Harold Tillotson; Flora, Agnes Bliler; Pomona, Winifred Walters; pianist, Elaine Bliler; matron, Mrs. Amelia Wright; assistant matron, Mrs. Jessie Acker.





Pavilion Center Grange Hall. Undated Photo.



Pavilion Juvenile Grange Building. 1987 Photo.



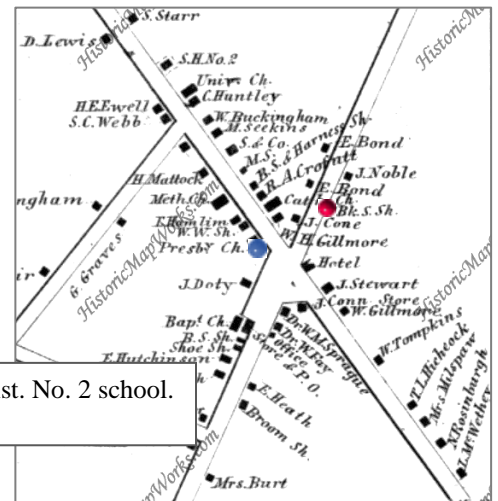
## PAVILION DISTRICT NO. 2 - PAVILION VILLAGE SCHOOL 1820s-1892



That there were schools in existence in the area as early as 1813 is recorded in the early histories of the county. Miss Laura Terrill [1793-1855] was one of the first teachers in the Pavilion area. Hamden Olmstead, Mr. Hood and Mr. Demun were other early instructors. In those days teachers were paid by a rate bill: the cost of the school was divided by the whole number of day's attendance and each family paid for schooling their children received.

The Pavilion village school was organized in the mid-1820s when Pavilion was still in the Town of Covington. The one-story frame school building was located on North Lake Street, close to the road just north of the creek. Alvin Whitney worked on the construction of the building and served as teacher when the building was completed.

“District No. 2 of the Town of Pavilion, Genesee County, New York” was officially created when the Town of Pavilion was formed in 1841.



The red dot on this 1866 atlas map indicates the location of the original Dist. No. 2 school. The blue dot indicates the location of Mr. Abbott's select school.

Furnishing fuel for the year was let to the lowest bidder and in 1835 the clerk's minutes record that William Gilmore contracted to furnish all the wood for the year for \$7.75. Repairs to the building were budgeted at \$5.00. In one year the huge sum of \$50.00 was raised for repairs. Taking bids for wood fuel seems to have been one of the more important items of business at each annual meeting, the price some years being as low as 87 cents a cord, which included delivery and cording in the wood shed.

As a rule, two-thirds of the money raised was apportioned to the long, or winter term, and the other third to the short, or summer term. In 1838 it was voted to raise by special tax \$18 of which \$10 was to be paid for wood, \$3 for repairs and \$5 for new books for the library. This library was open to “any legal voter,” in the district on Saturday of each week from 3 to 6 p.m. for taking out books. Lost and damaged books had to be paid for by the guilty party.

In October 1840 the annual meeting voted \$1.19 to cover a deficit in the budget of the previous year and in 1843 they decided to sell the old stove and with the proceeds and \$10 additional to purchase a new one.

In April, 1845 one-half acre just west of the Universalist Meeting House was purchased from James Sprague, Jr. for \$100 as the site for a new school. The old building on Lake Street was sold to John Nobles for \$75 but the district reserved the stove it had purchased five years before and use of the building until October.

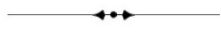
“Early Recollections of Pavilion and Its Schools” by William L. Bradley [1836-1923]  
Unidentified Newspaper Clipping. February 26, 1909

Sixty years have wonderfully improved many of the conditions of life. ... I recall well when our only school was the old red district school house just north of the brook. Its writing desks around three sides of the wall and the benches for the older scholars, with the center filled with similar seats for us little folks.

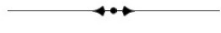
But about this time [1844/1845] the district was filled with strife and excitement about the location of the new school building. Residents and business people about the four corners were anxious to get rid of our noise and mischief so near them and there were as many proposed locations [for the new school] as there were points on the compass. When it was finally settled, and we were to be banished down below the Universalist Church, it was war and rebellion, and secession, too. Some [parents] transferred [their children] to other districts, only to find themselves held to contribute to two new school houses instead of one. In those days teachers were paid by a rate bill; the cost of the school was divided by the whole number of day's attendance, and each family paid for the schooling their children received. It was hard on those who had no income but their labor, but the day laborer, whose wages then was usually fifty cents per day, had just as much pride in his children's school attendance as those who were more wealthy. ...

The teachers in the “Old Red” I remember were Hamden Olmstead and a Mr. Hood, but the building soon became a temple of vulcan [blacksmith shop] instead of learning and the new school house brought new instructors.

About this time A.[Adoniram] J. Abbott [1819-1898], late of Geneseo, who had been a very successful instructor for the district, opened a select school in the basement of the Presbyterian church and to him my allegiance was transferred.



Adoniram J. Abbott, who was reading law in Livingston County, took charge, to recuperate his funds for his future progress as a student. He was a born teacher, a stern disciplinarian, and believed in corporal punishment and administered it with hearty good will; but he had a gift of creating enthusiasm to excel in his scholars, and the studies pursued were more numerous and advanced than were handled in the district school, so his attendance for winter term was never less than forty and often much higher. Recollection of William L. Bradley quoted in *The Pavilion Community of New York State 1899-1941*.



**Mr. Demun**, a very good teacher, ruled at the district school.

Of course there arose much rivalry and enmity between both scholars and patrons, and the fact that our physicians were divided, in that Dr. [William M.] Sprague [1803-1867] patronized Abbott and Dr. [Warren] Fay the district school, added professional rivalry.

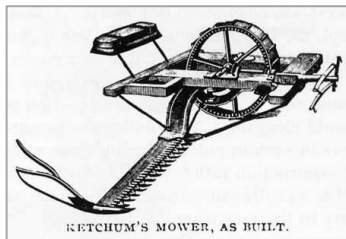
I can recall the long plain features of Mr. Abbott, his resolute chin and lips, his face fenced in with burnside whiskers, occasionally lit up with a pleasant smile; and in memory can hear his command, "Boy, walk up here" and I have a feeling of the hickory whip stalk he used both as a pointer and rod of correction. But he made us learn. From 8:30 in the forenoon to nearly 5 o'clock at night, he kept us grinding away at our tasks, no slighting or shirking with him. His aim was to make us proficient in useful English education. He always succeeded in awening [inspiring] interest and ambition, and gave us a broad course in what he considered most useful. No foreign or dead languages. Our text books were Davies Science in Algebra and Geometry, Adams & Colburn in arithmetic, Comstock in [Natural] Philosophy, that is physics, and Sanders in reading and spelling.

Saturday afternoon was the only holiday. On Saturday forenoon a review of the work was held, with composition and spelling; occasionally to our joy we spelt down [win a spelling bee]. Then we boys recited "The Boy Stood on the Burning Deck," the Gladiator or some similar selection while the older girls gave a composition on the beauties of nature, "The Books, the Birds and their moral." Some of our boys tried to produce a laugh. Some great strapping lad would walk to the rostrum and gravely recite, "You'd scarce expect one of my age to speak in public on the stage," and get his reward in the teacher's sarcasm and, if too uppish, with a flogging.

One class of eight boys occupied the long seat with desks in front next the wall. The other scholars thought the teacher showed us partiality, and looking back at it I think he did, as Billy Sprague [William B. Sprague, 1836-1891], George Crofoot and myself considered ourselves bleghted [sic] if we want [sic] whipped but once a day and the whole class averaged two thrashings to the rest of the scholars one.

When the Geometry class Celia Sprague, Delia Whitney, the Whiteman, Crofoot and Terrell girls and others went to the blackboard to draw triangles and parallelograms, or work out problems in Algebra, we just had to watch them and neglected our own affairs and we were sure to be rewarded for that. But we all learned, we had to, and the entrance record of such as Abbott's scholars who entered higher schools was most gratifying to him and his parents.

Then we had traveling lecturers with electrical and philosophical instruments who came to our town and scholars were admitted at low figures to their exhibitions where we wondered at the Orrerys exemplifying the solar system, or soared with delight when some comrade put on the electric slippers and danced in time to the electric current or tried to fish the silver coin from the charged basin of water. One lecturer had with him a model of Ketchmen's [Ketchum's] mowing machine, a great curiosity to old and young, and came the next summer when a full sized machine and exhibited its work in Elias Bond's meadow a great crowd assembled, as it was the first anyone had seen. It was not much of a success. I know Clark Burnham, the village joker, said, "Some was cut and some crippled." He guessed, "It would all die."



During the 1832 Cholera Epidemic in Buffalo, Rufus L. Howard went to stay Batavia. While in Batavia, he met William Ketchum. Mr. Ketchum had invented a machine designed exclusively for mowing; earlier machines were designed as reapers, with mowing as a secondary function. Mr. Howard made suggestions to him, and together they perfected the mower in 1851. Mr. Howard invested the capital necessary to produce the Ketchum Machine. The machine was manufactured at the Howard Iron Works at 281 Chicago Street, Buffalo and initially sold for \$160. Howard Iron Works was known as one of the largest and best known general machinery and foundry works of its time. By 1859, nearly 20,000 of the mowing machines had been sold.



Abbott's school numbered about forty and fifty, the district school about seventy. So when snow was right and snow ball fights broke out, we selects were generally driven into our schoolroom and had the triumphant taunts of Fay and Nobles boys.

But the long dark winter days would speed away at last with spring's return came the day of our glory – our winter exhibition. For evening after evening we strove to commit to memory our recitations and dialogues, reciting them to our mothers and sisters; we were buoyed up with anticipation of that eventful night when we were to face an audience of our families and neighbors and show them what undiscovered geniuses we were. It was held in the Presbyterian Church, the Abbott's school. Our parents and the large boys built the stage, the older girls hung the curtains and spread the carpets, and the tallow candles which furnished the illumination were contributed from our mothers' stores. We younger ones, dressed in our best, received many a lecture as to the behavior and our hair brushed and slicked down by our sister before making our debut on the stage. The violin orchestra led by Horace Smead usually filled up the pauses between our oratorical and dramatic crudities, and each of us, as we appeared, saw the anxiety in our parents' faces, and felt their sympathies and fears lest we should fail.

Then the summer term with its longer play hours when prison goal, two old cat and roll wheel were our sports on the green, to be followed by a bath in the creek at old Temple point. A path led through the deep grass of Dr. Fay's meadows where we tied the long grass to trip unwary comrades. ...



After 1846 an addition was made to the original one story frame building and it was used by Alfred Bricknell as a blacksmith and wagon making shop. During the roller skating craze J. Q. D. Page converted the building into a roller skating rink.

J. Q. D. Page opened his skating rink on Monday evening of this week with a large attendance. The capacity of the rink was inadequate to the demands of those who wished to take part in the skating. Farley's orchestra furnished the music which no doubt was good but drowned in the din of the skaters. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. October 17, 1884

Professor Roziskey appeared at Pavilion Tuesday night at the Vineland Rink. His exhibition was unexcelled. His "two wheel" movement is very fine. Miss Melrose was present also, but gave no exhibition. The house was filled to its utmost capacity and all will be glad to hear from the "King of Rollers" again.

[William Roziskey and Blanche Melrose were touring performers who demonstrated trick and fancy roller skating.]

*Democrat and Chronicle*. Rochester, NY. March 7, 1885

An old landmark is being removed [cut in two, actually, and moved back from the road] at Pavilion to make room for a new building which is being erected by William Wood [as his residence (2016 home of Kip Knox)]. The old building was erected for a school house in 1823 by Alvin Whitney now deceased. It was the first frame school house erected in this section of the country. After building it, Mr. Whitney became the school teacher, and taught for the three following winters. Copies were then written by the instructor and quill pens were used, which the pupils were instructed how to make. *Wyoming County Times*. Warsaw, NY. November 11, 1897

William Wood is building a second story to his carriage making department.

*Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. November 6, 1901



The William Wood place on North Lake street, consisting of a house and lot, with a carriage and blacksmith shop in the rear, was sold last week to Sylvanus Young.

*Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. October 7, 1903

John Callahan has recently purchased of Wm. Young his building on North Lake street occupied by William Wood as a blacksmith and wood-working shop. He will, however, continue to do business at his old stand for the present, as will also Mr. Wood.

*Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. May 31, 1905

Cleon Wood is employed in the woodworking shop of his father, William Wood. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. July 10, 1907

William Wood, who has conducted a wood working shop in the John Callahan building for some years, has sold his business to Mr. Callahan. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. August 21, 1907

John Callahan has sold his property on North Lake street which has been used as a blacksmith shop to Cleon Wood who took possession on Monday, April, ?th. Mr. Wood who has been employed as mechanic at the Clemens garage plans to remodel the building and put in modern machinery for welding and planing. He will also do blacksmithing and general wood repairing. Mr. Wood's father, the late William Wood, purchased this same shop 42 years ago. He used it for blacksmithing and wood working and about thirty years ago sold it to Mr. Callahan. It is the oldest building standing on Pavilion, having been built about 125 years ago.

*Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. May 1, 1935

From 1845 to 1892 Pavilion No. 2 was housed in that new school located in the southwest corner of land that is now part of the Pavilion Cemetery. The contract for erecting the new school building, woodhouse and fence was awarded to Alvin Whitney for \$600. The building was divided into four sections – a hallway, a large classroom always called the “big room,” a rear room known as the “little room” and a cloak room.

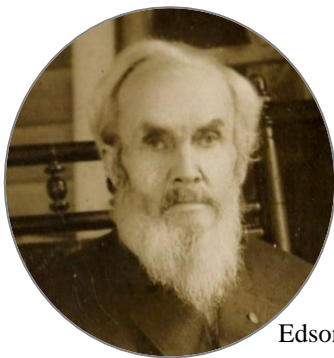
The “big room” was used by boys and girls of intermediate grades during much of the school’s history. The other room was for primary grades and for storage purposes. The older girls were called upon to teach primary classes, no teacher being employed for them.



From the District Clerk’s records ... The total budget for the school in 1849 was \$183 for the winter term and \$75 for the summer term. The teachers were hired for the 1852 winter term: **Mr. Seldon** for four months at \$30 a month and **Fanny Snow** for two weeks at \$18 a week. In 1854 the teacher’s salary for 36 weeks was \$123.50 plus a stipend for room and board of \$87.50 – a total of \$211 or \$6 a week. In 1857 the trustees voted to spend \$3 to obliterate obscene writings and pictures from the school house. In October, 1876 it was voted to purchase a Webster’s unabridged dictionary and at the close of each term the Trustees should take charge of the dictionary. In 1881 the Trustees passed a resolution that excluded from attending school any child who had not been vaccinated.

Under the charge of its new teacher, **Mr. Hoyt**, our village school is prospering finely.  
*Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. December 25, 1868

Mr. [Edson W.] Hoyt, of Mich. and Miss Fanny Snow were married at the residence of the bride’s father, near this place, on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> ult. Miss Snow was one of our best school teachers. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. September 3, 1869



Edson W. Hoyt. September, 1921

**Mrs. Fanny Hoyt** [1832-1890] is engaged to teach our village school this winter.  
*Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. October 29, 1869

Eight of the young people of our village school have recently achieved certificates of qualification for school teachers.

**Mrs. Hoyt** has been engaged to teach our village school during the summer.  
*Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. April 1, 1870

The village school, conducted by **Miss Latham**, commenced its summer term on Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. A new fence and a liberal planting of trees for shade would be a great improvement to the school house yard.  
*Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. May 5, 1871

**Mrs. Fanny Hoyt** is engaged to teach our winter school. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. November 8, 1871

**Miss Peck**, of Orangeville, Wyoming County, has engaged to teach the summer term of our village school. Mrs. Cornelia Lewis is to teach the summer school at Pavilion Center.  
*Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. March 29, 1872

The village school is progressing finely; there being in attendance nearly 40 scholars, who pronounce their teacher, **Miss Peck**, of Orangeville, to be "just splendid." *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. May 31, 1872

**E. W. Hoyt** commenced his school in this place last week. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. May 9, 1873

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Prof. E.(Edison) W. Hoyt left this morning for Michigan. He came to Pavilion from Michigan in 1868 and taught the Pavilion school several terms. Mr. And Mrs. Hoyt went to Fowlerville in 1876 and taught there five years.  
*Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. June 7, 1893

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Our village school commenced last Monday, **Mr. James Thayer**, of Wyoming, being the teacher.  
*Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. November 6, 1874

Our village school, which is prospering under the teaching of **Mr. Stearns**, had a vacation last week, but is now running again. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. January 1, 1875

**Miss [Mary] Marsh**, of Warsaw, sister of Andrew Marsh of this village, has been engaged to teach our summer school.  
*Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. April 2, 1875

Mr. James Thayer, who was to have taught the winter term of the Pavilion school, has been compelled, from ill health, to give it up. **Mr. Stearns** of Wyoming is his successor. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. November 19, 1875

Our village school, taught by **Miss Marsh**, gave a very interesting exhibition in the Presbyterian church last Friday evening. The church was filled completely and many were unable to gain entrance.  
*Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. March 3, 1876

Apportionment of Public School Moneys for the town of Pavilion: Dist. No. 1, \$152.14; Dist. No. 2, \$161.09; Dist. No. 3, \$17.68; Dist. No. 5, \$104.62; Dist. No. 6, \$125.06; Dist. No. 7, \$87.21; Dist. No. 8, \$92.29; Dist. No. 9, \$140.43; Dist. No. 10, \$129.94; Dist. No. 11, \$103.76. Total: \$1,114.22. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. April 5, 1876

The [summer term of the] village school, taught by **Miss Sarah Fleming**, of Le Roy, closed with appropriate exercises on Friday last. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. August 17, 1877

Our village school is under the management of **Mr. Stickney** of Buffalo. He is spoken of as a good disciplinarian - just what we need. *Genesee Courier*. Le Roy, NY. November 23, 1877

The winter term of school ended last Friday. **Mr. W.[Willet] B. Stickney** teacher goes to Buffalo to pass the two weeks of vacation. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. April 3, 1878

Mr. Stickney, the same gentleman who taught the Pavilion school during the past winter, has been engaged to conduct its spring and summer terms, and commenced his labors on Monday last. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. April 19, 1878

The Pavilion village school, **Mrs. C.[Cornelia] Lewis**, teacher, opens with between 60 and 70 pupils. Too many for one teacher. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. November 22, 1878

The Pavilion village school closes Saturday of this week. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. March 14, 1879

The Pavilion village school, **Mrs. C. Lewis**, teacher, opens with between 60 and 70 pupils. Too many for one teacher.  
*Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. November 22, 1878

On Monday last our village school began with **Mrs. Lewis** as teacher. The attendance was 56 - good beginning for the summer term. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. May 9, 1879



1876 Atlas Map  
The building labeled C. Bicknell is the location of the 1823 school house.



Robert S. Lewis was born in Pavilion, N. Y., March 4, 1824, a son of Denby and Mary (Woodruff) Lewis. He was educated in the common schools and at select schools. After leaving school he learned the trade of a printer at Warsaw. Upon completing his apprenticeship he worked at his trade two or three years and then taught school in Canada for four years. In 1854 he married Nancy, daughter of Warren Tompkins of Pavilion. Their surviving children are Mary A. and Fred A. Lewis of Batavia, N. Y., both of whom have for many years been employed in the surrogate's office, Miss Lewis as stenographer and Fred A. Lewis as clerk of the Surrogate's Court.

In 1855, in company with Edwin L. Babbitt, Mr. Lewis became a proprietor and publisher of *The Wyoming County Mirror*, a weekly paper at Warsaw, N.Y. He soon purchased the interest of his partner and continued business alone for several years, finally selling the establishment to Harwood A. Dudley, esq., the well-known publisher of *The Western New Yorker*. Mr. Lewis next removed to Hornellsville, where he purchased and published for a year or two the *Canisteo Valley Journal*. He was appointed by President Lincoln route agent on the Erie Railway. He removed to Attica and continued in this capacity in the mail service for five years, when, to use Mr. Lewis's own expression, "Andy Johnson 'swung round the circle' and Lewis's official head was twisted off." Mr. Lewis removed to Batavia in 1868, and purchased of Harry Wilber the *Genesee County Democrat* printing establishment. The Democrat was discontinued and in February, 1868, *The Progressive Batavian* was established, and with this paper Mr. Lewis was connected as editor and publisher until January 1, 1897. Very few weekly papers have every maintained a more excellent reputation or exercised a wider influence in any community. At the date last named *The Batavian* was purchased by Griswold & McWain, publishers of *The Daily News*, and after a short time *The Batavian* was discontinued. In a brief memorandum written by Mr. Lewis for the editor of this work, he says: "One of the greatest sources of satisfaction to me has been that almost all of the many boys who have served their apprenticeship under my care and direction have turned out well and become men of worth and standing. Among them are William Henry Merrill, now the principal editor of *The New York World*, and Andrew Jackson McWain, editor and one of the proprietors of *The Batavia Daily News*." *Our County and its people: A descriptive work on Genesee County, New York.* Edited by: F. W. Beers, ed. 1890

Cornelia T. Lewis was Robert S. Lewis' sister-in-law.

Robert S. and Samuel Judson Lewis were brothers. They married sisters Nancy and Cornelia, daughters of Warren Tompkins.

Our village school opened last Monday with an attendance of sixty pupils. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. May 5, 1880

Our school opened for the term on Monday last with an attendance of 55 pupils; it now numbers about 80. We are happy to state that **Mr. S. D. Smith** has been retained as teacher. **Miss Stella Henderson** presides over the primary department. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. November 12, 1880



Pupils of School Dis't #2, Pavilion, N.Y. about the year 1881 or 1882. Entertained by Lily Hutchinson at her home August 4, 1926.

Left to Right.

Standing: Dora Heath Hubbard, Hattie Henry Ray, Matie Alvord Frost, Stella Hutchinson Crofoot, Jennie Cook Phelps, Emma Gold Bettenger, Ida Evarts, Mary Buckingham Wells

Sitting: M. Ella Thomas, Lottie Buckingham Weber, Susie Gold Snell

On Ground: Vinnie Mills, Lily Nobles Hutchinson

The term of sixteen weeks in the village school ends on Friday, but Mr. [William] Austin, the trustee, has concluded to continue it for some weeks yet. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. February 25, 1881

[The summer term of] our village school will be presided over by **Miss J.[Julia] E. Miller** of Moscow [Leicester], who comes highly recommended from Kendall Hill, where she taught last winter. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. May 6, 1881

**John Hamilton** has been hired to teach the village school for the winter term, with **Miss Stella Root** as assistant. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. October 21, 1881

**Mrs. G.[Grove] D. Whitney** has been secured to teach the school in our village during the coming summer. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. March 10, 1882

**Miss Stella Root** closed a very successful term of the primary department of our village school on Friday last. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. June 2, 1882

**Mr. John Hamilton**, who has had charge of the Pavilion village school for the past two winters, has been engaged as principal of the East avenue school at Le Roy. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. July 20, 1882

**Mr. John Hamilton** and **Miss Stella Root** have been secured as teachers in the village school for the winter. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. October 20, 1882

A bell has been put upon the village school house and a few repairs made. The winter term will begin Monday. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. November 3, 1882

**Mrs. E. W. Hoyt** is engaged to teach our school this winter. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. September 3, 1884

Mothers as well as fathers are dissatisfied at the long vacation report says we are to have in our village school. Children with nothing to do - well, would better be in school such weather as this. We had five weeks' vacation at this time last winter, and we have failed to hear one parent who was pleased; and it kept some young men out of school entirely, as they could not enter until the fall term was half gone, and would have to quit when the next fall term was well begun, so they did not begin at all. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. January 8, 1886

School begins next Monday, **Mrs. Whitney** teacher. After a time **Miss Ida Evarts** will be teacher in the primary room. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. September 10, 1886

School opened on Monday with 50 scholars. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. September 17, 1886



**Miss Ida Evarts** began work in the primary department of the village school Monday. The school numbers 26 pupils.  
*Progressive Batavian.* Batavia, NY. September 24, 1886

Peoria No. 5 ball club played with Pavilion No. 2 Saturday afternoon, the home nine winning.  
*Progressive Batavian.* Batavia, NY. October 29, 1886

There are 70 scholars enrolled in our village school, 43 in the front room and 27 in primary.  
*Progressive Batavian.* Batavia, NY. November 26, 1886

The winter term of our village school closes this week Friday for a week's vacation - possibly two weeks.  
*Progressive Batavian.* Batavia, NY. December 17, 1886

The winter term of our village school closes on Friday of this week. After a vacation of two weeks there will be a short spring term of six weeks. *The Daily News.* Batavia, NY. April 6, 1887

The village school opened Monday with 52 pupils. *Progressive Batavian.* Batavia, NY. April 29, 1887

The village school will open on Monday next, both departments under the instruction of **Prof. M. O. Stone and wife**, of Mt. Morris. *Progressive Batavian.* Batavia, NY. September 9, 1887

With consent of the district a change in school-books has been effected here, the teachers making arrangements with publishers to exchange, free of expense, the readers, histories and geographies. They have adopted Swinton's. Mr. Stone has also rented an organ for use in the schoolroom, and the trustee has purchased a new clock.  
*Progressive Batavian.* Batavia, NY. October 21, 1887

The village school, **Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Stone** teachers, will give an entertainment in Union Hall on Saturday evening, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>. The program will consist of shadow pantomime, music by the Hess quartet, etc. Proceeds to be used for school purposes. *Progressive Batavian.* Batavia, NY. January 27, 1888

The primary room of the village school has seating capacity of 30 pupils when the school year opened. The house has been newly shingled, new outhouses built, new floor laid in the primary room and two coal stoves bought and kept running in both rooms. *Progressive Batavian.* Batavia, NY. March 2, 1888

**Mr. O. M. Stone** closed school on Friday for the season; after a very successful year to both students and teacher.  
*Wyoming Reporter.* Wyoming, NY. May 23, 1888

School is increasing in numbers. **M.[Michael] V. O'Shea**, principal, and **Miss Mattie Alvord**, primary teacher. We learn that the trustee contemplates newly reseating the rooms during the institute break.  
*Progressive Batavian.* Batavia, NY. September 21, 1888



Michael V. O'Shea was born in Le Roy in 1867. Before entering Cornell University he taught in Le Roy and Pavilion 1886 to 1889.

Michael V. O'Shea, 66 years old, professor of education at the University of Wisconsin since 1897 and author of books on educational subjects, died suddenly yesterday.

Born at Le Roy, N. Y., Dr. O'Shea was graduated from Cornell University in 1892 and became professor of psychology and education at the State Normal School at Mankato, Minn. He left in 1895 to accept a similar position at the Teachers College in Buffalo, remaining there for two years before going to Wisconsin.

The scientific experiments on the use of tobacco which were conducted by Dr. O'Shea attracted wide attention. It was his conclusion that the enjoyment students gain from cigarettes is mostly imaginary and that there is no harmful effect. In recent years he had conducted a survey of the all-year schools in Newark and of the educational systems of Mississippi and Virginia.

Various aspects of the general problem of education are dealt with in the score or more of books written by Dr. O'Shea, with particular emphasis on the problems related to childhood. He was editor-in-chief of the World Book Encyclopedia, the Experimental Education Series, Childhood and Youth Series and the Parents Library. His books include "Education as an Adjustment," "First Steps in Child Training," "The Trend of the Teens" and "The Child: His Nature and His Needs." He was editor of the Junior Home Magazine and the Nation's Schools. In 1905 he went to Liege, Belgium, as chairman of the American Committee of the International Congress of Educational Legislation. *The New York Sun.* New York, NY. January 15, 1932]



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Our village school is expected to open on Monday next, **Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Stone** instructors.  
*Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. September 6, 1889

Our village school was closed on Tuesday as Mr. Stone [the teacher] had threshing beans to attend to.  
*Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. November 15, 1889

About 1890 Pavilion had become a boom town of sorts due to the salt plant located in the village.

**Miss Abbie Mills** has been engaged as preceptress [female head of a school] of our village school.  
*Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. August 13, 1890

**Miss Aileen Conner** is engaged to teach the primary department in our village school.  
*Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. August 20, 1890

Our school opened Monday with an attendance of about 60 pupils. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. September 17, 1890

**Miss Abbie Mills** and her students set our four trees on the school grounds on Arbor Day.  
*Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. May 13, 1891

**Mrs. Ella Avery**, of LaGrange, is to be the teacher in the grammar department of our village school.  
*Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. August 12, 1891

Our school opened in the grammar department Monday with 35 pupils registered.  
*Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. September 9, 1891

Our school opened again on Monday of this week with **Mrs. Ella Avery** principal and **Miss Nellie Hackett** assistant.  
*Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. September 23, 1891

The scholars and teachers of our village school have rented an organ for the winter.  
*Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. September 30, 1891

There are now ninety regular pupils attending the village school, forty-five in each department. Monthly examinations are held. *Pavilion Journal*. Pavilion, NY. January 21, 1892

Several pupils from our school went to Wyoming last week to take The Regents' examinations.  
*Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. March 30, 1892

The spring term of the village school began last week with thirty-nine pupils in the first and thirty in the primary department.  
*Pavilion Journal*. Pavilion, NY. April 7, 1892

Our village school closed Friday afternoon after a very successful term of forty weeks, during which time **Mrs. George Avery**, principal, and **Miss Nellie Hackett**, assistant, have won the love and esteem of pupils and patrons. ...  
*Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. July 22, 1892

**Mrs. Ella K. Avery** as principal and **Miss Nellie Hackett** in the primary department of the village school commence their duties the first Monday in September.

At the school meeting held in Dist. No. 2, Pavilion, last Tuesday evening one dozen ladies answered the call of the bell. The gentlemen seemed astonished by this new departure and after the meeting had been opened by the chairman, Loren Evarts, L. H. Wells was elected clerk for the ensuing year. When the time comes to vote for trustee, eight of the ladies present being legal voters, deposited their ballots in a hat which was passed for that purpose. A gentleman present called for another ballot, asking that each voter should walk up and place their ballots in the hat of the chairman, that it might be known who had voted. The ladies who had voted at first voted again, each depositing their ballot in the place designated. Nothing more was said, but wait awhile. This is only the beginning and it seems a very proper thing for the mothers and lady taxpayers to assume the rights that have been given to them by the laws of our land. The following officers were elected: Trustee, Wm. M. Dean; collector, Arthur Townsend; librarian, H. N. Chilson.

*Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. August 10, 1892

[According to an article written by M. Ella Thomas in *The Le Roy Gazette-News* June 9, 1937 ... While women had a legal right to attend such meetings it had never hitherto been done. Mrs. M. E. Calkins, then president of the W.C.T.U., had stirred up the women in that organization in favor of a new school to attend the meeting.]



## PAVILION DISTRICT NO. 2 - PAVILION VILLAGE SCHOOL 1892-1935

Measures are being taken to have a new school house in Dist. No. 2, Pavilion. Arthur Townsend has circulated a paper securing the required number of names of taxpayers to call a special meeting for the purpose of seeing what can be done. It is also thought best to secure a site further from the rail road as the noise from the trains is annoying and a great hindrance to school work. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. August 17, 1892

At a special meeting on August 26, 1892 the question of extensive repairs needed on this building was discussed and it was decided to obtain options for a site on which to erect a new building rather than trying to repair the old one.

On August 30, 1892 it was voted 50-1 to change the site from the old location to one on the S. L. Young farm on a hill east of North Lake Street. Next there was a unanimous vote to build a new school house.

A school site has been purchased of Sylvanus Young, east of the Le Roy road and back of the premises of Wm. Burt and Joshua Annis. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. September 7, 1892

Two very largely attended school meetings were held last week, and it was at last decided to purchase a site for the proposed new school house of S. L. Youngs who offered two acres of land for \$500(?). The location is a slightly one. To reach it a new street will have to be opened extending east from Le Roy street [Lake Street, Route 19] through Wm. Burt's land, for which \$150 right of way will be required. Another meeting was held Tuesday evening of this week to make further arrangements. The size and style of the building has yet to be determined upon.

The village school opened Monday with 64 pupils registered.  
*Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. September 9, 1892

Last Friday a.m. the village school gave the prescribed Columbian exercises. Several of the patrons were in and remarks were made by Rev. T. Milde and Rev. W. T. Wotton. All who attended were repaid for the effort. The building was tastefully decorated with flags and pictures of Columbus. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. October 28, 1892



Photo caption:  
Field where later Pavilion Union School stood. c.1878  
Men stand where School St. was put thru.

The work of grading the new school grounds has commenced. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. November 23, 1892

At a special school meeting held in Pavilion it was decided to accept the plans of Mr. [Henry W.] Homelius, of Batavia, for the new school to be built at Pavilion. *Democrat and Chronicle*. Rochester, NY. March 6, 1893

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Henry W. Homelius was born in Buffalo, NY in 1850. The Homelius family moved to Batavia in 1856. Henry was the first architect in Genesee County. Since 1875 he has been engaged in contracting and building, and now employs from 10 to 12 men. He has built many of the finest residences as well as commercial buildings in the county, and also does work in Rochester, Buffalo and surrounding towns. In the late 1880s Henry designed five schools in Batavia. Although he was acknowledged as a gifted architect, he was considered arrogant and aggressive. In 1905 Henry's son, Frank H., joined his father in the firm of Henry W. Homelius and Son. Henry W. Homelius died November 3, 1917 at the Batavia hospital from cancer of the stomach. He was buried in the Batavia Cemetery. Frank died November 20, 1941.

Adapted from *Gazetteer and Biographical Record of Genesee County, N.Y., 1788-1890*. Syracuse, N.Y., 1890. F. W. Beers

... The first effort of Mr. Homelius as an architect was the drawing of the plans and specifications of Robert Pease's house on Ellicott avenue. Since then some of the finest blocks and dwellings in town have been the productions of his brain and pencil. Among them are the dwellings of Hon. B. C. Walker, John H. Ward, George Washburn, Wm. Allen, Mrs. Kinsley, Geo. Wiard, C. H. Turner, John Ryan, O. Moulton, Harry Lay and Joseph Hamilton; the Biers block, Bank of Batavia block, Ross block, Postoffice block, McDonnell block, Pringle and Washington avenue schoolhouses and three brick blocks on Jackson street. His last and we think best work is the "Doty" building, which he has just completed and which has been accepted by the projectors. ...  
*Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. February 8, 1889]



Architect Homelius [who was chosen to design the new Pavilion school] has completed the new schoolhouse at East Bethany [Dist. No. 9] and it is pronounced to be one of the handsomest schoolhouses in the county. The amount appropriated to build it was \$1,500. We hear it has a cost a trifle more than that. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. July 25, 1890

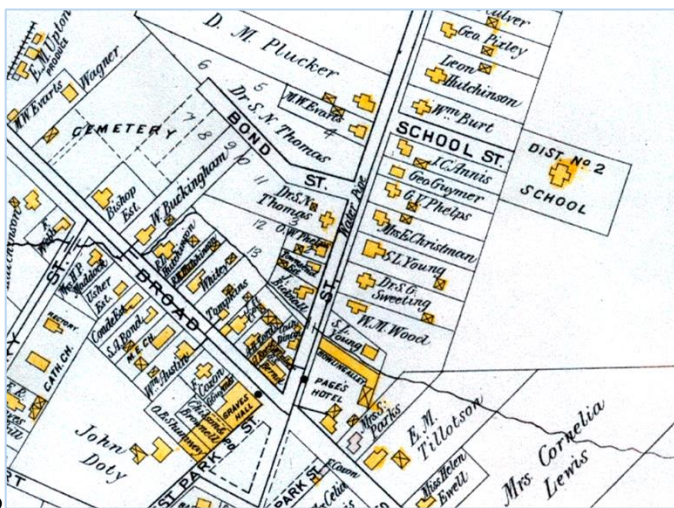


The contract for the building of the new school house has been let of Messrs. [Marcus E.] Calkins [superintendent of the Salt Works and a former contractor] and [Rufus] Hutchinson as the lowest bidder, their bid being \$3,585. The cellar is already dug and work will be commenced soon. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. April 19, 1893

Our village school closes this week Friday with appropriate exercises. This will probably be the last school taught in the old school house as it is proposed to have the new one in readiness for the fall term of school.  
*Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. June 7, 1893

The village school closed its year of work on Friday of last week. An interesting summary of work in reading, history and arithmetic took place and a brief program. Mrs. Avery, the principal, awarded diplomas to those who had maintained an average standing of 90, and those were distributed with booklets to all others. The Commissioner's certificates of grades were presented and [illegible] diplomas Misses Carrie Newberry, Eva Chilson, Lutine and Bessie Whitney, they having graduated from the district school, according to Com. Barr's prescribed course of study. Just after the exercises began news was received that Louis Bookman had just died of the gunshot received two days before at the hands of William McGrath. Much sorrow was manifested by the school and teachers, and it was resolved to attend the funeral in a body. Several patrons of the school spoke words of warm commendation of the work done by the teachers during the year - **Mrs. Ella K. Avery** and **Miss Nelly Hackett**. Perhaps we should mention that in consideration of the fact that Bessie Whitney was present at every rollcall during the forty weeks of school, Mrs. Avery presented her with Webster's Unabridged Dictionary.  
*Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. June 24, 1893

A corps of builders is pushing the school building rapidly. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. July 21, 1893



## September, 1893

We learn that Trustee Dean has engaged Mrs. Avery to teach the coming year.

*Progressive Batavian.* Batavia, NY. September 1, 1893

Our school commences next Monday in the new school house, **Mrs Ella K.[Kingson] Avery**, of La Grange, and **Miss Nellie Hackett** instructors. *Le Roy Gazette.* Le Roy, NY. September 27, 1893

The new school building originally consisted of one large assembly room and a library on the upper floor with two classrooms and a hall on the ground floor.

A large audience assembled at the new school building on Friday evening to witness the "Temple of Fame." Each did credit to themselves in the excellent rendering of their several parts. By request it was repeated on Saturday evening. The receipts of the two evenings combined were \$47, of which a portion is to go to pay for the bell and the balance for something which will also benefit the school. The exercises were opened by singing by Messrs. Whitney, Tillotson and Crofoot, followed by prayer by Rev. W. T. Wotton. G. D. Whitney then gave from memory and hearsay an account of the advancement of schools in Pavilion, from the time one was taught by his deceased father, Alvin Whitney, in what is now known as D. C. Bond's blacksmith shop, until the present time. The speaker having been a pupil, and the winter after his return from the war, a teacher in the old school house just vacated, dwelt upon the pleasant associations which had been formed there between teacher and pupil, and spoke of those who had graduated from this school, some being lawyers, some ministers, and some editors, etc. The teachers were called upon and each in well-chosen words showed their full appreciation of the new school building and its various appointments for the comfort and conveniences of teachers and pupils. The "Temple of Fame" was then presented. *Le Roy Gazette.* Le Roy, NY. October 11, 1893

The school bell has been exchanged and the new one has a musical ring that can be easily heard. The bell was purchased with the proceeds of the entertainment given by the ladies several weeks ago.

*Le Roy Gazette.* Le Roy, NY. November 29, 1893

On account of ill health Mrs. Geo. Avery has been compelled to resign her position as principal of our village school. Parents and pupils regret that a change must be made, for Mrs. Avery is a teacher of superior abilities, and good work was being done in all the classes of her department. And just at this time preparations are under way for examinations for grading the school. Mr. W. M. Dean, the trustee, has engaged Mrs. G. D. Whitney to take charge of the school until he can secure a new teacher, which he expects to do this week. *Progressive Batavian.* Batavia, NY. February 9, 1894

**F.[Frank] K. Sutley** of Arcade has been employed as principal of the village school in place of Mrs. George Avery, who resigned some time ago. *Buffalo Evening News.* Buffalo, NY. February 16, 1894

Prof. F. K. Sutley, the teacher in our grammar school department, has been engaged as principal of the Limestone school [in Cattaraugus County] with six teachers under him. He is to be congratulated on his preferment over five other applicants. Pavilion had done well to keep him had it been possible. *Progressive Batavian.* Batavia, NY. May 11, 1894

Last Friday evening the graduation exercises of the schools of this town occurred in the hall of the new school house, which was crowded full. The teachers present were Prof. F. K. Sutley, principal of this school; **Miss Nellie Hackett**, primary teacher; Miss Etta Rosenberg, Burleigh Hill, and Miss Minnie Darby, of Bailey's Mills district. These were seated upon the platform also Revs. Clarke and Wotton.

At about 8 o'clock a march by Sousa was played by Miss Lutine Whitney, school organist, and in step with the music the graduates and others who were to take part in the exercises entered and advanced to the platform, where they took seats. Rev. Clarke offered prayer. There were several musical numbers upon the program, vocal and instrumental, C. R. Crofoot giving a solo, with Miss Edna Sapp accompanist. She also accompanied Eva Hubbard's and Maude Dean's solos. Messrs. Crofoot, Whitney, Tillotson and Whitney sang "Whippoorwill" and a goodnight song. Ethel King sang a nice little song.

Each of the graduates read a paper, except one who gave a recitation. All did well indeed and were greatly applauded. Mr. Glenn Ewell, class of '93, gave a humorous recitation, and Bessie Whitney, class of '93, read the school prophecy in the form of a letter to Miss [illegible] Bond, Alexandria, S. D., dated June 15, 1914. It caused much merriment and elicited much applause.

Rev. Mr. Wotton made a neat little speech and presented diplomas as follows: Pavilion—Henry Quinlan, Sarah Quinlan, Lutie Whalen, Mary Burns, Lizzie Wilson, Belle Cole, May Burt and Elvina McLane. Burleigh Hill district—Bertha Cook,

Cora Wheeler, Hattie Sparks, and Jeannette Tillotson of Bailey's Mills, we are told. Beautiful flowers were given the graduates and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Mr. Clarke. The decorations were blue pansies, daisies and buttercups. Prof. Sutley and others spared no pains to have it a grand success.

The Professor left town on Monday followed by the good wishes of all. We are very sorry he cannot be here next year, but he has already engaged at Limestone, which is a far better position than this. Mrs. Ella K. Avery, who has taught here so many terms, was also present and seated upon the platform. She had many pleasant greetings from friends, who are glad she has recovered her health. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. June 22, 1894



Caption on back:  
School Building. Pavilion, NY. Prof. Sutley – Prin.

### September, 1894

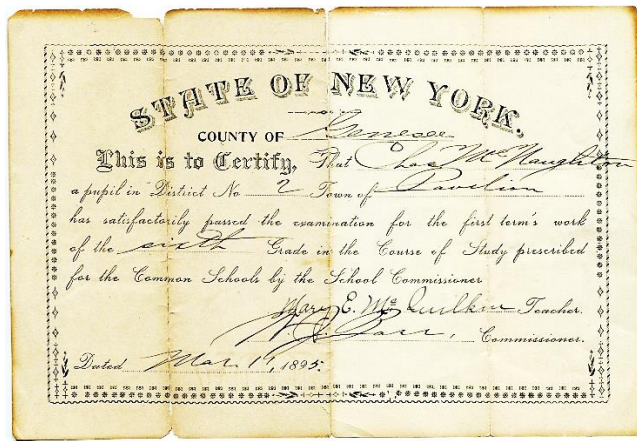
James Dow, trustee, has engaged **Seth L. Sheldon**, of Greigsville, for principal of the village school.  
*Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. August 17, 1894

Our school will commence September 10 with three teachers: S. Sheldon, of Greigsville, principal; **Miss Mary McQuilkin** intermediate, **Miss Nellie Dauchy** primary. Work will be done in eight grades as recommended by school commissioner Barr - 3 grades in primary, 3 in intermediate, and the two highest in the grammar school department.  
*Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. August 29, 1894

Our village school will open Sept. 10th, Prof. Seth L. Sheldon principal. He informs us that of the eight grades established by the Commissioner, three will be in the primary department, three in the intermediate, and two in the senior department leaving room for advanced classes. Every facility possible will be furnished for advanced pupils to make it an object for those in outlying districts to enter. Apparatus will be procured to illustrate the sciences taught Prof. Sheldon is a graduate of the State Normal School at Geneseo, and he has had considerable experience.  
*Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. August 31, 1894

The upper hall of our school building has been divided, making a library, in which have been placed the International Encyclopedia and a good sized globe. Additions will be made from time to time.  
*Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. October 5, 1894

Charles Brooks, of Le Roy, has been in town taking out of doors pictures, which show him to be an artist of merit. The one taken of our village school last week is deserving of mention. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. May 15, 1895



Our village school, which designed a picnic in Hitchcock's Orchard last Friday, on account of the rain was obliged to use the schoolhouse. There were quite a number in from the village and some from out of town, and all enjoyed the occasion. The teachers, Prof. Sheldon and Mary McQuilkin and Nellie Dauchy, spared no pains to make the occasion-an interesting one. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. June 29, 1895

### September, 1895

Our school will open on Monday next. A fine new flag eleven feet long has been purchased. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. August 30, 1895

School opened on Tuesday with an able corps of teachers, namely: **Prof. [Frank] Sutley**, principal; **Miss Etta Rosenberg**, intermediate, and **Miss Nellie Dauchy**, primary. The fine new flag upon the schoolhouse was proudly floating on Labor Day. Prof. F. K. Sutley arrived in town on Saturday. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. September 6, 1895

Miss Bertha Cooke will begin attendance at our village school next week; also Masters Frank and Lewis Hutchinson. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. September 20, 1895

The village school will, in the near future, have public rhetorical exercises. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. November 22, 1895



If the young women of this vicinity carry out the good work, which is allowable only in leap year, with the avidity with which they have begun, for already two or three parties of the leap-year order have been held in Genesee county and more are being planned, there will be no cause for, the men to say, "Oh! This is so sudden," when the young women propose, after a few months courtship. The *Batavian* would call the attention of its unmarried lady readers to some of the eligible young men of Batavia in order that they may not go astray in making a choice when they come to exercise their prerogative. The list is not by any means complete. Undoubtedly many other names will suggest themselves to the young ladies. But the following will serve

to turn the current of thought in the proper direction: ...

Prof. P. K. Sutley—The greatest difficulty in presenting Prof. F. K. Sutley of Pavilion, an eligible bachelor, is that if he should be induced to marry elsewhere the girls of that town would lose much of the light of their present existence. He is about 32 years old, handsome, modest, manly; is making a fine record as principal of the school there, and the male population itself would wonder how they could do without him. ... *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. January 10, 1896

Prof. F. K. Sutley and Miss Harriet Louise Tompkins [daughter of Henry and Ophelia Tompkins of Pavilion] were united in marriage by the Rev. W. T. Wotton at the [Baptist] parsonage on Tuesday afternoon. They took the train for Buffalo at the D. L. & W. junction. They will return in a few days. Their many friends will wish them a long and happy life together. Prof. Sutley's record as principal of our school is a most excellent one and has secured for him a host of friends among the patrons. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. July 3, 1896

The League are to have a "Pronunciation Test" next Tuesday evening. Prof. Sutley is to be judge. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. October 4, 1895



The village school is the largest it has been for at least a quarter of a century. One hundred and eleven are now enrolled, and more are to follow. Prof. Sutley seems to be the right man in the right place, and with his able assistants, Misses Rosenberg and Dauchy, will, no doubt, make this school year a most successful one.

*The Progressive Batavian.* Batavia, NY. November 8, 1895

The following named pupils of the Pavilion school took Regents' examinations at Wyoming in the subjects named: Bessie Whitney, algebra, physics, advanced English and drawing; Lizzie Wilson, arithmetic, advanced English and drawing; Cora Wheeler, history, arithmetic; Sarah Quinlan, advanced English, arithmetic; Geneva Patous, reading, writing; Belle Cole, English composition. *The Daily News.* Batavia, NY. February 5, 1896

G. D. Whitney, as treasurer of the village school, has recently ordered six beautiful relief maps for use in the school, at a cost of \$100. *The Daily News.* Batavia, NY. March 3, 1896

Our village school will close its work for the year today. It has been a most successful year. Prof. F. K. Sutley, principal, has labored with untiring zeal to bring the school up to its highest attainable position. His efforts have been seconded by Misses Rosenberg and Dauchy, and well may they be pleased with the result. There will be no public exercises, as on Thursday and Friday occur the Commissioner's examinations. We are informed, however, that there will probably be quite a class for graduation the middle of next year. Several of the older girls are working hard for Regents' examinations next week. *Progressive Batavian.* Batavia, NY. June 12, 1896

The village school closed on Friday. Owing to Commissioner's examinations being held on the last two days of school no public exercises were arranged for. On Saturday the teachers of the primary and intermediate departments gave a picnic to their pupils in A. Reese's woods. The corps of teachers employed during the past year, consisting of Professor F. K. Sutley, Misses Etta Rosenberg and Nellie Dauchy, have given eminent satisfaction in their work.

*The Daily News.* Batavia, NY. June 15, 1896

Misses Belle Cole, Mary Burt, Lizzie Wilson, Sarah Quinlan and Bessie Whitney attended regents' examinations in Wyoming. They were mostly successful in the subjects tried. *Progressive Batavian.* Batavia, NY. June 19, 1896

### September, 1896

A singular state of affairs exists in the Pavilion school district, which may require arbitration. The retiring trustee and the new trustee each claim the right to hire the teachers for the coming year. Consequently Prof. Sutley has been re-engaged by one and Prof. Barber of Darien by the other. *Progressive Batavian.* Batavia, NY. August 14, 1896

Our village school is to open September 14th with the same corps of teachers as last year: **F. K. Sutley** principal, **Miss Etta Rosenberg**, intermediate, and **Miss Nellie Dauchy**, primary. *Progressive Batavian.* Batavia, NY. August 28, 1896

Prof. Sutley and wife will occupy rooms at Mrs. Swan's.

Miss Bessie Whitney and Mr. Glenn Ewell began school at Le Roy High School this week

*Progressive Batavian.* Batavia, NY. September 4, 1896

At the special school meeting to consider the sale of the old school property, it was voted (18 to 3) not to sell to the party desiring it, as it was understood he was to use it for saloon purposes. The trustee was instructed to sell for not less than \$600, and then not for saloon purposes. *The Daily News.* Batavia, NY. September 9, 1896

The singing class, under the instruction of Prof. C. W. Harrington, will meet at the school building this evening for organization. *Le Roy Gazette.* Le Roy, NY. November 4, 1896

Friday, being Lincoln's birthday, no school was held except in the Primary Department.

*Wyoming Reporter.* Wyoming, NY. February 17, 1897

The primary department of the village school is closed on account of the illness of the teacher, Miss Nellie Dauchy, who is suffering from an attack of the mumps. *Wyoming Reporter.* Wyoming, NY. April 21, 1897

Prof. and Mrs. F. K. Sutley attended the Teachers' Association held in Bergen Saturday last.

*Wyoming Reporter.* Wyoming, NY. May 19, 1897

The insurance on the village schoolhouse, which was struck by lightning during a recent thunder storm, will be adjusted soon. The loss probably will not exceed \$30. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. August 3, 1897

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On Wednesday evening, as Prof. Sutley was returning from taking his wife to the cooking club, he was overturned and suffered a dislocated shoulder. His horse, carriage and all were tipped into a sluice.  
*The Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. November 20, 1896

Frank L. Sutley, formerly a teacher in the Pavilion school and now superintendent of schools in Tonawanda, his wife, who formerly was Miss Harriet L. Tompkins of Pavilion, and their daughter Ingham figured in a combination of accidents at their home in Tonawanda yesterday. Mr. Sutley and his daughter were picking cherries. The limb on which the former was standing broke and he fell to the ground, but it was only a short distance and he escaped with bruises. Hearing the commotion Mrs. Sutley ran out under the tree. Just then the daughter, who was still in the tree, lost her balance and fell on her mother. Mrs. Sutley was knocked down and one of her legs was severely sprained. The child was not unhurt. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. July 23, 1909



Death last night deprived the Tonawandas of one of its best known and highly esteemed: resident when Frank K. Sutley succumbed to a brief illness with pneumonia at his home, 86 Clinton street.

Mr. Sutley was born in Franklin, Pa., 76 years ago. The last 39 years he resided in Tonawanda and for the first 27 years of his residence here he was engaged in all but one as superintendent of schools. Mr. Sutley came to Tonawanda from the Clarence high school, where he was employed as principal. He was engaged by the local Board of Education as principal of the Tonawanda high school. A year later he was advanced to the position of superintendent which he held until he retired 12 years ago.

A graduate of Geneseo Normal school, Mr. Sutley also studied at Mt. Hope College. His first position as an educator was in Ingham University at LeRoy, N. Y.

For many years Mr. Sutley was active in the affairs of the Rotary club of the Tonawandas. He had been a member of that organization with the exception of the first year of its existence. He served as its treasurer for 20 years. He held the office at the time of his death. Mr. Sutley taught the Men's Bible class in the First Presbyterian church many years. He also served as an elder for a number of terms. Other affiliations included memberships in the Shakespearian club and the Tonawanda Lodge, No. 247, F. & A. M.

Surviving are his wife, Harriet L.; a daughter, Mrs. [Ingham] Herbert E. Moore; and a brother, George Sutley of Detroit. Funeral services will be held Monday a 2:30 p.m. at his home. Burial will be in Elmlawn Cemetery.

*The Evening News*. North Tonawanda, NY. January 16, 1943

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## September, 1897

**W.[William] B. Doty** of Stone Church and **Miss Nellie Dauchy** of Pavilion have been secured to teach the village school. But two teachers will be employed this year unless the attendance should demand the work of another one.

*The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. August 12, 1897

The proposition to establish a union school was defeated 41 to 27. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. January 26, 1898

Twenty-three new books were added to the school library this week. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. March 23, 1898

The following pupils have been promoted from first to second grade in the village school—Anna Brownell, Henry Hubbard, Alice Patous, Rena Graves, Loren McLean.

From second to third—Georgie Culver, Lula Quinlan, Mamie Guymer, Blanch Wells, Eddie Fitzgerald, Viola Coxon.

From third to fourth—Celia Shaw, Elsie Hutchinson, De Mars Bezant, Ruth Coxon, Austin White, Frank Wood, Mildred Riley, Olive Pago, Geo. Barnard, Nina Vanduser, Anna Barber.

From fourth to fifth—Arthur Toal, Pearl Hubbard, Genie Thomas, Grace Riley, George Swan.

Fifth to sixth—Chas. Wells, Oscar Hauber, Walter Carmichael, Cleon Wood, Michael Fitzgerald, Blanche Hauber, Clarence Barnard, Mary Fitzgerald.

Six to seventh—William Shaw, Hattie Whalen, Ruth Austin, Willie Quinlan, Roscoe Wilson, Nellie Reese

Seventh to eighth—Florence Murphy, G. Johnson, K. Wilson, Mamie Quinlan;

Eighth to ninth—Bertha. Tillotson, Bloss Hutchinson, Earl Plucker.

The graduates area as follows—Anna S. Buckman, L. Myrtle Newman, Ernest Newman, Geo. W. Mix, L. Josephine Durfee, Minnie E. Houston, Joseph S. Burns, Carrie Ellicott, Ethel Tillotson, Ida Wheeler.

Sunday evening a union meeting was held in the Baptist church in honor of the class of '98 of the Pavilion school. The church was prettily decorated with potted plants and cat-tail flag, while the alter and organ were tastefully draped with flags.

The class motto, which is "Onward and Upward," was in class colors, green and white, on the draperies back of the altar, and trimming and looping around the whole was green and white ribbon.

Pavilion has had a Union school since '92 [?] and 26 have graduated since that time. At the close of the Friday evening's entertainment these graduates will form into an Alumni Society. This will be very pleasant and it is hoped that everyone will be present. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. June 22, 1898



School on the Hill. Winter of 1897

Left to Right. Front to Back.

First Row: Bertha Ewell, Minnie Houston, Eva Hubbard, ? Bradley

Second Row: Sarah Quinlan, Grace Johnson, Stella Murphy, Bertha McKeever, Unknown

Third Row: Florence Murphy, Bertha Tillotson, Ina Carmichael

Fourth Row: Joseph Burns, Mamie Quinlan, Lilly Carmichael, Josie Durfee, Unknown; William Doty, Principal, standing

Fifth Row: Bert Plucker, George Mix, Charles M. Nagle, Charles Toal, Ralph Buckman, Unknown

Sixth Row: Ernest Neuman, Charles Thomas, Bloss Hutchinson, Unknown, Earl Plucker

Professor W. B. Doty has returned to his home at Stone Church. His work as principal of the village school has been very satisfactory and he will doubtless be re-engaged. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. June 28, 1898

### September, 1898

Morton - **Mr. and Mrs. Frank Torpy** left last Monday for Pavilion, Livingston [Genesee] county, where he will act as principal and she will act as teacher in the second grade in the Union school at that place.

*Holley Standard*. Holley, NY. September 1, 1898

The village school, which was closed last week principally to accommodate Prof. Torpy in his preparation for a civil service examination, was reopened on Monday. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. April 19, 1898

### September, 1899

The annual school meeting of District No. 2 was held at the school house last evening, and was one of the largest ever convened, there being seventy-nine voters present. J. W. Dow was chosen chairman. The minutes of the session of '98 were read and accepted. Trustee Wells stated in his report that expenses for teachers for the past year was \$1,020; number of pupils registered in the school for the past year 90; average attendance 71; cost of fuel \$172. Collector Bernd reported \$2,171 taxes collected during the past year are \$318.66 on hand after paying the expenses. Dr. W. O. Burbank and M. W. Evarts were chosen inspectors of election. The first work they had to do was count the ballots deposited for and against a board of three trustees; this proposition was lost, and the old custom of having but one trustee, retained. The nominees for this office were L. H. Wells and G. D. Whitney. Mr. Wells was elected by a majority of forty-one ballots. The nominees for collector were M. Prill and Mrs. G. D. Whitney; Mr. Prill received a majority vote of twenty-one. Mrs. Nellie Bezant

was unanimously re-elected as clerk. Appropriations for the following purposes were made: Teachers, \$600; library \$10; janitor, \$90; fuel, \$175; for grading, walks and shade trees, \$150; for a new furnace, \$300.

*Le Roy Gazette.* Le Roy, NY. August 2, 1899

F. A. Simons of Avoca, is a guest at the home of his brother J. A. Simons. He graduated from Geneseo Normal school in June and has been elected principal of the Union School at Pavilion, Genesee county. Frank is a young man who has made his own way in the world and his numerous friends here wish him success as an educator.

*Cohocton Index.* Cohocton, NY. August 16, 1899

The village school opened on Monday with Mr. **[Frank] Simons**, of Avoca, as teacher in the senior department, **Miss Mary McQuilken**, of Covington, in the intermediate department, and **Miss [Nellie] Dauchy** in the primary department. *Le Roy Gazette.* Le Roy, NY. September 3, 1899

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Nellie Dauchy celebrated her one hundredth birthday at the Batavia Nursing Home November 20, 1971.

She died May, 1972.

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Two new furnaces of the Carton make have arrived for use in the village school house.

*Le Roy Gazette.* Le Roy, NY. September 27, 1899

Wells & Hubbard have placed four furnaces in town this fall. Two in the school house, one for E. R. Graves and one for Dr. W. O. Burbank. *Le Roy Gazette.* Le Roy, NY. November 15, 1899

**Miss Bessie Whitney** has been engaged to teach in the primary department of the village school until Miss McQuilken is able to resume her work there [following the death of her mother].

*Le Roy Gazette.* Le Roy, NY. February 4, 1900

Professor Frank Simons, who for the past year has taught the senior department of the village school, has obtained the position of principal of the High school at Cayuga for the coming year. His departure from Pavilion is very generally regretted as he has given good satisfaction. *The Daily News.* Batavia, NY. May 30, 1900

The annual school meeting of district No. 2 was held at the school house on Tuesday night and was attended by thirty-nine male and eight female voters. G. D. Whitney was made chairman; the report of the clerk was read and accepted; Trustee Wells reported three terms of school during the past year with a registration of eighty-six pupils and an average attendance of fifty-four; the amount paid out during the year was \$2,161.05; of this \$923 went for teachers' salaries, \$300 for furnace, \$170 for coal, \$94 for insurance, and \$90 for janitor. M. Prill, collector, reported \$1,786.60 total amount raised and \$422.76 on hand. The annual discussion as to the advisability of electing three trustees was held but the question being put to a vote, was defeated, the ballot being 23 for and 24 against. Candidates for trustee were M. O. Olmsted and L. H. Wells, the former receiving 21 ballots, the latter 25. M. Prill, for collector, was re-elected by a unanimous ballot, as was Mrs. Nellie Bezant for clerk. The appropriations which were made were voted for by the ayes and nos of the voters, the clerk calling the names; they are as follows: For teachers' wages, \$425; fuel, \$175; janitor, \$90; library, \$10; incidentals, \$50. The trustee was instructed to sell the old furnace and also to call a special meeting to discuss the sale of the old school property.

*Le Roy Gazette.* Le Roy, NY. August 15, 1900

## September, 1900

**Hebert P.[Philo] Macpherson** of this town [Le Roy] has been engaged as principal of the Pavilion Union School.

*Buffalo Courier.* Buffalo, NY. August 26, 1900

Trustee L. H. Wells has called a special meeting of the voters of school district No. 2 for Wednesday night, September 12th, for the purpose of considering the disposal of the old school building and lot. The special meeting for the purpose of taking action on the Union school question is called for the evening of October 2d.

*The Daily News.* Batavia, NY. September 7, 1900

The auction sale of the old school house and grounds, which took place at the village school on Wednesday evening, called out about twenty-five voters of the district. It was a surprise to some to hear that so many persons desired the property, there being as many as nine bidders present. Trustee Wells acted as auctioneer. The first bid was \$300; this rapidly increased to \$450, then the bids came in slower with an increase of ten and five dollars a bid until \$510 was reached, when but four contestants remained in the field, Rufus Hutchinson, Jasper Starr, G. D. Whitney and M.[Merriam] W. Evarts. An increase

of twenty-five cents per bid carried the amount up to \$512.75, when \$525.25 was called; then by the same ratio it was carried to \$528.50. From this it went with a boom to \$530, then to \$535, and finally to \$545, it being bid off to M. W. Evarts at that price. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. October 3, 1900

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A disastrous fire occurred in Pavilion at 1 o'clock on Sunday morning, entailing a loss of more than \$5,000. The fire started in the second story of the W. B. Wagner evaporator, from the extreme heat generated by the kiln. The night men had just left the room about five minutes before when they were alarmed by the sound of burning timbers. Hastening upstairs they found the building in flames. The fire alarm was sounded and the Hose. Co. quickly responded, but as no water was near they formed a bucket brigade. The flames quickly spread to the cold storage building, where was stored \$2,500 worth of evaporated apples, then to the building where the cores and parings are kept. A building owned by E. W. Evarts [the old school house] and rented by Thos. Watson, agent for the McCormack firm, in which he had a number of machines stored, all the tools but a disk harrow, a corn binder, a wheel rake, as well as a quantity of hay were destroyed. The paring machines, desk and papers were saved from the evaporator. Two bicycles owned by employees were lost. It was only by quick and heroic work that the Upton mill was saved. All of the available space in and around the buildings was filled with apples, all of which are a total loss, as well as a quantity of coal which was in the building. Both parties carried insurance. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. October 29, 1902

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H. P. McPherson, of Le Roy, principal of the village school, was unable to perform his work here most of the week owing to the death of his mother. **Miss Whitney** taught in his department, **Miss Dauchy** in the intermediate and **Miss Murphy** primary during his absence. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. December 19, 1900

Commencement exercises of the Pavilion high school will be held next Friday evening. The graduating class is composed of nine students and an elaborate programme has been prepared. *Rochester Democrat and Chronicle*. Rochester, NY. June 11, 1901

## September, 1901

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The annual school meeting held in the school building on Tuesday night was unusually well attended, the seating capacity of the senior room being entirely filled and many standing about the room. The number of voters of the district present were sixty-three, next to the largest number attending such a meeting in the new school building. The meeting was called to order at 8 o'clock by A. E. Townsend. L. H. Wells was elected chairman. Trustee M. W. Evarts rendered his report for the year showing a registration of 74 pupils, 35 for the senior department and 39 for the junior, with an average attendance of 22 for the latter. Two teachers were employed at an expense of \$760. The report was accepted. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved. Collector George Bernd reported total receipts for the year as follows: M. Prill, ex-collector, \$190.88; taxes collected, \$798.88; from M. W. Evarts, \$201.60; total \$1,191.86. Among the disbursements were: for incidentals, \$54.70; janitor, \$75.00; teachers' wages, \$518.00; fuel, \$188.07; amount on hand, \$355.59. ... The proposition to change from one to three trustees was lost, the ballot taken being 37 for one year and 26 for three. A resolution was unanimously adopted, recommending the employment of three teachers instead of two for the ensuing year. Appropriations were as follows: for teachers' wages, \$175; janitor, \$80; incidentals, \$50; library fund, \$10; gravel walk, \$50; for the purchase of a new organ, \$50. The teachers for the year were hired on Wednesday morning in the persons of **Hobert McPherson**, of Le Roy, principal; **Miss Etta Rosenberg** for intermediate department, and **Miss Bessie Whitney** for the primary department.

Prof. Frank Simons, principal of the village school here three years ago, has been re-engaged as principal of the Ellingwood High School at a salary of \$1,100, an increase of \$200 over last year's salary. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. August 13, 1902

The village school house is undergoing a renovation in the way of cleaning, Kalsomining, varnishing, etc., preparatory to opening. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. August 27, 1902

Kalsomine, or calcimine, is a white or tinted liquid containing zinc oxide, water, glue and coloring matter. It was used as a wash for walls and ceilings.

The fall term of the village school opened on Monday with attendance in the various departments as follows: primary, 17; intermediate, 12; senior, 34. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. September 10, 1902

A new school flag has been purchased by Trustee Doty. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. March 21, 1903

The commencement exercises of the village school will be held in Graves's hall on Friday night. The graduating class, numbering 11, consists of De Mars Bezant, Florence J. Callan, Harry A. Dobson, Ruth E. Dobson, Cora Elliot, Mary I. Hackett, Harry C. Loomis, Glenn M. Olmsted, George F. Shaw, Cleo M. Wells and Cleon A. Wood. ...

*The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. June 17, 1903

### September, 1903

The annual school meeting of Dist. No. 2, held at the school house last evening, was largely attended and very harmonious. The meeting was called to order by Trustee J.[John] C. Doty and Rev. A. H. Mason was elected chairman. The trustees' report showed the receipts for the year to be \$1,935.21; disbursements \$1,931.21, of which \$1,200 was for teachers' wages. The estimate made last year was insufficient to meet the expense. The trustee, therefore, on the authority of the school commissioner, borrowed \$200 from the bank, giving his note for it. Collector Geo Alvord reported \$1,440.54 collected; disbursements for teachers' wages \$881.55; other expenses \$562.35, leaving a balance due him of \$3.36. The clerk's report of the annual meeting of 1902 was read and accepted. Trustee Doty's estimate of moneys necessary to be raised for school purposes for the ensuing year was \$850 for teachers' wages, to which by vote of the meeting the \$200 due the bank was added; \$180 for fuel; \$75 for incidental expenses; and \$10 for library fund. Appropriations were voted by one ballot, according to this estimate 37 ballots being cast, 29 for, 7 against and one blank. Officers elected for the ensuing year are, trustee, J. C. Doty; collector, Geo, Alvord; clerk, Miss M. Ella Thomas. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. August 5, 1903

Miss Sadie Franklin, who has resigned her position as primary teacher in the Marblehead, Ohio, High School, has accepted a similar position in the Pavilion High School at a more lucrative salary. *The Caledonia Era*. Caledonia, NY. August 12, 1903



The village school house is receiving two coats of brick-red paint with olive green trimmings at the hands of Fred Webb and his force of men.

*Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. August 19, 1903

The fall term of the village school opened Monday with an attendance of 12 in the primary department, **Miss Franklin** teacher; 21 in intermediate, **Miss Armstrong**, teacher; and 21 in the senior department, **H. H. McPherson**, teacher.

*Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. September 2, 1903

The village school is closed this week to allow the teachers to attend the Teachers' Institute being held in Batavia.

*Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. October 14, 1903

Arbor Day exercises were held at the school house on Friday followed by the setting of fourteen trees upon the school grounds and bordering the avenue. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. May 4, 1904

### September, 1904

The annual school meeting was held at the school building on Tuesday evening of last week, when the following officers were elected: trustee, E. M. Abell; clerk, Mrs. F. Rosenburg; collector, Leon Hutchinson. Appropriations were voted as follows: for teachers wages, \$900; fuel, \$250; janitor, \$100; library, \$10; trustee's note, \$30; incidentals, \$75, making a total of \$1,365 to be raised. **Prof. [Lewis G.] Stapley** of East Groveland has been engaged as principal, and **Miss Rose Leadley** of the same place as intermediate teacher. The primary teacher has not been engaged.

*Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. August 10, 1904

The fall term of the village school opened Monday with an enrollment of sixteen pupils in the primary, eighteen in the intermediate and fifteen in the senior department. The corps of teachers are all normal [school] graduates.

*Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. August 31, 1904

A special school meeting will be held in Dist. No. 2 on Tuesday, October 18, at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of determining, by a vote of the inhabitants thereof qualified to vote at such a meeting, whether or not it shall be changed to a Union Free School District. For the benefit of any who may be in doubt concerning the desirableness of such change and qualifications for admission of an academic department to the University of the State of New York the following taken from the last handbook sent out by the Department of Education will be of interest.

First, the school must be a Union School. Second, academic instruction must be given for at least 175 days during the year. Third, satisfactory instruction in the use of English, especially in composition, for not less than 100 minutes each week on an average, must be provided for every class throughout its course. Fourth, in every case the equipment and teaching force must be approved by a University inspector. Fifth, for middle grade not less than six 30 minute periods of instruction must be devoted to an approved two year academic course. The library must be worth \$300 (actual value, not the list price), including an encyclopedia (Johnson's New Universal, latest edition of International or New Chambers), biographic dictionary, gazetteer of the world, atlas, dictionary (Webster's International, Funk & Wagnall's Standard or the Century) and suitable reference books in physiology, American history and other subjects in the course. The apparatus must be worth at least \$150, including wall maps of New York State, the United States, the continents and the hemispheres, a globe not less than 12 inches in diameter, charts illustrating anatomy and physiology, a microscope with coarse and fine adjustment for focal distance and society screw [which permits the use of other slides that can be purchased when needed.]

The library of this school contains 202 volumes, including all of the above books required, with the exception of an atlas. It also owns the required apparatus with the exception of a microscope.

A Union School would be entitled to the following grants: Each registered nondenominational school of academic grade receives annually from the academic fund a quota of \$100. The University also pays one half the cost of approved books and apparatus purchased by each school but does not allow more than \$250 a year under the head of any one school. Each registered school of academic grade that submits to examination and inspection receives also a grant for each day's attendance of each academic student.

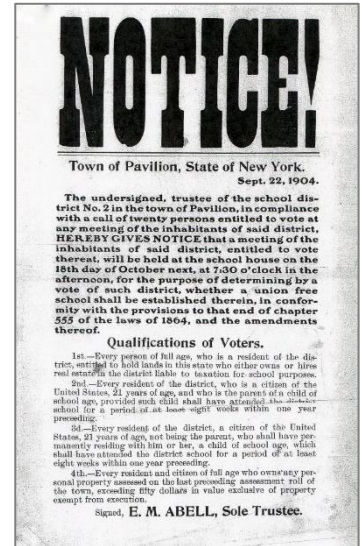
Thus it will be seen that of the required library books, Dist. No. 2 now owns 202 volumes; these, it is estimated, are worth about \$210, lacking \$90 of the required value. This, with the probable expense of \$15 for a microscope – the only apparatus lacking – would make but \$105 additional expense. Of this amount the University pays one-half, making the sum \$53 additional tax for the district to pay, which, considering the benefits to accrue from the investment seems a very insignificant amount. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. October 12, 1904

*The Reporter* congratulates our neighboring village, Pavilion, on its decision in favor of a high school. The additional advantages are bound to cost the taxpayers of the district more money, but the influence of a union school in a community is worth far more than it costs. We wish prosperity to the Pavilion union school.

*Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. October 26, 1904

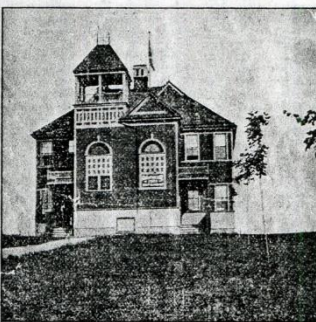
The newly-elected board of education of the Pavilion Union school, consists of the following trustees: E. M. Abell and George Carr, three years; Mrs. Mary Wells and Mrs. Lillie Hutchinson, two years; W. O. Burbank and Thomas Quinlan, one year. The Board met at the school building Friday evening and elected E. M. Abell president, Mrs. Mary Wells secretary, and Leon Hutchinson collector. The following committees were appointed for the purpose of filling in the blanks sent out by the Department of Education describing the grounds, apparatus, and library: Building and grounds, Geo. Carr, J. Quinlan; Library repairs, W. O. Burbank, Mrs. Mary Wells; Inventory of Library and apparatus, Mesdames Wells and Hutchinson. The Board will meet again on Friday evening of this week.

*Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. October 26, 1904



# CIRCULAR

## Pavilion Public School



DISTRICT NO. 2

PAVILION, NEW YORK

1904-1905

### GENERAL INFORMATION

A tuition of \$2.00 for each ten weeks will be charged non-residents in the Advanced and Intermediate Departments and \$1.50 for each ten weeks in the Primary Department.

A rebate of \$1.00 will be allowed from the whole amount, to pupils attending the fall year.

The course of study will be the same as that laid out by the Department of Education in each department.

Students desiring to pursue studies beyond the ninth grade may take up Algebra, Book-keeping, Physical Geography, beginning Latin, Greek, Plane Geometry, Greek and Roman History.

A written excuse for each absence and tardiness must be furnished the teacher by the parents or guardians.

The school is provided with an extensive library. Pupils may borrow from said library, books not needed in the school room; but such person shall not borrow more than one volume at a time, and shall not keep the same more than two weeks.

It will be the duty of the janitor to keep the building properly swept, dusted and warmed, and the school grounds in proper condition.

All pupils who by reason of irregularity, tardiness, indolence or inattention, have fallen behind in their classes, shall be placed in the grade below at the discretion of the teacher.

If satisfactory information is not found in this circular, a letter may be addressed to the Principal, who will be pleased to answer all inquiries. LEWIS G. STAPLEY, Principal.

#### OFFICERS

- E. M. ABELL.....Trustee
- LEON HUTCHENS.....Trustee
- MRS. FRANK ROSENBERG.....Clerk
- DANIEL FLECKER.....Janitor
- JAMES C. EISENER.....Intermediate Officer
- CHARLES W. STICKLE.....Commissioner

#### FACULTY

- LEWIS G. STAPLEY.....Principal
- ROSE LEADLEY.....Intermediate
- JANET ARMSTRONG.....Primary

### CALENDAR

- Fall Term Begins.....August 29, 1904
- Spring Term Begins.....January 23, 1905
- Examinations.....February 17-18, 1905
- Examinations.....June 13-14, 1905
- Commencement.....June 19, 1905

### COURSE OF STUDY.

#### First Year.

- READING.—Blackboard work. First reader begun.
- WRITING.—Much written work on tablet, slate and blackboard.
- SPELLING.—All words introduced in reading and other lessons.
- ENGLISH.—Correct oral expression. Short sentences copied in script.
- ARITHMETIC.—First term: All combinations from 1 to 5 inclusive. Second term: Combinations from 10. Problems involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.
- GEOGRAPHY.—Size—relative, form, color, position, distance, direction; some general ideas regarding climate, products, people and occupations.
- PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE.—Lesson from textbook.
- DRAWING.—Color, form, botanical drawing and arrangement, measure, location, illustrative sketching.
- GENERAL LESSONS.—Good habits. Elements of vocal music. Native study. Literature. Items of useful knowledge.

#### Second Year.

- READING.—First Reader completed.
- WRITING.—Former lessons continued.
- ENGLISH.—Oral and written spelling of all words introduced.
- ENGLISH.—Correct oral and written forms taught in connection with other lessons.
- ARITHMETIC.—Combination to 15. Reading and writing of numbers to 100. Fractions—halves, thirds and fourths.
- GEOGRAPHY.—Size—absolute, form, color, position, distance, direction; some general ideas regarding climate, products, people and occupation; drawing to a scenic effect on globe and map.
- PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE.—Lesson from textbook.
- DRAWING.—Color, form, botanical drawing and arrangement, measure, location, illustrative sketching.
- GENERAL LESSONS.—Inculcating good habits. Elements of vocal music. Native study. Literature. Items of useful knowledge.

#### Third Term.

- READING.—Second Reader begun.
- WRITING.—Former lessons continued.
- SPELLING.—Former lessons continued.
- ENGLISH.—Former lessons continued.

#### Seventh Year.

- READING.—Fifth Reader, of choice selections from standard authors.
- WRITING.—Copy Book No. 5.
- SPELLING.—Previous work continued.
- ENGLISH.—Reproduction, narration and description. The sentence, kinds, analysis of simple and complex; nouns, adjectives, verbs, adverbs, and the classifications; comparison of adjectives, participles, gerunds and infinitives; the paragraph; quotations; word analysis.
- ARITHMETIC.—Compound numbers completed. Problems involving all previous work.
- GEOGRAPHY.—Review. South America, Europe and Asia.
- PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE.—Review. The skeleton, muscles and skin.
- DRAWING.—Decorative drawing: Color, botanical drawing. Geometric drawing: Measure, tools, geometric terms, problems. Pictorial drawing.
- GENERAL LESSONS.—A continuation of previous lessons. (See sixth year, first term.) Current events.

#### Eighth Year.

- READING.—Classic literature.
- WRITING.—Copy Book No. 6.
- SPELLING.—Continuation of previous work.
- ENGLISH.—Former lessons continued. Clause and phrase; complements; preposition, conjunction, and interjection; person, number, gender, and case; analysis and parsing; letters of friendship; business and recommendation; punctuation of words in series; of words of address, of words addressed; the subject, of whom, appositives; for mail notes, telegrams, advertisements; rambling sentences; contractions of words. Word analysis.
- ARITHMETIC.—Percentage, insurance, taxes, coin mintage, profit and loss. Problems involving all previous work.
- GEOGRAPHY.—Africa, Oceania, standard time and general review.
- PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE.—Digestion.
- DRAWING.—Lessons of first term continued. Geometric drawing: Working drawing, development.
- GENERAL LESSONS.—A continuation of previous lessons.

#### Ninth Year.

- READING.—Former lessons reviewed and continued. Reproduction, narration, description and composition. Simple, complex and compound sentences; analysis and parsing; sentence and colon; specific and general terms; brevity, force, clearness, simplicity; figures of speech—simile, metaphor, climax; periodic, loose and balanced sentences; secretary's records, constitution and by-laws, amendments, notices, reports of committees, preamble and resolutions, book review, credentials, petitions, resolutions, resolutions, announcements, synopses; word analysis.
- ARITHMETIC.—Units, ratio, proportion, partnership, square root, domestic change, mensuration.
- DRAWING.—Geometric drawing: Measure, tools, geometric terms, problems; development, working drawing, isometric projection. Decorative drawing: Color, botanical drawing. Pictorial drawing.
- HISTORY.—American history completed. History of the State of New York.
- CIVIL GOVERNMENT.—Some elementary work. Special attention given to the Constitution of the United States and of New York.
- GEOGRAPHY.—General review, preparatory to final examinations.
- GENERAL LESSONS.—(See eighth year, first term.)

#### Tenth Year.

- READING.—Former lessons reviewed and continued. Republicanism, history and description. Complex and compound sentences; the interrogative sentence; analysis and parts of verbs—principal parts, regular and irregular; redundant and defective; voice, mode, tense, person and number; deictic and pronominal; parenthetical expressions; synopses; literary style; ambiguity; newspaper articles; bills; essays; word analysis.
- ARITHMETIC.—Review of last year's work. Stimulus interest. Partial payments—United State rule only. Problems.
- PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE.—Review; circulation and respiration, including voice.

ARITHMETIC.—Combination to 25. Reading and writing of numbers to 1000. Addition and subtraction tables completed. Problems to and including tens, numerator 1. Original concrete work.  
GEOGRAPHY.—Former lessons continued.  
PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE.—Lesson from textbook.  
DRAWING.—Former lessons continued.  
GENERAL LESSONS.—Former lessons continued.

**Third Year.**  
Second Term.  
READING.—Second Reader completed. Supplementary reading.  
WRITING.—Copy Book No. 1.  
SPELLING.—All words in various lessons.  
ENGLISH.—Exercises in reproduction, narration and description.

ARITHMETIC.—Multiplication and division tables. Fraction to tenths, using 1, 2, and 3 as numerators. Easy problems in mental arithmetic.  
GEOGRAPHY.—Form and Color; general ideas regarding climate, products, people, occupation, land and water forms, town and country life.  
PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE.—Lessons from textbook.  
DRAWING.—Color, form, botanical drawing and arrangement, measure, illustrative sketching.  
GENERAL LESSONS.—Reading very easy music. Nature study. Literature.

**Fourth Year.**  
Second Term.  
READING.—Supplementary reading of Second Reader.  
WRITING.—Copy Book No. 1.  
SPELLING.—First term lessons continued.  
ENGLISH.—Exercises in reproduction, narration and description.  
ARITHMETIC.—Addition, subtraction and multiplication. Fractions. Concrete work, with analysis. Mental arithmetic.  
GEOGRAPHY.—Former lessons continued.  
PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE.—Lesson from textbook.  
DRAWING.—Former lessons continued.  
GENERAL LESSONS.—Former lessons continued.

**Fourth Year.**  
First Term.  
READING.—Third reader begun and much supplementary reading.  
WRITING.—Copy Book No. 2.  
SPELLING.—New words in reading and other lessons. Spelling book.

ENGLISH.—(Reproduction, narration and description. Special elementary lessons on the sentence, subject and predicate, statement and question, the use of capitals, original material, punctuation, abbreviations, contractions and homonyms).  
ARITHMETIC.—Reading and writing numbers of four periods. Roman numerals to 100. Division of United States money. Mental arithmetic. Third year's work in fractions continued.  
GEOGRAPHY.—Form and color; some general idea regarding climate, products, people and occupation.

DRAWING.—Decorative drawing: Color, botanical drawing. Geometric drawing: Measure, tools, geometric terms, problems. Pictorial drawing. History.—Discoveries and explorations; Colonial.

GENERAL LESSONS.—(See sixth year, first term.) Current events. Making of strike apparatus and other useful articles.  
Second Term.  
READING.—Same as preceding term.  
ENGLISH.—Former lessons continued. Position of modifiers; conditionals and participles; emphatic, interrogative and negative forms; progressive and passive forms; the dash; direct and indirect quotations; receipts, checks, promissory notes, orders and drafts.

ARITHMETIC.—Review of percentage, longitude and time. True and bank discount. Stocks. Met Etc.  
PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE.—Nervous system and special sense. General review.  
DRAWING.—Lessons of first term continued. Geometric drawing, working drawing, isometric projection, development.  
HISTORY.—First term's work briefly reviewed, and continued to the close of the War at 1862.  
GENERAL LESSONS.—Former lessons continued.

**Ninth Year.**  
First Term.  
ENGLISH.—Former lessons reviewed and continued. Reproduction, narration, description and composition. Simple, complex and compound sentences; analysis and parsing; sentence and colon; specific and general terms; brevity, force, clearness, simplicity; figures of speech—simile, metaphor, climax; periodic, loose and balanced sentences; secretary's records, constitution and by-laws, amendments, notices, reports of committees, preamble and resolutions, book review, credentials, petitions, resolutions, resolutions, resolutions, announcements, synopses; word analysis.

ARITHMETIC.—Units, ratio, proportion, partnership, square root, domestic change, mensuration.  
DRAWING.—Geometric drawing: Measure, tools, geometric terms, problems; development, working drawing, isometric projection. Decorative drawing: Color, botanical drawing. Pictorial drawing.  
HISTORY.—American history completed. History of the State of New York.  
CIVIL GOVERNMENT.—Some elementary work. Special attention given to the Constitution of the United States and of New York.  
GEOGRAPHY.—General review, preparatory to final examinations.  
GENERAL LESSONS.—(See eighth year, first term.)

**Second Term.**  
During this term, the pupils should pursue those studies of the course in which they have not yet passed the final examinations; and if they are capable of doing more work than this, they should take up one or more of the following: arithmetic, Algebra, Physical Geography, Book-keeping.

The following section was adapted from a reminiscence about the Pavilion high school that was recorded by Carrie May Tufts Rudgers (1889-1972) in her memoir *My Lost World* written between 1968 and 1972.

Fortunately for me Pavilion High School opened in January of my fifteenth year [1904]. I had passed my preliminary examinations in tests held in Wyoming High due to encouragement of a teacher I shall never forget, Charles Owens of Wyoming. He talked high school to us, tutored us in preparation and spurred us on.

Charles A. Owen taught the District No. 5 school at Burleigh Hill September 1903 to June 1904. Carrie May would have been about 14 at the time she was a student there.

Principal Lewis Stapley was a dedicated man. He worked very hard to get the school started. Later he had a position in state politics and pushed through the law that required a license for car drivers.



Stapley was a member of New York State Assembly from Livingston County, 1922-26. New York was the first state to register automobiles in 1901. New York started issuing badges to chauffeurs in 1903. In that same year Massachusetts and Missouri became the first states to require all drivers, not just professionals, to have a license. Other states followed suit gradually. For example, New York State began issuing paper licenses with personal data and photographs in 1910, however there was no state-wide legal requirement for a driver's license until 1924. The last state to require a license to drive was South Dakota in 1954.

The old high school had just three classrooms, four grades to each room. Miss Janet Armstrong taught 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Miss Rose Leadley taught 5th, 6th 7th and 8th. Principal Lewis Stapley taught everything except 1st year English to the freshman class. He was a very busy man. Miss Armstrong taught freshman English at the end of her already busy day.

The next term when school started another classroom had been added and another teacher, Mrs. Bessie Franklin Whitney, joined the faculty. More pupils came in from surrounding districts and more subjects were added – 1st year Latin, bookkeeping, physical geography and English History

By the time the building burned in April, 1935 the school had grown until two portable outside classrooms had been constructed for the grades, two teachers added and the high school course had grown from a three-year course to a four-year one.

As a result of the first Regents' examinations held in the Pavilion Union school in January preliminary certificates have been granted to Misses May Tufts, Cecelia Shaw, Iona Graves, Mary Abell, Elsie Hutchinson and Mildred Riley. There were seven other students who lacked but one subject to obtain a certificate, but it is believed that this will be gained at the March examinations, which are to be held on March 29, 20, 31. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. March 8, 1905

Regents' examinations will be held at the Union School this week. A fee of twenty-five cents will be charged nonresident students not now attending the school who desire to take the exam. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. March 29, 1905

Prof. Louis Stapley, principal of the Pavilion Union School since September, has accepted a similar position for the ensuing school year with the Elba High School. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. April 12, 1905

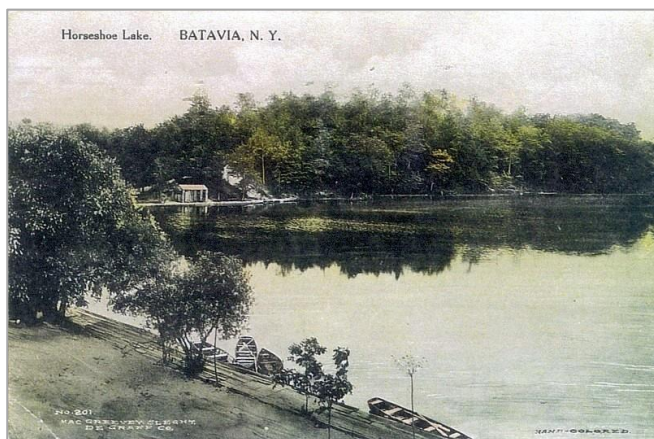
**J. B. McLaughlin**, A.B., of Kendall has been appointed principal of the Pavilion union school.  
*The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. April 22, 1905

When the Batavia High School seniors went to Horseshoe Lake on Saturday last to hold their class day exercises and find a day's entertainment in various ways, it was found necessary, on account, of the size of the class, for the carryall to make two trips. Each load carried a portion of the provisions which had been prepared, and it was this division of the provender that led to an incident that had not been anticipated and was not included in the arranged programme. That part of the lunch which was taken by the first load was eaten for dinner, and the second installment was reserved for supper.

In the meantime another picnic party, from the Pavilion union school, had also arrived at the lake for a day's outing. Without any felonious intent and entirely innocent of any wrong-doing, these picnickers found the reserved lunch of the Batavians, and being sharp-set and supposing it to be a part of their own, they ate it up to the very last crumb.

Consequently, when the grave and reverend B.H.S. seniors, feeling the pangs of hunger, returned toward night from their boating and grove-wandering expeditions to partake of their repast, they found every smitch [smidgen] of it gone. And this explains the cause of numerous midnight raids that were made that night on the home pantries and refrigerators.

*The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. June 24, 1905



In the mid-1800s Horseshoe Lake was known as Fisher's Pond, named for Robert Fisher who built a mill there. At that time Bigelow Creek spread out in that area to a width of forty feet. Charles Snell owned the pond then. In 1897 Charles O. Hodges bought the area and put in a high dam and turned the pond into Horseshoe Lake.

## September, 1905

The Board of Trustees of the Pavilion Union School have engaged three of the teachers for the ensuing school year in the persons of **Miss Bessie Franklin**, preceptress; **Miss Rose Leadly**, intermediate department, and **Miss Janet Armstrong**, primary department. It has been decided that the size of the school and the requirements of the Regents will make necessary the securing of the fourth teacher, and Mrs. Franklin was hired, who will have charge of the extra classes, to accommodate which the large upper room of the school will be divided and each division fitted up for school room work. It is expected that the principal will be engaged sometime this week. *Le Roy Gazette.* Le Roy, NY. April 19, 1905

At a meeting of the Board of Education held on Tuesday night it was decided to engage **Alton Bunce**, of Fredonia, as principal of the Union School for the ensuing year. *Le Roy Gazette.* Le Roy, NY. May 17, 1905

The meeting of the Union School district was held last evening, about 30 being present, one-third of whom were women. The meeting was called to order by G. M. Abel. L. H. Wells was made chairman and Rev. A. H. Mason secretary. The benefits of the Union school were apparent from the report. The past year the school received for tuition \$64 as against \$22 the year previous. The expense of running the school in the years 1903-1904 was \$1,999.16, while last year it was only \$1,771.07. The estimated appropriations for the coming year were estimated and voted as follows: Teachers, \$1,116; new seats, \$150; fuel, \$225; janitor, \$100; incidentals, \$100; books and apparatus, \$50. The trustees elected for a term of three years were Dr. W. O. Burbank and Thomas Quinlan. *Le Roy Gazette.* Le Roy, NY. August 2, 1905

The Pavilion Union School opened for its fall term Tuesday with Alton Bunce, of Frewsburg, as principal; Miss Bessie Franklin, preceptress; Miss Rose Leadley, intermediate teacher and Miss Janet Armstrong in charge of the primary department. The total number of pupils registered was 58 - 19 in the Academic, 15 in the intermediate and 24 in the primary. *Le Roy Gazette.* Le Roy, NY. September 6, 1905

Regents' examinations will be held in the Pavilion Union school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and on Thursday morning. *Le Roy Gazette.* Le Roy, NY. June 6, 1906

Miss Janet Armstrong, teacher of the primary department of the Union school for the past two years, left for her home in Mumford on Saturday. *Le Roy Gazette.* Le Roy, NY. June 20, 1906

## September, 1906

The following is a summary of the financial statement of the Board of Education of the Pavilion Union School for the year ending August 7, 1906: Total amount received, \$2,539.40; \$53.53 of this was on hand last year; \$1,820.94 was tax collected; \$325.51 was received from the public fund and \$105 from the state library fund. \$2,464.83 has been expended; \$1,540 for teachers' wages; \$200 for coal; \$197.85 for repairs, seats, cleaning, etc.; and \$285.48 for library books and apparatus. *Le Roy Gazette.* Le Roy, NY. August 8, 1906

At a special meeting of the Board of Education on Monday night it was voted to adopt Milne's new arithmetic for use in the Union school. *Le Roy Gazette.* Le Roy, NY. September 5, 1906

The fall term of the Pavilion Union School opened with a total attendance of 82 pupils; 36 of these are in the primary department, 20 in the intermediate, and 26 in the Academic department. Of the total number 11 are non-resident pupils. *Le Roy Gazette.* Le Roy, NY. September 12, 1906

The crowded condition of the primary department of the Union School has made it necessary for the teacher to turn away some of the youngest children sent to her, as the present number of seats are inadequate for the number of pupils applying for admission. It is expected that the seating capacity will, however, be increased within the week. *Le Roy Gazette.* Le Roy, NY. September 19, 1906

The students of the Pavilion Union School enjoyed a merry-making at the school house on Hallowe'en night under the direction of the teachers. *Le Roy Gazette.* Le Roy, NY. November 7, 1906

The Pavilion Union School has recently been granted the sum of \$602 from the State School Fund. \$425 of this is for the four teachers employed, \$100 as the quota granted to a Regents school employing four teachers and \$72 for the attendance of pupils holding Regents' preliminary certificates. *Le Roy Gazette.* Le Roy, NY. November 14, 1906

Mrs. Emma G. Dietrick, the state organizer and evangelist of the W.C.T.U., who visited Pavilion on Monday, gave a most interesting and instructive half hour talk before the pupils of the Union School in the afternoon at three o'clock. Her topic was "Anti-narcotics." *Le Roy Gazette.* Le Roy, NY. February 6, 1907

The contract for carrying the mails to and from the B. R. & P. station and the post office has been given to Michael Prill, succeeding George Barnard, who recently moved to Rochester. Mr. Prill has also accepted the position of janitor of the Pavilion Union School. *Le Roy Gazette.* Le Roy, NY. February 13, 1907

Seventy-two new volumes were added to the Union School library last week, among which were books of reference on science, civics, physics and miscellaneous subjects, six volumes of United States History, numerous historical novels and books for the primary department. The school library, which now consists of some 500 volumes, is being rearranged and catalogued. A new system of distribution will be adopted whereby those taking books from the library will be under greater obligation to return them. *Le Roy Gazette.* Le Roy, NY. March 6, 1907

Prof. **Alton Bunce**, of Breesport, spent Saturday and Sunday in town. The professor has accepted the principalship of grade school No. 2 at North Tonawanda, which has an attendance of some 500 pupils and a corps of eleven teachers. *Le Roy Gazette.* Le Roy, NY. May 8, 1907

The teachers of the various schools of the towns convened at the Pavilion Union School this afternoon for a conference regarding school work with School Commissioner Stickle of Batavia. *The Daily News.* Batavia, NY. May 25, 1907

### September, 1907

At a meeting of the Board of Education held on Friday night, **Prof. Frank Wheaton** and **Mrs. Wheaton**, teachers in the Pavilion Union School during the last year, were re-elected to their respective positions as principal and teacher in the intermediate department. *Le Roy Gazette.* Le Roy, NY. July 10, 1907

The annual school meeting which was held at the Union school on Tuesday night was attended by about thirty persons. ... Reports were heard from the president of the Board of Education, E. M. Abell; from the treasurer, George Carr; and from the clerk, Mrs. Wells. The reports were adopted. An appropriation of \$1,900 was voted to meet all of the expenses of the ensuing year. The following corps of teachers has been hired for the school year, which is to commence on Sept. 4: Prof. **Frank Wheaton**, of North Cohocton, principal; **Miss Ina Parker**, of Union Hill, intermediate; **Mrs. Bessie Franklin**, of Pavilion, preceptress; and **Miss Mary Higgins**, of Warsaw, primary. *Le Roy Gazette.* Le Roy, NY. August 15, 1907

The annual school meeting of District No. 2 was fairly well attended on Tuesday night. E. M. Abell was made chairman and Mrs. Lily Hutchinson clerk. Treasurer of the Board of Education, George I. Carr, reported \$341.06 in the treasury. The school has received from the State during the past year \$602.06, of which \$177 was the Regents' quota and \$77 for attendance. The president's report was read and accepted. D. C. Higgins and S. O. Hubbard were made tellers, after which E. M. Abell and George I. Carr, whose terms of office expired, were re-elected as members of the Board of Education. Appropriation made for the year was \$1,520. For teachers, \$1,275; general repairs, \$200; supplies, \$50; janitor, \$100; books and apparatus, \$100; coal, \$200. The matter of a new heating plant for the school house was brought up and discussed by no definite action was taken. The meeting adjourned for one week. *Le Roy Gazette.* Le Roy, NY. August 14, 1907

The Pavilion Union School was opened for its fall term September 9. Pupils registered in the primary department are 25, in the intermediate 21, and in the academic 20. *Le Roy Gazette.* Le Roy, NY. September 18, 1907

The Christmas exercises held at the school house on Friday afternoon were largely attended and were most pleasing and satisfactory to all concerned. At the close of the programme Prof. Wheaton was made the recipient of a beautiful leather bound book from the pupils of the academic department, Mrs. Wheaton a fine glove box from members of the class in German, a china cup and saucer and a silver ink set from the intermediate department, while Miss Mary Higgins received a very pretty work box from her primary pupils. The pupils of the various departments were also nicely remembered by the teachers. *Le Roy Gazette.* Le Roy, NY. December 24, 1907

Mrs. Bessie Franklin, preceptress of Pavilion school, has been nominated for school commissioner. *Wyoming Reporter.* Wyoming, NY. June 3, 1908

Public exercises marking the close of the year in the union school will be held in Graves's hall next Tuesday evening. A public religious service will be held on Sunday evening in the M.E. church, to be attended by the school. The address will be given by the Rev. J. W. McDoniels of the Baptist church. The programme on Tuesday evening will be made up of selections by the Pavilion orchestra, choruses by pupils, an introductory address by Robert Reese, an essay by Miss Alice Patton, a prophecy by Miss May Tufts, recitations and readings by Clifford Hutchinson, Merlie Balmer, Gretchen Elliott, Howard Brettle, Zillah Shirley, Czerney Hubbard, Reba McDoniels, Miss Elsie Hutchinson and Stephena White; songs by five girls and Dorothea Gaugles, a piano duet by Misses Olive Page and Georgia Culver, a guitar duet by Misses Mai Culver and Hazel Empie, a wand drill by intermediate and primary pupils, a pantomime by 12 girls and an address and the presentation of diplomas by E. M. Abell, president of the Board of Education. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. June 17, 1908

Miss Mary Higgins of this village [Warsaw] who for two years was teacher of the primary department of the union school at Pavilion has been selected as one of the 100 school teachers to be sent abroad this year, for the purpose of visiting the day schools in England. Miss Higgins expects to sail on October 10th and will be absent four weeks. *Wyoming County Times*. Warsaw, NY. August 19, 1908

## September, 1908

The Board of Education of Pavilion union school has engaged teachers for the ensuing year as follows: Principal, **George H. Williams**, of Geneseo, salary, \$600; preceptress, **Mrs. Bessie Franklin** (reappointed), \$400, an increase of \$40; intermediate teacher, **Miss Florence Hotchkin**, of Geneseo, \$400. The primary teacher has not been engaged. Mr. Williams and Miss Hotchkin are members of this year's class of the Geneseo normal school. Professor Wheaton and Mrs. Wheaton, the present principal and intermediate teacher, respectively, asked for an increase in salary if they were to remain, and the board did not feel warranted in granting the desired amount. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. May 6, 1908

**Miss Myrtle Simonton** of Groveland was engaged on Friday last to teach the primary department. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. May 19, 1908

Mr. Williams arrived on Saturday and will board at Daniel Plucker's. Miss Hotchkiss and Miss Simonton will board with Miss Elizabeth Empie. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. September 8, 1908

The Rev. J. W. McDoniels presided and Miss M. Ella Thomas was secretary at the annual meeting of the Pavilion union school on Tuesday evening. The treasurer of the school board, George I. Carr, reported the total receipts of the year to be \$3,451.02 and the expenditures \$3,316.63, leaving on hand \$134. President Abell of the school board reported that the past year had been the most successful in the history of the school. Twice as much funds had been received from the state as ever before. Dr. Burbank and Thomas Quinlan were re-elected trustees. The estimate of funds for the ensuing year was accepted and is as follows: Teachers, \$1,800; janitor, \$110; fuel, \$250; general repairs, \$200; insurance, \$50; incidental expenses, \$50. The estimated receipts were \$425 for teachers' quota, \$100 for regents' quota, \$100 for non-resident pupils and \$100 on hand. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. August 6, 1908

The Pavilion union school received from the state this year \$786.67, more than double the amount received when it was a district school. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. December 16, 1908

Fifteen young people, members of the German classes of the Pavilion school, were entertained at the home of Miss Ruth Abell on Friday night. Miss Florence Hotchkin, the teacher, whose birthday it was, was remembered by the presentation to her of a souvenir spoon. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. March 2, 1909

Miss Ruth Abell entertained the faculty and the German class of the union school Friday evening at a surprise birthday party in honor of Miss Florence Hotchkin. Miss Alice Patous, on behalf of the guests, presented Miss Hotchkin with a souvenir spoon. The hostess served lunch and a delightful evening was passed. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. March 3, 1909

Miss Myrtle Simonton, teacher of the Intermediate department of the union school, was unable to take her work the past week because of illness. E. M. Abell filled the position. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. May 18, 1909

Mrs. J. H. Miller is filling the position of primary teacher at the union school during the illness of Miss Simonton, the regular teacher. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. May 21, 1909

Miss Pearl Thompson of Castile, who was recently engaged by the Board of Education as teacher for the intermediate department of the union school, has been released from the agreement at her own request, that she may accept a position offered her in the Silver Springs school, making it possible for her to be nearer her parents, who are in quite feeble health.

The union school faculty have decided to hold the annual commencement exercises in Graves's hall on the evening of Tuesday, June 22d. Regents' examinations will commence one week previously.

The Rev. Mr. Simonton visited his daughter, Miss Myrtle Simonton, yesterday at her boarding place with Miss Libbie Empie. Miss Simonton is still unable, because of illness, to resume her work of teaching in the Intermediate department of the union school. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. May 25, 1909

George Williams, principal of the Union School, spent the holiday vacation at his home in Geneseo. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. January 6, 1909

A beautiful life-size portrait of Susan B. Anthony has been recently purchased by the Political Equity Club for presentation to the Pavilion union school. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. January 9, 1909

Fifty dollars' worth of new books of reference and fiction have been added to the school library. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. March 3, 1909

The senior class of the union school organized last Thursday by electing officers as follows: President, Georgie Culver; vice president, Olive Page; secretary, Ruth Abell; treasurer, Alice Patous; prophet, Blanche Wells. Green and white were chosen class colors and the following is the class motto: "Finis est initum" "The end is the beginning." Class pins have been ordered, Misses Culver and Wells will receive 72-count Regents' classical diplomas and Misses Page, Patous and Abell will receive school diplomas showing that they have completed the three-year course prescribed by the Board of Education for graduation from the school. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. March 24, 1909

The Board of Education's financial statement shows receipts from taxes of \$1,836.98; from state (tuition and regents' fund), \$284.12; from tuition in grades, \$79.40; from public money, \$425. The expenditures included teachers' wages. \$1,792; coal, \$155.26; janitor, \$110; insurance, \$66; books and apparatus, \$120.57; incidental repairs. \$133.38. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. July 20, 1909

## September, 1909

The Board of Education has engaged **Miss Edith M. Pfaff** of Castile to teach the intermediate department of the union school next year. Miss Pfaff is a graduate of the Buffalo normal school, class of 1908, and is highly recommended. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. June 2, 1909

The Board of Education on Saturday evening voted to engage Miss Florence L. Hotchkin, who is teaching in the Intermediate department of the Pavilion union school, as teacher of the grammar department at a salary of \$450. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. June 7, 1909

Miss Hotchkin subsequently accepted a position teaching eighth grade in the Northside high school, Corning, NY.

The annual meeting was held in the school building on Tuesday evening, August 3d. The treasurer's report showed total receipts for the year were \$2,770.75. The total disbursements were \$2,377.21, leaving a balance on hand of \$393.54. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. August 11, 1909

The school building is to be fitted for gas and the cement walks are to be rebuilt before the fall term opens. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. August 18, 1909

**Miss Clara V. McCarthy** of Addison, a graduate of Corning teachers' training class and the Geneseo normal school, is teaching the primary department in the union school, Miss Simonton having been compelled to resign on account of poor health. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. September 15, 1909

Prof. Guy A. Bailey, instructor in Science at the State Normal. School at Geneseo, has been secured by the faculty of the Pavilion Union School to give his illustrated lecture, "The Home Life of Familiar Birds" at Graves' Hall on the evening of April 1st. Admission, 15 and 25 cents. The proceeds will be used to buy new song books for use in the school. *The Times*. Batavia, NY. March 27, 1910

The young men of the Pavilion union school have organized the Pavilion baseball association, with Claude Simpson as president, Glen VanDuser as vice president, Benjamin Martin, as secretary, Howard Young as treasurer, Frank Annis as manager and Claude Simpson as captain. The club played Its first game with the Greigsville school nine on, Saturday afternoon, and the Pavilion hoys, although much younger than their contestants, lost the game by only one run, the score being 12 to 11 In favor of Greigsville. The return game will be played on the Pavilion diamond next Saturday.

*The Daily News.* Batavia, NY. May 9, 1910

Union services are to be held at the M.E. church tomorrow night, when the Rev. B. Edward Williams, pastor of the Baptist church, will preach the baccalaureate sermon before the class of young ladies to be graduated from the Pavilion Union School on Saturday night, June 18th. Commencement exercises will take place in Graves's hall. The members of the graduating class are Miss Ruth Abell, Miss Mae Riggart, Miss Hazel Empie, Miss Mae Culver, Miss Marjorie Kenna and Miss Delia Partlon. *The Daily News.* Batavia, NY. June 11, 1910

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The marriage of Mrs. Bessie Aroline Franklin, of this village and John Elmon Starr, of Mich., was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Whitney, on Tuesday afternoon, June 21, Rev. R. E. Brettle officiating. The bride wore her tailored going-away gown of reseda green [a shade of greyish green] French serge and messaline silk [a thin, soft, satin-weave silk] and net waist. Mr. and Mrs. Starr left for their future home in Royal Oak, Mich. The bride, who has been a teacher in the Pavilion Union School for eight years, the past five as preceptress, is a graduate of the Le Roy High School and the State Normal School at Geneseo, and has been identified with the work of the Methodist Episcopal Sunday school and the Epworth League. Many Pavilion friends join in extending best wishes and congratulations.

*Wyoming Reporter.* Wyoming, NY. June 29, 1910

## September, 1910

The school board has voted to reengage the present corps of teachers in the union school - George Williams, Miss Florence Hotchkin and Miss Myrtle Simonton. *The Daily News.* Batavia, NY. March 22, 1909

Miss Florence Hodgkin has declined re-election as teacher of the intermediate department at the Union School. The other members of the present faculty have signed contracts as follows: George H. Williams, principal, \$600; Miss Bessie Franklin, \$400; Miss Myrtle Simonton, primary department, \$400. *Wyoming Reporter.* Wyoming, NY. March 31, 1909

Members of the Pavilion union school faculty who have accepted their re-election by the Board of Education to the positions which they now occupy, are as follows: Principal, **George Williams**; preceptress, **Miss Bessie Franklin**; primary teacher, **Miss Myrtle Simonton**. Miss Florence Hotchkin, intermediate teacher, declines, as she intends securing a position in company with her sister. The salaries to be paid are the same as last year. *The Daily News.* Batavia, NY. March 30, 1909

The annual meeting of school district No. 2, held in the school building on Tuesday evening of last week, was attended by twenty-seven voters. The faculty of the school engaged for the coming year is: Principal, **George Williams** of Geneseo; preceptress, **Miss Maude Holdridge** of Bergen; intermediate, **Miss Clara McCarthy** of Addison; primary teacher, **Miss Mary Higgins** of Warsaw. *Wyoming Reporter.* Wyoming, NY. August 10, 1910

The attendance at the fall term of the Pavilion union school is as follows: Academic department, 33, twenty being non-resident pupils; intermediate, 27; primary, 26, making a larger attendance than last year at this time.

*The Daily News.* Batavia, NY. September 2, 1910

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A New York City school principal was recently fined \$1,200 for kissing his lady teachers.

He no doubt realizes now that good things come high.

*Livingston Democrat.* Geneseo, NY. March 29, 1911

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The board of education is at present wrestling with the problem as to who will "teach the young minds how to shoot" in the Pavilion school during the coming year. A number of contracts have been made out and are awaiting signatures. It is rumored that there may be considerable change in the faculty as several of our teachers have received lucrative offers elsewhere. At the time this information was given to The Reporter, the only teacher engaged was **Miss Olive Pratland**, who will have

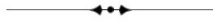
charge of the intermediate department. Miss Pratland is teaching at Pearl Creek at present, and the board is congratulated on having secured her services. Whatever teachers are engaged it is a sure thing that the best interests of the school will be consulted. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. April 12, 1911

After negotiations extending over a period of several weeks, the board of education has closed a contract with **William McEntee** to act as principal of the union school. Mr. McEntee is a native of Pennsylvania. He is a normal graduate, with two year's college training and two years' experience as a teacher. He comes highly recommended.

At the annual school meeting on Tuesday night, Dr. W. O. Burbank and George I. Carr were re-elected trustees. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Burbank, president of the board of education. J. J. Elliott was elected chairman and Miss Amelia Hammond secretary. It was voted to raise \$1865.00 for school purposes.

*Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. May 10, 1911

George Williams of Geneseo, who has been principal of the Pavilion union school for a few years, has been elected principal of the high school at Savona, N. Y. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. May 31, 1911



The death of George H. Williams, principal of the Pavilion Union school about eleven years ago occurred in Rochester last week of pneumonia, which followed a severe illness of tonsillitis. At the time of his death he was principal of Kodak School, No. 41, in Rochester, having taught there the past five years. He came to Pavilion after his graduation from the Geneseo Normal school, going from there to Savona, from Savona to Edmeston and from there to Rochester. He was thirty four years old. ...

*Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. April 13, 1921



The graduating exercises of the Pavilion Union School will be held at the Baptist church on Saturday evening. ... The graduating class is as follows: Lizzie M. Burton, president; Ruby E. Patous, vice-president; Anna L. Wellman, treasurer; May E. Wheeler, secretary. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. June 14, 1911

### September, 1911

Ninety-eight pupils are enrolled at the Pavilion Union School. The prospects for a successful term are excellent, as the efficient corps of teachers, headed by **Principal McEntee**, seems to be making good, and are enjoying the respect and goodwill of the pupils. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. September 27, 1911



At the commencement exercises in June the Pavilion Union School will render a cantata, "The Forest Carnival." *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. April 3, 1912

Principal McEntee of the Pavilion Union School has resigned and the board is looking about for his successor. Mr. McEntee has decided to re-enter college and take up the study of medicine. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. May 1, 1912

### September, 1912

The Board of Education has elected **H. B. English** of Lewisburg, Pa., as principal of the Pavilion Union School, and **Miss Luttenvern** as primary teacher. There is now but one vacancy to be filled, that of preceptress.

*Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. June 5, 1912.

The Pavilion Union School opens next Monday, September 9th, with the following teachers: Principal, **Joseph Holmes**; preceptress, **Miss Nellie E. Long**; intermediate, **Miss Alice Partlon**; primary, **Miss Maude K. Luttenton**.

*Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. September 4, 1912

At the Union School meeting ... an appropriation of \$2,000 was voted and it was decided to shingle the school house during vacation. **Miss Nellie Long** has been engaged as preceptress and **Miss Alice Partlon** in the intermediate department.

*Le Roy Gazette and News*. Le Roy, NY. May 7, 1913

There are to be three graduates from the Pavilion high school this year, Miss Pearl Wheeler, Floyd Paine and Carl Carry. ... The graduation exercises will be held in Graves' hall this week Saturday evening.

*Le Roy Gazette and News*. Le Roy, NY. June 18, 1913

**Miss Mills** of Geneseo has been engaged to teach the primary department of the Pavilion Union School.

The Pavilion Union School closed, Friday, with a picnic in G. I. Carr's orchard. Dinner was served at noon. In the afternoon there was a ball game between Pavilion and Byron Center.

The Pavilion High School ball team played Byron Center High School team at Byron Center, Saturday, and were defeated by a score of 11 to 12. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. June 18, 1913

Prof. Joseph L. Holmes left on Monday for his home in Oneonta. He has had a very successful school year here and his many friends will be sorry that he does not expect to return again next year.

The Pavilion high school closed on Friday. About 150 attended the picnic which was to have been held in Carr's orchard, but owing to the rain, it was held in the school house. A program was given and a delicious supper was served.

*Le Roy Gazette and News*. Le Roy, NY. June 25, 1913

## September, 1913

School opens Tuesday September 2nd. With the following corps of teachers: principal, **V.[Vance] K. Auxier**, of Buffalo; preceptress, **Miss Nellie Long** of Canandaigua; intermediate, **Miss Alice Partlon** of this village; primary, **Miss [Harriet] Mills** of Mt. Morris. *Le Roy Gazette and News*. Le Roy, NY. August 13, 1913

The intermediate department of the union school, **Mrs. Homer Fisher** teacher, was the only department in session Monday, owing to the failure of the furnace to properly warm the rooms. Mrs. Fisher's room was the only one that could be kept comfortably warm. *Le Roy Gazette and News*. Le Roy, NY. November 12, 1913

The Pavilion High School pupils, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Stanton of Syracuse, will present the comedy drama "Way Down East," in four acts, on Saturday evening, November 8th, in Graves' Hall, Pavilion, and on Tuesday evening, November 11th, in the Village Hall, Wyoming. ... The play will be given for the benefit of the gymnasium fund of the Pavilion Union School. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. November 5, 1913

School Picture. May, 1914





At the meeting of the Union School district held last evening four trustees were elected: Mrs. Amy Tillotson and Leslie Texter for three years, Wallace Sawyer for two years and Frederick Webb for one year. It was voted to expend \$600 for repairs on the building and this amount will be included in the appropriation of \$3,000 which it was voted to raise. *Le Roy Gazette and News.* Le Roy, NY. May 6, 1914

Report of Pavilion Union School	
Receipts	
1913	
May 6 Balance on hand	\$890.43
May 27 County Treas. apportionment	18.13
June 20 L. H. Wells, Supervisor, from State	212.25
June 20 Tuition	28.00
July 12 County Treas. apportionment	9.13
Nov. 11 Academic quota	100.00
Nov. 11 Academic attendance	14.42
Nov. 11 Non-resident tuition	276.26
Nov. 27 Taxes	2003.64
	\$3552.56
Disbursements	
Teachers' wages'	\$1827.37
Janitor	130.00
Coal	226.73
Supplies	113.33
Doctor's examinations	10.00
Repairs	398.49
Insurance	37.50
	\$2743.42
Balance	\$809.14
Estimates for 1914-1915	
Teachers' wages	\$2220.00
Janitor	150.00
Coal	250.00
Repairs	650.00
Piano	100.00
Supplies	75.00
Apparatus	25.00
Insurance	66.00
Incidentals	50.00
	\$3586.00
Tuition, Public money, etc.	586.00
By taxes	3000.00
Estelle Crofoot, Treasurer.	

*Wyoming Reporter.* Wyoming, NY. April 29, 1914

Regent's Examinations at Pavilion		
Following is the report of the Regents examinations at Pavilion Union School:		
	Instructed	Passed
Arithmetic	11	10
U. S. History	4	4
Elementary English	6	4
Ancient History	9	9
Physical Geography	1	1
English, 3d year	3	3
English, 3 years	3	3
Algebra	7	5
Plane Geometry	3	2
Biology	8	8
Latin (2)	3	1
Geography	5	4
Spelling	7	1

*Wyoming Reporter.* Wyoming, NY. July 1, 1914

## September, 1914

The teachers for the following year have been engaged and are as follows: Principal, **S. W. Smith** of Barnes Corners, Jefferson county; preceptress, **Miss Mable Clark** of LaGrange; intermediate, **Miss Alice Partlon** of Pavilion; primary, **Miss Harriette Mills** of Mt. Morris. This will make four years for Miss Partlon and two that Miss Mills has taught in this school. *Le Roy Gazette and News.* Le Roy, NY. April 29, 1914

At the annual school meeting held in May, there was money appropriated to put in steel ceilings, kaustine closets and paint the school house. Bids were handed in and the following contracts have been awarded: steel ceiling, George Munger of Linwood; kaustine closet system, E. J. Newton of Perry; painting, David Gay of Pavilion. *Le Roy Gazette and News.* Le Roy, NY. August 26, 1914

The kaustine closet system may refer to The Kaustine Co. of Buffalo which made vitreous toilets for outhouses, that is, they have open bowls directly into the vault pit or holding tank.

The union school opened Tuesday with the following corps of teachers: Principal, S. W. Smith; preceptress, Miss Mabel Clark of LaGrange; intermediate, Miss Alice Partlon; primary, Miss Harriet Mills. The school board held a meeting Saturday evening and appointed David Gay janitor and F. A. Webb attendance officer. *Le Roy Gazette and News.* Le Roy, NY. September 9, 1914

The State Education Department's apportionment of aid for Pavilion, No. 2, in 1914 was \$390.88.

The school board met Monday evening and all the teachers of the Union school were engaged for another year. They are: Principal, **S. W. Smith**; preceptress, **Miss Clark**; intermediate, **Miss Alice Partlon**; primary, **Miss Harriet Mills**.

The annual meeting of the Union School district was held this evening and the attendance was somewhat larger than it has been for the past few years. John Broughton presided and two trustees were elected for three years each. These were Fred A. Webb, re-elected, and Mrs. Clinton E. Eaton, elected to succeed Mrs. Charles A. Crofoot. The other members of the board are W. E. Sawyer, L. Allen Burge, Leslie Texter and Mrs. Amy Tillotson. The amount of money decided upon to be

raised by tax the coming year was \$2,880. The sum of \$150 will be appropriated to build a cement walk. Mrs. Amy Tillotson, the district clerk, acted in that capacity at the meeting this evening. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. May 5, 1915

Last Friday afternoon the teachers and pupils of the intermediate and primary department of the Union School gave a Japanese tea, to which the mothers of the children were invited. The program was as follows: A Japanese Welcome, Agnes Gaugle; chorus, A Japanese Love Song; reading, Customs of Japan, Edward Plucker; recitation, The Rock-a-bye- Lady, Dell Tillotson; dramatization of a Japanese Fairy Tale, Norma Lobaugh, Lois Prill and Kenneth Prill; A Japanese lantern drill, by 12 girls. Punch, cake and nabiscos were served. *Perry Record*. Perry, NY. May 20, 1915

### September, 1915

School is expected to open Tuesday, September 7th, with the same corps of teachers as last year. A cement walk is being laid from the corner of the school building and a steel ceiling is being placed in the primary room. Steel ceilings were placed in the other rooms last winter. At the last school meeting \$150 was appropriated for the cement walk.

*Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. August 25, 1915

Following is the union school faculty for the next school year: Principal, **Herbert W. Crosier** of Buffalo, salary, \$1,000; Preceptress, **Miss Frances Carpenter** of Binghamton, salary \$600; **Miss Alice Partlon**, Pavilion, salary, \$500; **Miss Harriet Mills**, Mt. Morris, salary, \$500. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. April 17, 1916

The annual meeting of the Union school was held last evening. L. A. Burge was re-elected trustee and W. H. Lobaugh was elected trustee in place of W. E. Sawyer. It is estimated that \$3,500 will be needed to run the school for the next year and of this amount \$3,000 will be raised by tax, the \$500 being received from the state.

*Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. May 3, 1916

Misses Stephenia White and Hazel Milligan have been graduated from the union school here. Ralph Taylor is a member of the Le Roy graduating class. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. June 27, 1915

### September, 1916

The building and grounds of the Pavilion Union School have been cleaned and put in condition for the opening of school Sept. 5. Following is the faculty for the coming year: Principal, **H.[Herbert] H. Crosier** of Sanborn, N. Y.; preceptress, **Miss Frances Carpenter** of Johnson City; intermediate **Miss Alice E. Partlon** of Pavilion; primary **Miss Harriet Mills** of Mt. Morris. David Gay has been engaged as janitor. *Western New Yorker*. Warsaw, NY. August 31, 1916

In spite of the heavy snowstorm last Thursday night and Friday, the Christmas exercises at the Union School Friday afternoon were well attended. ... The snow was very deep, so A. [Alton] R. Bunce and Michael Thompson took teams and sleighs and carried people who wished to attend to and from the school house.

*Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. December 27, 1916

**Miss Katherine Stewart** of York, who has been engaged as physical, instructor for the Pavilion union school, together with eight rural schools in Pavilion and six rural schools in Le Roy, was engaged by a committee composed of J. Edgar Philleo of the South street road, representing the Pavilion rural schools; L. A. Burge of Pavilion, representing the Pavilion union school, and Henry Freigheit, representing the Le Roy rural schools, who were selected by District Superintendent Uphill of Batavia for that purpose. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. January 18, 1917

The teachers of the Pavilion Union school left on Friday evening for their respective homes: Prof. **H. H. Crosier**, Sanborn, N.Y.; **Miss Frances Carpenter**, Binghamton, N. Y.; and **Miss Harriett Mills**, Mt. Morris. Mr. Crosier expects to leave soon for an auto trip through Ohio and Kentucky. *Western New Yorker*. Warsaw, NY. June 28, 1917

### September, 1917

The new town board of education met at the school house in Pavilion on Wednesday afternoon and elected officers for the coming year: L. A. Burge, chairman; Mrs. Amy Tillotson, clerk; J. J. Elliott, truant officer. The election of a treasurer was left open for another meeting. It was found that it would cost \$10,800.75 to run the school s of the town for the coming year; there would be \$1,400.75 public money received from the State, making \$9,400.00 to be raised by taxation.

The budget is as follows: Teachers' wages, \$8,510; Insurance, \$105.75; Fuel, \$700; Repairs, \$350; Library and apparatus, \$100; Supplies, upkeep of grounds and toilets, \$225; Janitor, \$300; Medical inspection, \$50; Treasurer's bond, \$60; Salary of clerk, \$250; Other expenses of Board, \$100; Truant officer, \$3 per day, \$50.

*Le Roy Gazette-News.* Le Roy, NY. August 8, 1917

The Pavilion Public School opened this morning with a large attendance. The faculty this year is made up as follows: Principal, **H. H. Crosier**; preceptress, **Miss Frances Carpenter**; grade teachers, **Miss Alice Partlon** and **Miss Florence Murphy**. *Le Roy Gazette-News.* Le Roy, NY. September 5, 1917

The school tax is at the rate of \$4.78 per thousand. *Le Roy Gazette-News.* Le Roy, NY. September 19, 1917

A mass meeting of those interested in the second Liberty loan was held in Graves' Hall on Saturday evening. Assemblyman Wells was the Chairman of the meeting. Rev. Evan Jones, pastor of the Presbyterian church of LeRoy, Schuyler C. Wells, Chairman of the Loan Committee of the LeRoy district and J. P. Samon, treasurer and general manager of the LeRoy Salt Company, were the speakers of the evening. An eight piece orchestra of LeRoy and the LeRoy male chorus, augmented by W. W. Tillotson and Prof. H. H. Crosier of this place furnished the music. Bonds to the amount of \$10,350 were pledged.

*Perry Herald.* Perry, NY. October 24, 1917

Because of a congested condition in the primary department of the Union school, the fourth grade pupils will sit in Miss Partlon's room to study, returning to Miss Murphy's room for recitations.

*Le Roy Gazette-News.* Le Roy, NY. November 21, 1917

The primary department of the Union school marched in a body to the office of Dr. Sweeting on Monday afternoon for physical examination. *Le Roy Gazette-News.* Le Roy, NY. December 12, 1917

In the Methodist Episcopal Sunday School there is an orchestra of four pieces, and the playing is a very addition to the music. The players are Professor [Herbert H.] Crosier and Clarence Dillon, coronets; F. A. Campbell and Ward Crofoot, violins. *Le Roy Gazette-News.* Le Roy, NY. February 6, 1918

**Mrs. Ralph Rhodes** has resigned her position as teacher in the primary department of the Union school, and her successor, **Miss Margaret McDonnell** of Warsaw, who has just completed a successful term of school in the Pavilion District No. 5, [Burleigh Hill District] began her new duties Tuesday morning.

*Western New Yorker.* Warsaw, NY. May 8, 1918

### September, 1918

At the school meeting held in the Union school in Pavilion tonight six voters and one spectator were present. Lee Broughton and Clyde Shumway were elected trustees for three years. Mrs. J. H. Quinlan and Mrs. Della Plucker were elected trustees for two years and Mrs. Amy Tillotson and Leon Hutchinson were elected for one year. It was voted to raise by taxes about \$3,500 for school purposes this year. *Le Roy Gazette-News.* Le Roy, NY. June 5, 1918

Two years ago there were but three Academic pupils [in the Union School]; this year 16. Next year it is expected the school will turn out at least 23. ... The same faculty will be returned for the ensuing year with the exception of Mrs. Florence Rhodes, who is to be succeeded by **Miss Nellie Wells** of Wyoming. *Le Roy Gazette-News.* Le Roy, NY. June 23, 1918

The Pavilion union school reopens September 3d. Tuition for non-residents will be \$10 a term, or \$20 a year, payable in advance. *The Daily News.* Batavia, NY. August 21, 1918

The Pavilion Union School opened very auspiciously on Tuesday last. The pupil registration throughout the week is as follows: Primary, 40; intermediate, 21; academic, 39; total 100. The school furnishings have recently received redressing and all windows supplied with new window shades. *Le Roy Gazette-News.* Le Roy, NY. September 11, 1918

There are as yet no cases of Spanish influenza reported in Pavilion, but as a precautionary measure there were no services in the churches Sunday, and the schools have been closed for a week. Many of the boys had been staying out of school to assist in harvesting the potatoes and the immense apple crop; and it is expected that a week's vacation will solve in a measure the problem arising from the scarcity of help. *Le Roy Gazette-News.* Le Roy, NY. October 16, 1918

Whenever Miss Helen Evarts, the regular correspondent for the *Gazette-News* is on a case of nursing, Mr. H. H. Crosier, principal of the Union school, will handle the vicinity news as her substitute. Mr. Crosier boards at the Traveler's Home Hotel and the telephone number is 25-B. Mr. Crosier has had reportorial experience.

*Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. October 30, 1918

The ban was lifted from public meetings on Sunday. The schools of Pavilion reopened on Monday morning. The fact that our village was practically free from influenza justifies the wisdom of the stringent closing order.

*Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. November 13, 1918



Last week Monday evening Pavilion celebrated the signing of the Armistice in a truly patriotic manner. At the school, pupils were given the afternoon for a holiday, the school bell was rung, and in the evening the children took part in the parade, six boys carrying a large flag and the others marching with the older folks. The parade was led by B. J. Bernd as marshal. The church bells were rung and the people gave expression to their happy feelings in various ways.

*Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. November 20, 1918

The new equipment recently purchased by the [school] board includes the following: A sanitary drinking fountain; a twelve-inch fully mounted globe; three reading tables; a set of eight maps in a rotary oak case; one New York State map in a separate case; a set of thirty-five charts for United States history classes; and two Webster's Unabridged dictionaries.

*Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. January 8, 1919

The Board of Education has engaged Professor **H. H. Crosier** Principal of the Union School for another year. **Miss Alice Partlon** has also been re-engaged to teach the intermediate department. Mr. Crosier is to receive \$1,300 next year and Miss Partlon \$700.

*Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. January 8, 1919

Miss Nellie Wells is ill with influenza at the home of her sister in Perry. Mrs. Charles Morrow is still supplying for her in the primary department of the high school. Miss Alice Partlon of the intermediate department was ill on Monday. Her work was taken in part by Principal H. H. Crosier and by Miss Frances Carpenter, Preceptress.

Owing to the fact that school was closed five weeks on account of influenza and only a part of the time was made up, several students who otherwise would have been fully prepared last week, have deferred their regents examinations until June.

*The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. January 28, 1919

The Pavilion union school is to remain dosed until farther notice and there were no services last Sunday in the Methodist Episcopal, Baptist nor Catholic churches here because of the prevalence of influenza. ... Professor Herbert H. Crosier is spending his enforced vacation, while school is closed, at his home in Sanborn. Preceptress Miss Frances Carpenter is visiting her parents in Addison.

*The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. February 18, 1919

Mrs. Fred Sowers taught the primary department in the union school yesterday and will continue to teach until **Mrs. [Elizabeth] Thayer**, sister of the former teacher, Miss Nellie Wells, who has resigned, is able to come. Mrs. Thayer is recuperating from a recent illness.

*The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. March 28, 1919

The usual vacation of one week will not be taken by the Pavilion school this year for the teachers have expressed their desire to make up some of the time lost by the enforced closing on account of the influenza epidemic. School will not be in session, however, on Good Friday and on Monday after Easter.

*Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. April 16, 1919

**Miss Lula Benning** of Orchard Park has been engaged to teach as preceptress [assistant principal] in the Pavilion union school next year at a salary of \$850.

*The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. April 22, 1919

It becomes so warm in the schoolhouse afternoons that the faculty has changed the school hours. Formerly the morning session was from 9 o'clock to noon and the afternoon session from 1:15 until 3:45 o'clock. The new hours are 8:30 until 12 and 1 until 3.

*The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. June 5, 1919

The L.T.L [Temperance League] will meet at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in the high school room. Mrs. Cleon Wood has been chosen L.T.L. organist and Professor Crosier will give his second talk, with chart illustrations on "Cell Life in Relation to Yeast and Alcohol." The L. T.L. salute and rally cry will be taught. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. June 11, 1919

### September, 1919

The Pavilion school has recently purchased a large framed picture in sepia of General Pershing for the assembly room. The Intermediate department has bought several pictures of other war heroes in smaller sizes. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. October 4, 1919

**Miss Lula E. Benning**, assistant principal of Pavilion Union school, who began her work here in September after graduation from Geneseo Normal school in June, spent the week end at her home at Orchard Park. *The Buffalo Courier*. Buffalo, NY. October 19, 1919

The Pavilion union school is preparing an interesting program, including a play and good music, for Thursday evening. It will be a Halloween entertainment, one night ahead of time, because of a teachers' meeting at Batavia on Friday. Supper will be served. The price of admission, including supper, will be nominal. The proceeds will be applied on the purchase of pictures for the school. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. October 28, 1919

The Pavilion union school celebrated Armistice Day by a parade at 3 o'clock. Every pupil was furnished a flag by B. J. Bernd and the children, escorted by the teachers, marched from the school building to the residence of Mr. Bernd, countermarching to the park, where all joined in singing "America." *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. November 14, 1919

Principal H. H. Crosier has made arrangements with G. Le Roy Collins of Byron, agent for the Redpath Chautauqua company, for a course of four excellent entertainments to be given in Graves's hall under the auspices of Pavilion school. The first entertainment will be given on Friday evening, January 16th by the Century Male Quartette, and the others will follow on succeeding Fridays, the fourth and last being on February 6th. The proceeds of the course will be used in purchasing pictures for the school. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. January 7, 1920



FOUR FINE YOUNG MEN—Personal Character and Behavior Included.  
FOUR FINE VOICES—And Each Voice Cultivated Thoroughly.  
FOUR FINE SOLOISTS—Each Taking His Part With Ease and Pleasure.

The intermediate department of the Pavilion school reopened on Wednesday morning with Mrs. D. A. Chapman acting as substitute for **Miss Alice Partlon**, who has been ill with influenza. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. March 6, 1920

H. H. Crosier has signed a contract to become principal of the high school at East Bloomfield. The East Bloomfield school building is recognized by the state department, in Albany as one of the finest in the state. The campus includes tennis courts, a baseball field and basketball court. The school building was built in 1900 at a cost of \$27,000. The faculty numbers ten and the high school attendance is about 100. Mr. Crosier received the appointment in competition with several other instructors. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. March 12, 1920

The pupils of the academic department of the Pavilion school gave a birthday surprise party at the schoolhouse on Tuesday evening in honor of Miss Lula E. Benning. The pupils assembled at 8 o'clock and awaited the arrival of Miss Alice Partlon and Miss Nellie Wells, who had induced Miss Bennington to go with them to the school building on a fictitious errand. Miss Benning's surprise was complete. The evening was spent in various games and refreshments were served. Miss Benning received a number of gifts, including a camera and a photograph album. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. May 21, 1920

Prin. Crosier, members of the faculty and pupils, numbering about thirty in all, enjoyed a picnic at Silver Lake Saturday afternoon in celebration of the closing school year. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. June 23, 1920

## September, 1920

Pavilion school will open next Tuesday. Professor **A.[Albert] D.[Daniel Dotter]** [1898-1977] of Pennsylvania will be principal; **Miss Lois Benning** of Orchard Park, preceptress; **Miss Alice Parlton** of Pavilion intermediate teacher; and **Miss Nellie Wells** of Wyoming, primary teacher. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. September 2, 1920



The marriage of Miss Alice E. Parlton of this village to Earl F. Kenna of Perry took place at St. Mary's church yesterday, the Rev. J. C. Dobbins officiating. They were attended by Vera Shirley and James Kenna, Jr. The bride was a teacher in the Pavilion union school for the past 11 years and the bridegroom was formerly a mail carrier here, covering one of the rural routes. After a visit in Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Kenna will reside in Perry, where Mr. Kenna is in the garage business.

*The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. October 11, 1922



A fine gong has been installed in the Union School and fire drills are being conducted by principal A. D. Dotter.

*Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. February 16, 1921

The farce comedy, "Safety First" was presented Friday evening by ten members of the Pavilion high, school. About two hundred people were present. The money will go for the benefit of the school.

*The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. May 9, 1921

Prof. A. D. Dotter has been quite ill at the Travelers Home [where he is boarding] and has been unable to attend school.

*Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. May 25, 1921

## September, 1921

The Pavilion high school will give a play on Friday evening, May 12th in Graves's hall. The title is "Ann of Ann Harbor." The casts of character is as follows: "John Thomas," Gordon Allen; "Mrs. John Conlon," Bernice Bunce; "Helen Conlon," Beatrix Milligan; "Crancy Taylor," Thomas Kenna; "Ann", Dell Tillotson ; "Patty", Henry Quinlin; "Flossie Wright," Mary Simmons; "Holden," Leslie Dillon. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. May 3, 1922

The board of education has engaged **Mark L. Anderson** of Windsor as principal and **Miss Rachel Messinger** of Rochester as preceptress of the Pavilion union school for the ensuing year. Mr. Anderson has had several years' experience in teaching and Miss Messinger is a graduate of the University of Rochester. Besides the regular academic subjects she expects to teach physical training. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. July 21, 1921

## September, 1922

Pavilion school district's budget for 1922-23 is \$8,092.85, the amount to be raised by taxation being \$5,167.86. J. C. Bliss was elected trustee, for three years to succeed Miss Catherine Quinlan and Leon Phelps was elected to serve the unexpired term of H. W. Plucker, who resigned. The meeting last evening, which was called by Mrs. Herbert Lobaugh, was attended by 12 persons.

Following is a list of the appropriations: Instructional service, \$6,625; operation, \$925; maintenance, \$200; capital outlay, \$128.35; fixed charges, \$154.50; incidental, \$100.

*The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. August 2, 1922

Principal Anderson of the Union School faculty expects to move his family into the S. J. Bond house about the 15th of this month. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. September 6, 1922

**Miss Elizabeth Gosselin** of Syracuse, who is the fifth teacher at the Union school, will spend the winter with Mrs. Nellie Morgan at G. I. Carr's. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. September 13, 1922

A new flagpole was raised on the school grounds last Saturday.

The following names were placed on the honor roll of the Pavilion Union School for the month of October: Mildred Anderson, Margaret Peterson, Paul Quinlan, Lorena Starr, Grace Anderson, Iva Curry and John Thompson.

The pupils of the intermediate room, under the direction of their teacher **Mrs. Thayer**, marched about the village carrying jack-o-lanterns and singing Hallowe'en songs. They called at many houses leaving flowers and some other gifts. This way of celebrating Hallowe'en reflects credit on both the pupils and their teacher. They were accompanied by Elizabeth Gosselin, one of the other teachers. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. November 8, 1922

On account of sickness of Prof. Anderson the school will be closed all this week.

*The Pavilion Pantagraph.* Pavilion, NY. March 7, 1923

### September, 1923

The Board of Education has selected the faculty for the high school for the ensuing year. Principal, **Henry R. Wylie**, of Pleasantville, N.Y., mathematics and science; preceptress, **Miss Ethel M. Alley**, Waterville, Me., English, Latin and French; junior high, **Miss Mary F. Curran**, Warsaw, English and History; intermediate department, **Miss Elizabeth M. Thayer**, Wyoming; primary department, **Miss Nellie Wells**, Wyoming.

*Le Roy Gazette-News.* Le Roy, NY. May 16, 1923

The Pavilion High School and seventh and eighth grade pupils held their picnic at the Walker grounds at Silver Lake, Saturday. *Perry Herald.* Perry, NY. June 25, 1924

### September, 1924

**Miss Mary Muller** of Le Roy and **Miss Elizabeth Gosselin** of Pavilion High school faculty ...

*The Western New Yorker.* Warsaw, NY. July 5, 1923

The annual school meeting of District No. 2 was held at the school house Tuesday evening August 7th when three trustees were elected as follows: Leon Phelps, three years to succeed himself; William Reinhart, three years, to succeed Charles Fairbanks and John Miller, one year to succeed Edward Gaugle.

The budget for the ensuing year was made up as follows: General control, \$50; other expenses of the board, \$50; teachers' salaries, \$7,200; supplies used for instruction, \$100; fuel, \$600; janitor, \$275; janitor's supplies, \$75; care of grounds, \$10; building repairs, \$50; painting, \$300; repair or replace toilets, \$500; other expenses if maintenance, \$25; insurance, \$99.50; medical inspection, \$50; estimated public money, \$2,300, leaving \$7,475.50 to be raised by taxation.

*Le Roy Gazette-News.* Le Roy, NY. August 15, 1923

The Pavilion Union School will close Friday so the teachers and pupils will be able to attend Batavia Fair.

*Perry Herald.* Perry, NY. September 17, 1924

Graves Hall was filled to capacity, Friday evening when the High School presented "When a Feller Needs a Friend," [a farce in three acts, written by J. C. McMullen in 1920]. Parts were well taken. At the first intermission a solo "In the Garden of To-morrow" was rendered by Miss Veronica Donegan and during the second intermission, a little Alabama Minstrel show was given by a group of boys which was rather humorous. At the close a song by the school was given "Boosting the Old High School." *Perry Herald.* Perry, NY. March 18, 1925

### September, 1925

**Clarence [Augustus] Brooks** [1877-1960], who has been principal of the Byron Union School several years, is moving to Pavilion where he will become principal of the school at that place. *Holley Standard.* Holley, NY. August 7, 1924

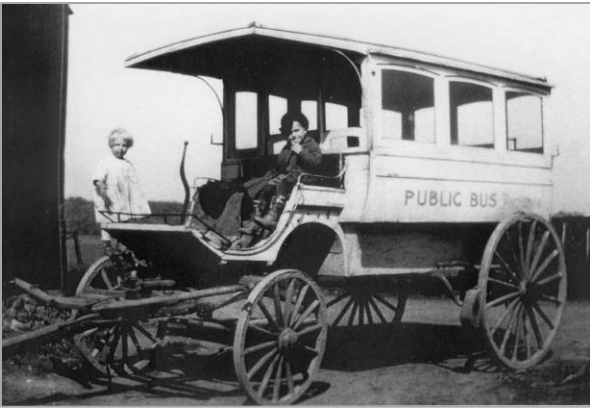
[C. A. Brooks served as principal of the Pavilion school until his retirement in 1947.]

The Board of Education has completed the work of selecting the faculty for the high school for the coming year. Principal **C. A. Brooks** has been elected for the second year; **Miss Marjorie Bickford** of Rochester to take the place of Miss Ethel Alley, resigned; **Miss Mae Munger**, junior high, third year; **Miss Veronica Donegan**, second year, intermediate, and **Miss Nellie Wells**, eighth year, primary. *Le Roy Gazette-News.* Le Roy, NY. April 15, 1925

All but two of the Burleigh Hill district school [No.5] pupils will attend Pavilion union school this year, being transported to and from the district school house morning and night. All the rooms and the hall in the union school building have been newly redecorated during the vacation and much of the woodwork has been varnished.

*Le Roy Gazette-News.* Le Roy, NY. September 9, 1925

School opened last week with 100 pupils. *Le Roy Gazette-News.* Le Roy, NY. September 16, 1925



In September, 1925 Charles A. Tufts was hired to meet students outside the Burleigh Hill school house and transport them to the Union School in Pavilion.

The horse-drawn bus opened at the back and had benches along each side beneath the windows. The bus was painted yellow.

Pictured on the bus are two of Mr. Tuft's grandchildren: Alta Rudgers and her brother Charles.

Principal C. A. Brooks will conduct the literacy test for new voters at Graves' hall Monday evening, October 26th, at 7 P.M. - 8 P.M. and on Election day at the high school building from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M.

*Buffalo Evening News.* Buffalo, NY. October 27, 1925

The Pavilion High School will give a play "A Fortunate Calamity" in Graves Hall Dec 11th and 12th Friday and Saturday. Friday evening's play will not begin until 8:30 on account of the Teachers Training School being held at the M. E. church, Pavilion on that day and continuing until 8:30 P. M. Saturday night's play will begin at 8 P. M. The proceeds will be used to defray the Senior class expenses to Washington during Easter vacation. *Perry Herald.* Perry, NY. December 9, 1925

The Union School building was wired for electricity in 1926.

[The amateur circus entertainment] "The Combined Adam Hindpaw and Barn Door Bail Hay Ringless Circus" will be presented by Pavilion Union School pupils Thursday evening Mar. 11th, in Graves Hall.

*Perry Herald.* Perry, NY. March 10, 1926

Principal and Mrs. C. A. Brooks and Miss Marjorie Bickford, chaperoned the Senior Class of the Pavilion High School, composed of Bernice Bunce, Beatrice Milligan and George and Thelma Starr on a trip to Washington Friday.

*Perry Herald.* Perry, NY. April 7, 1926

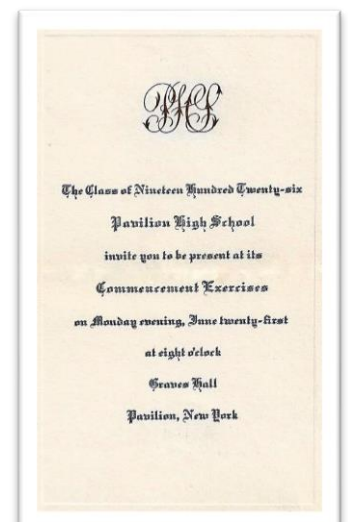
Robert Bradley of the Bailey's Mills district has declared he will appeal to the state department of education at Albany regarding the decision of the voters Tuesday, designating the Pavilion union school as the academic institution to which its pupils may be sent. Under the state educational law, the expense of tuition is divided between the state and district.

At present Mr. Bradley is the only resident of the Bailey's Mills district sending children to a high school. He sends his children to the Le Roy High school. The district for the last three years has refused to designate the Le Roy High school. Mr. Bradley has previously appealed the action of the district in approving the Pavilion school.

The rural school districts of Le Roy and vicinity are practically united in their opposition to the Joiner bill, providing for the consolidation of the country districts and at their annual meetings voted appropriations to assist in fighting the measure.

*Buffalo Evening News.* Buffalo, NY. May 6, 1926

The Baccalaureate sermon was preached by Rev. E. E. Sanderson at the M. E. church on Sunday evening for the 1926 graduating class of Pavilion Union School. The graduation exercises were held in Graves Hall on Monday evening at 8 p. m. The program was as follows: Valedictory, Bernice Bunce; Salutatory, Beatrice Milligan; Prophecy, George Starr; Will, Thelma Starr. Original essays were given on "Immigration" by Thelma Starr, "History repeats itself" Bernice Bunce, "The Marvels of our Modern Age," George Starr; "Imagination," Beatrice Milligan. A vocal solo by Miss Veronica Donegan, school songs by the Glee Club under the direction of Miss Donegan and a violin solo by Donald Brooks completed the program. *Perry Herald.* Perry, NY. June 23, 1926





## September, 1926

**Mrs. Fairolla Weaver** of Peoria has been engaged as teacher for the Pavilion school the coming year.

*Buffalo Evening News.* Buffalo, NY. May 28, 1926

### UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS BALANCE OF \$2,404

The financial report of District No. 2 of Pavilion shows that for the fiscal year just ended, there was a balance on hand of \$2404.45 and that the cost of operating the school was \$10,512.. The report is as follows: Receipts- Bank balance, August first, 1925:\$1857.37; received from taxes, \$7703.00; from county treasurer, \$1016.37; received from Supervisor state aid, \$1722.40; from individual tuition, \$617.50 making a total of \$12,916.64

Disbursements - Clerk's salary, \$50; stationary, \$15.23; telephone bills, 95 cents; expenses on commencement, \$26.36; teachers' salaries, \$8,028.00; supplies used in teaching, \$62.42; other expenses of instruction, \$32.38; janitor's salary. \$325.00; fuel, \$725.44; light bills, \$28.10; janitor's supplies, \$104.33; care of grounds, mowing,\$7.00; hauling away garbage, \$1.50; upkeep of grounds, \$7.20; repairs and redecorating buildings, \$279.33; repairs to heating and lighting equipment, \$81.79; repairs and replacement of furniture, \$23.50; repairs on other equipment, 80 cents; insurance, \$154.39; wiring building for electricity, \$235.29; new furniture, \$31.74; sewing machine, \$58.48; new books, \$55.00; replacement of books, \$27.86; medical inspection, \$50.00; total \$10512.19; balance on hand July 28, 1926, \$2404.45.

*Le Roy Gazette-News.* Le Roy, NY. August 4, 1926

Pavilion School Crowded - Pavilion has 45 students in the High school department. 29 of which are non-residents. In the intermediate department there are 26, in the primary 27, and in the seventh and eighth grades 21 making 118, 25 more than last year. The state pays \$122 for each non-resident high school pupil and \$44 for each non-resident pupil in the grades. There are six teachers. Sixteen new seats had to be put in to accommodate the pupils.

*Buffalo Evening News.* Buffalo, NY. September 16, 1926

Professor **Clarence Brooks**, **Miss May Mannigan**, **Miss Veronica Donegan**, **Miss Nellie Wells**, **Miss Ruth Beecher** and **Miss Madeline Christensen** of the school faculty attended a conference of teachers of Genesee county, which was held at Bergen, Friday. *Le Roy Gazette-News.* Le Roy, NY. October 10, 1926

The pupils of the grades in the high school gave an entertainment in the Graves' hall Friday evening. The primary children gave an entertainment on "Health," under the direction of their teacher, Miss N. Wells. The pupils of the intermediate department gave a musical fairy play under the direction of Miss Veronica Donegan, "The Mid-Summer Eve," and the Junior high school pupils gave "The Downfall of Bad English" under the direction of Miss May Mannigan, the English teacher. The proceeds will go to purchase stereopticon slides. *Buffalo Evening News.* Buffalo, NY. June 4, 1927

## September, 1927

Enrollment eventually became so large that the school eventually outgrew its original building.

Work on the portable building recently purchased by the Pavilion Union school district to house the seventh and eighth grades has begun. The foundation is finished and the material, a combination of asbestos and lumber, is expected this week. The building will be located 18 feet south of the main building and will be equipped with desks and seats for forty pupils, a teacher's desk, furnace and ventilation system and will be fire proof. The dimensions will be 36 feet 8 inches by 20 feet 8 inches. It will cost around \$2500 and will be paid for out of the fund of \$3,400 of school money left over from last year and now in the school treasury. The building will be ready for occupancy by the time school opens for the fall term, which begins September 8th. [A second portable building would later be added north of the main schoolhouse.]

*Le Roy Le Roy Gazette-News.* Le Roy, NY. September 14, 1927



The Pavilion Union school opened Tuesday with Principal, **Clarence A. Brooks** high school and grades, **Miss Harriet Grant** of Auburn, **Miss Ruth Beecher** of Rochester, **Miss Mae Mannigan** of Harrisville, **Miss Veronica Donegan** of Lima [seated on the right], **Miss Nellie Wells** of Wyoming.

The total attendance is 134 of which 50 are in the high school, 33 in the seventh and eighth grades, 34 in the intermediate and 27 in the primary grades. On account of the crowded condition of the school building it was necessary to purchase a portable building to house the seventh and eighth grades. It was not completed at the opening of school so a room in the old Methodist church was fitted up with desks and seats and those grades will be taught there until the new building is ready. Only for this temporary room there

would have been 40 more pupils than seats at the opening of school. A telephone has been installed in the school building. The number is 15-A. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. September 14, 1927

#### Pavilion May Have New School - Present Building and Equipment Inadequate

For some time there has been some talk in the Pavilion Union school district as the need of a modern school building. The present building is inadequate to fill the needs of the rapidly growing school. It was necessary to erect the past summer a portable building to house the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. It is also desired to change the grade from a medium three years to a full high school course. In response to that desire, L. P. Smith, an inspector of schools, came to Pavilion and made an inspection of the building. He urges a speedy drive for an entire new plant. No addition should be made to the one and only those repairs made that are absolutely necessary he said. The inspector also recommends advancement to high school grade as soon as the following conditions have been met: \$100 for apparatus for physics and general science; \$200 for library books, \$100 of this for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade books and \$100 for high school set of maps for History A. At present the physics apparatus is valued at \$287 and the Biology apparatus at \$110, including a good microscope and set of slides. General science is being taught and requires some additional apparatus. There are 587 volumes in the library, 100 of which are well worn fiction. The inspector also recommends that the high school salary schedule should be raised to \$1,400 minimum, \$2,000 maximum; partition off the front of the portable building for a cloak room and building a storm shed over the door. The school board authorized meeting the first four conditions and the principal has completed lists of apparatus and books.

The present school building was erected in 1893 and stands on a hill north and east of the village. The first floor has two large grade rooms with 33 and 24 pupils respectively. The second floor has a large high school study hall, with 49 pupils, two small recitation rooms, a small laboratory which also houses the library.

In 1923 there were six high school pupils and in 1927 there were 47 of whom 31 are non-resident from the nine districts. The inspector states that the gain is largely the work of Principal Clarence A. Brooks, who is in his fourth year. He has improved the school in many ways. Of the three grades teachers the inspector states that they are the best he has seen in any small school and shows the wisdom of the salary schedule, which will hold the best. Miss Wells has been here nine years, Miss Mannigan five and Miss Donegan four. Each of the high school teachers has six classes. The inspector states that aside from the building, the organization is excellent and the instruction above the average. The high school teachers aside from the principal are Miss Harriet Grant and Miss Ruth Beecher. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. February 8, 1928

The children received the first inoculation against diphtheria at the Toxin Anti Toxin clinic held Friday morning at the Pavilion high school building. Dr. Sweeting was in charge of the clinic. ... Three inoculations are necessary to complete the immunization against the disease. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. February 29, 1928

In 1928 the senior class issued a yearbook-literary anthology, *L'Echo*. The book contained about 48 pages and was dedicated to Principal Clarence A. Brooks. This was the first time a school annual had been attempted by a class in the union school; there were ten graduates. Two other *Lech*'s were published - 1929 and 1930. It wasn't until 1936 that a class published the next yearbook.

The following is an excerpt from yearbook concerning the Class of 1928's history: On April fifteenth the happy group of four Seniors and one Junior, chaperoned by Miss Grant, Departed for Washington, D.C. They spent ten days visiting points of interest in Washington, Philadelphia and Atlantic City. Though it was a tired party of travelers that returned, as was proven by the porter having to help them off the train with nightclothes in their arms, nevertheless, a more enthusiastic group of boosters for the Washington trip would have been hard to find.



Charles Carter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence A. Brooks of Pavilion, formerly of West Sweden, narrowly escaped death by drowning in Silver Lake during the picnic for the students of the Pavilion High School. Robert Brooks, brother of Carter, jumped into the lake in an attempt to save the lad, but went beyond his depth. John Mitchell, another student seeing the result, went to the rescue. He brought Carter to shore as he was sinking for the last time. He will recover. All three boys attend the Pavilion High School. They were sliding down the toboggan at the time of the accident. When Carter's turn came to slide, he shot down at such speed that he was carried far out in the lake. He could not swim, and sank. Robert Brooks returned to the shore unaided when he realized that Carter would be rescued. Professor Brooks formerly was a teacher at West Sweden. He is now principal of the Pavilion High School. *The Standard*. Holley, NY. July 5, 1928



Charles Carter went to Batavia High School for his senior year.

T/Sgt [Technical Seargent] Charles Leslie Carter joined the Army July 24, 1942. He trained in Amarillo, TX and Las Vegas, NV before going overseas, August 1943. He served with the 534th Bomb Squadron, 381 Bomb Group H. He was credited with destroying a German fighter plane January 1944 and with more than 25 missions over Europe. He was hospitalized three times; once the hospital was bombed. He was killed in a plane crash at Ridgewell, England, March 31, 1944. Sgt. Charles Carter was awarded the Bronze Service Star, the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters, Aerial Gunner's Badge, Purple Heart and other medals.

An illuminated cross will be placed in the Methodist Church at Pavilion by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence A. Brooks in memory of their son, Charles Carter, who was killed during World War II. Clarence Brooks is a native of West Sweden and taught in the West Sweden School, for several years. *Republic-Democrat*. Brockport, NY. March 11, 1948



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### 1928-1929 Faculty

Clarence A. Brooks, Principal, Mathematics and Science; Harriet M. Grant, Latin and English; E. Genevieve Costello, French and History; Leah Barnes, Music; Mae G. Mannigan, Junior High; Veronica G. Donegan, Intermediate Grades [seated on the right]; Nellie A. Wells, Primary Grades

Miss Veronica Donegan, a fourth grade teacher at 93rd Street School, was honored Tuesday at a teacher recognition luncheon by the school's Parent-Teacher Association. Miss Donegan, one of the school's three remaining original teachers, will retire June 22 after a career of teaching which spanned 43 years. She has taught in the Niagara Falls School System for 35 years. She was presented with a gold charm bracelet by the PTA. After retirement, Miss Donegan plans to return to her home town, Lima, NY. *Niagara Falls Gazette*. Niagara Falls, NY. May 20, 1964



Mrs. Albert Butcher, PTA president, left.  
Miss Veronica G. Donegan, right.

Photos from the 1929 *L'Echo* yearbook.



Orchestra



Boys' Basketball

There was no picture of the Girls' Basketball team.



Baseball

On Monday evening the graduating exercises for the Pavilion high school will be held in Graves' Hall. There are three graduates this year: Lorena Starr, Esther Bradley and Hazel Kinney. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. June 19, 1929

### September, 1929

Mrs. H. W. Lobaugh, treasurer of the school district No. 2, town of Pavilion, reports that for the year from July 1928 to July 1929 the district has raised \$18,136.89 and the disbursements are \$14,758.50, leaving a balance of \$3,380.89. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. August 7, 1929

Fire originating in a carton of Christmas supplies in the basement caused \$4,000 damage to Pavilion High School and will necessitate high school, ninth and eighth grade pupils attending classes in some hall in the village.

Principal Clarence A. Brooks had just dismissed the classes this afternoon when he smelled smoke. Investigating, he found the basement in flames with the center of the fire about a carton of Christmas supplies. Firemen were summoned and extinguished the blaze with water and chemicals.

One classroom was damaged and the heating plant located in the basement was put out of commission. Lower grade classes will be conducted in two school buildings adjoining the high school. Today's blaze was the third serious fire here since Saturday. *Democrat and Chronicle*. Rochester, NY. November 20, 1929

The third serious fire to occur in Pavilion in three days caused a loss estimated around \$5,000 to the Pavilion high school. The fire occurred Monday night and was discovered by Principal Clarence A. Brooks. The Pavilion fire department and a large crowd of volunteer workers extinguished the flames after all except one room of the school building were damaged by fire and water. Two portable rooms attached to the building were not damaged. Flames swept through the first and second floors of the building.

Principal Brooks found that the fire started in the basement, and appeared to be centered around a large packing box in which Christmas and other holiday decorations were stored. He believes the fire started in the box from spontaneous combustion as the fire in the heating plant was checked and no one had been in the basement for several hours. School was not held Tuesday and Mr. Brooks said he hoped to have sessions continue not later than Thursday. *The Batavia Times*. Batavia, NY. November 23, 1929

Fire that broke out late yesterday virtually destroyed the interior of the Pavilion High school, doing damage estimated at upwards of \$5,000 and necessitating the cancellation of all school classes until arrangements can be made to hold sessions in one of the halls of the village. The fire, believed to have started from spontaneous combustion in a packing box in which

Christmas decorations were stored, was discovered by Principal Clarence A. Brooks. There were a few "after school" students in the building and two teachers, Miss Genevieve Costello and Miss Louise Stapleton. They escaped from the building and the principal sounded an alarm. Only one room escaped damage. Principal Brooks said he believed it would be impossible to repair the structure and a vote for the building of a new school is expected.  
*Buffalo Courier-Express*. Buffalo, NY. November 20, 1929

Since the fire last Monday afternoon at the high school building, the pupils of the high school department and several of the grades have been having their classes in Graves' hall and Plucker's hall. School sessions are being held in the two portable classrooms situated near the main building. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. November 27, 1929

The contract for repairing the high school building, which was damaged by fire on November 18th, has been let to William Broadbrooks for \$621 and the work completed. School sessions were resumed at the high school building on Monday morning following the Thanksgiving recess. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. December 4, 1929

This winter Mr. Brooks sent for a charter to establish the American Air Cadets club. Mr. Slocum and Mr. Ewell signed on as sponsors of the club. Club meetings were arranged for every Wednesday afternoon at the third period. In these meetings aeronautical terms were explained and how a plane flies was described with diagrams.

Most of the members got their pilot's pins by building and flying the membership planes.

At ten-thirty on Tuesday morning the week before Easter vacation the club members assembled and made a pilgrimage to the D-W Airport where they looked the planes over and had their pictures taken. For this we must thank Mr. [Russell] Holderman [the airport manager] for giving us permission to use the plane for a picture. We must also thank Miss Barnes, Mr. Brooks and Mr. Ewell for furnishing cars to take us to the port.

Some day members of this club may be famous, and Pavilion may have an airport. Anyway, we all hope so.  
 Adelbert Walker writing for the 1930 *L'Echo*.



Left to Right.  
 Back Row: Stuart Griswold, Ralph Phillips, Francis McGee, John Brownell, William Morgan, Norman Bunce, Thomas Murphy, William Smead, Phillip Christner, Richard McGee  
 Girls: Margaret Powers, Amy Wellman, Eur Dora Knight, Beatrice Bunce, Nathalie Burge  
 Seated Front Row: Adelbert Walker, Wallace Hammond, Lyman Rudgers, Robert Moag, Edward Lynch, Robert McGee, Victor Phelps, William Thayer, Robert Powers, Floyd Whaley

Donald Woodward was the fifth of six children born to Orator and Cora Woodward. Donald's passion was aviation. He was the first person to step from an airplane on LeRoy soil. In 1928, Donald converted 150 acres of farmland into an airport. The Donald Woodward Airport opened in October 1928 attracting what police officials said at the time was the largest crowd ever assembled in Genesee County – 60,000 for the three-day event. Woodward Field was abandoned at some point between 1945-46,

A 1928 aerial view looking north at Woodward Field taken during festivities celebrating the airport's grand opening.



## September, 1930

A Hallowe'en box social was held at the Pavilion high school Thursday evening. A good program was carried out and various ways of raising money, including fortune telling, a museum, candy and popcorn booth and a hot coffee stand was part of the program. A beauty contest was put on by four boys dressed as young ladies and caused much merriment. Dick McGee won the prize. There was also a kitchen band. The proceeds of \$50 will be used toward defraying the expenses of the Senior Washington trip. Wm. Campbell acted as auctioneer of the boxes. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. November 12, 1930

The Pavilion high school pupils will hold their speaking contest Thursday evening at the Methodist Church. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. March 11, 1931

The sixth annual commencement of the Pavilion high school since the four year course was adopted was held Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in the I.O.O.F. Temple. About 400 attended the exercises. ... Four students received diplomas.

The second annual Alumni Banquet of the Pavilion high school was held Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock in the dining room of the Methodist Episcopal church. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. July 1, 1931



## September, 1931

The senior class of the Pavilion high school will present "The Patsy," a three act comedy by Barry Connors, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 16 in the I. O. O. F. hall at Pavilion. ... The proceeds will be applied on the Washington trip fund. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. December 9, 1931

The Senior class of Pavilion high school has chartered a Blue Bus and will make a trip Friday to Syracuse and spend the night there, returning home Saturday. They will also visit Owasco Park, Auburn Prison, Syracuse university and Cornell university at Ithaca, Watkins Glen and numerous other places of interest. This trip is substituted in place of the Easter Washington trip. They will be chaperoned by Miss Louise Stapleton and Miss Genevieve Costello.

The seniors are Dorothy Holden, Amy Wellman, Mary Martin, Helen J. Mortimer, Catherine Boatfield, Jean Brooks, Lorna Fairbanks, Catherine Peterson, Eudora Knight, Marjorie Putney, Margaret Powers, Nelson Bradford, Nelson Brice, Thomas Murphy, Philip Christner, Floyd Whaley, Frederick Farley, Roy Newton, John Bennett, Norman Bunce, and Francis and Richard McGee. Six from the Junior class will also go. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. May 25, 1932

One of the largest senior classes of Pavilion high school will be graduated next week. Twenty-two are in the class. The baccalaureate service will take place in the M. E. church Sunday evening, June 30; senior class night, Tuesday, June 28; senior picnic, Wednesday, June 29 at Silver Lake, and the graduating exercises Thursday evening at the I.O.O.F. temple. Senator Joe R. Hanley of Perry will be the speaker. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. June 22, 1932

## September, 1932

Bert Tillotson has been hired as janitor for the coming year at the Pavilion high school. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. August 26, 1931

Spencer Brooks, youngest son of Prof. and Mrs. Clarence Brooks was taken to the contagion cottage at the Batavia hospital Saturday morning with a mild case of scarlet fever. Supervisor Alton R. Bunce has taken Mr. Brook's position at the Pavilion high school this week. This is the only case of scarlet fever known in Pavilion at this time and every precaution has been taken. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. April 13, 1932

There are 22 members in the class of 1932, the largest ever graduated from Pavilion High school.

*Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. June 29, 1932

The commencement activities of Pavilion high school came to a close Thursday evening with the graduating exercises that were held in the I.O.O.F. Temple. The seating capacity of the Temple was taxed and many who were unable to gain entrance stood on the fire escapes. It is estimated that there were 500 persons present. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. July 6, 1932

### September, 1933

Pavilion High school will open for the Fall term Tuesday, Sept. 6th. The main building has been newly painted both inside and out and the portable building painted on the outside.

With the exception of the music superintendent, **Miss Margaret Carter** of Olean, who succeeds Miss Dorothy Shepard of Fredonia, the faculty remains the same and are as follows: Principal, **Clarence A. Brooks**, Pavilion, mathematics and science; **Miss Louise Stapleton**, Geneva, Latin and English; **Miss Mae Mannigan**, Harrisville, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, General History, Drawing; **Miss Genevieve Costello**, Livonia, French and History; **Miss Martha McKee**, LaGrange, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades; **Miss Verna Ewell**, Wyoming, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades; **Miss Nellie Wells**, Wyoming, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades.

*Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. August 31, 1932

The Pavilion high school has been closed for two weeks on account of several cases of scarlet fever.

*Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. September 20, 1933



Parade of Nations. 1933.

Left to Right:

Belgium, Neva Harmer Hettrick; Hawaii, Evelyn Phillips; Italy, Ruth Brown DeForest; Britain, Ruth Johnston; China, June Butler Burne; Spain, Mildred Baker; Liberty, Captolia Hamilton Weber; Ireland, Leona Bradley Wallace; France Leona Barret Bernd; Japan, Elizabeth Boatfield Springett; America, Vivian Buck; Cuba, Doris Whaley Rudgers; Switzerland, Vera Phillips Wilson

**Clarence Vosburgh**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Vosburgh, of No. 32 Union street, has been engaged as teacher of English and Latin in the Pavilion High School to succeed Miss Louise Stapleton, who has resigned. Mr. Vosburgh is a graduate of Hamilton College. *The Times*. Batavia, NY. October 26, 1933

1934 Boys' Baseball Team: Hugh McVean, Victor Phelps, Edward Lynch, Lloyd Schroeder, Vincent McGee, Donald Cousins, Robert Allen, Charles Morgan, Hayden Smith, Charles Powers, Frank Allen, Wright Newton.

1934 Girls' Softball Team: Dorothy Schroeder, Artie Logsdon, Capitola Hamilton, Vera Phillips, Elma Bunce, Hazel Ewell Neva Harmer, Leona Bradley, Eleanor Waterman, Betty Rudgers



Pavilion High School Class of 1934  
 Standing: Hazel Ewell, Edward Lynch,  
 Hugh McVean, Doris Shepard  
 Seated: Victor Phelps, Robert McGee

**September, 1934**

Thirty-six attended the annual school meeting of School district No. 2 last Tuesday evening. An estimated budget of \$16,502.50 was unanimously adopted, of this amount the estimated state aid is \$11,621.62.

*Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. August 15, 1934

The 1934 tax roll of school district No. 2 has been given to Frank Anderson for collection. The rate is the same as last year, \$7.15 per thousand. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. October 17, 1934

The piano class of the Pavilion high school of where there are six members, met at Milford Rudgers' Wednesday night. A lesson was given by Miss Margaret Carter, music teacher at the high school. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. October 24, 1934



Pavilion High School Orchestra – Mid 1930s  
 Standing: Bill Bernd, Wanda Hammond, Wallace Phillips, Earle Rudgers Charles “Bud” Wellman, Nathalie Burge  
 Seated: Hazel Ewell, Music Teacher Margaret Carter, Verna Ewell

The Pavilion high school girls’ basketball team defeated the school alumnae team by 40-7 and the Pavilion high boys team lost to the Pavilion town team 37-24 Friday evening at I.O.O.F. hall at Pavilion. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. March 13, 1935

Fire believed to have started from a short circuit, last Thursday night destroyed two of the three buildings that comprise Pavilion High School, causing damage estimated at \$30,000. *Mt. Morris Enterprise*. Mt. Morris, NY. May 1, 1935

**Fire Razes Pavilion School; Loss \$30,000**

Pavilion high school, one of the last wooden structures of its kind in the state, was completely destroyed by fire late Friday night. The loss is reported estimated at \$30,000.



Discovered about midnight by Vincent McGee and Charles Morgan, the fire ate rapidly through the wooden building and within less than three hours only the stone walls and a chimney marked the spot. Firemen were summoned and were able to save a portable structure on the south side of the main building [which was later moved to Texaco Town and used as a garage]. One of the first to the scene was Bert Tillotson, school janitor, who rushed into the building and endeavored to put on the lights. No lights came on when he threw the switch and this gave rise to the theory that a short circuit may have been to blame for the fire. The fire apparently started in the basement.

The building, erected in 1893, was two stories high and contained nine rooms. Arrangements were immediately begun to hold classes in the IOOF hall, which will probably be continued until the end of the present term.

Saturday the gaunt smoke-blackened chimney toppled, eliminating danger to the crowds that have viewed the debris. The school safe was dug out of the cellar where it had fallen from the second floor and was opened by Robert Moag and Harry Weber. Although scorched, its contents were legible.

School was expected to get underway this morning, books and equipment having been rushed to Pavilion.

*Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. May 1, 1935

Fire destroyed the Pavilion high school on Friday night and Saturday morning with an estimated loss of \$30,000, partly covered by insurance. The structure was built of wood with two portable rooms attached and stood north east of the four corners on the hill.

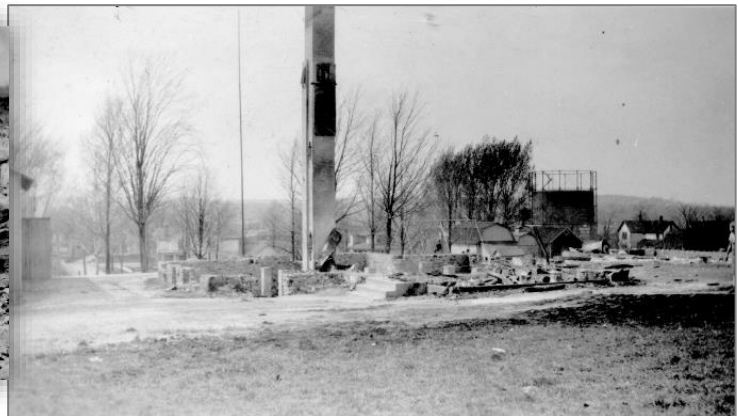
The blaze was discovered just before midnight by Vincent McGee and Charles Morgan. The fire, which probably was caused by defective wiring, had gained such headway village firemen were unable to check it. Apparently, the fire started in the rear of the buildings, either on the first floor or in the basement. The village volunteers saved the portable school room on the south side of the main building.

When the fire was first discovered the janitor tried turning on the lights in the building but no lights appeared which lead to the theory that a short circuit caused the fire. Within a half hour, the entire building was a mass of flames from the basement to the belfry.

About five years ago, fire broke out in the school but with the aid of chemicals and a bucket brigade the building was saved with a loss of only a few hundred dollars.

The building was erected in 1893 and consisted of two rooms on the first floor, one for the first, second and third grades, the other for the eighth grade; and a study hall, two high school class rooms and a laboratory, library and school office were on the second floor. In the portable buildings the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th grades were quartered. Temporary quarters are being arranged for in the Odd Fellows Hall to serve until the end of the present term. Text books of four of the grades were saved but many of the books, desks and other equipment were lost.

It is understood that if a vote were taken by the pupils, they would willingly continue their vacation indefinitely and save the taxpayers the expense of building and equipping a new school. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. May 1, 1935



Following a fire Friday which destroyed the Pavilion village school, carpenters are engaged in fixing temporary school rooms at the Pavilion Odd Fellows Hall. All school records, desks, books, and other equipment were destroyed.

*Genesee Country Express and Advertiser*. Attica, NY. Thursday May 2, 1935

The Board of Education will hold a special meeting tonight to make arrangements for temporary quarters for resumption of high and grade school classes suspended today because of the destruction of the school building by fire Friday night. It is generally expected that the Odd Fellows' Hall will be used.

The brick chimney of the school, left standing in the ruins, toppled over Saturday afternoon and the danger of visitors to the scene of the fire being injured was eliminated. Robert Moag and Harry Weber succeeded in opening the inner door of

the safe and some of the records were found to be legible, but badly scorched. They were taken to the home of Principal Clarence A. Brooks.

Arrangements are being made for books, desks and other supplies and equipment necessary for resumption of classes. School officials expressed the hope that school would again be in session Wednesday. Among the school officials of the county who have offered to extend assistance to the school board in meeting the contingency are: Clyde P. Wells, Batavia school superintendent; Edward W. Spry, Le Roy superintendent; Principal E. E. Van Natter of East Pembroke High School; George A. Barber, superintendent of rural schools in supervisory district No. 1, and Mrs. Eva S. Barber, principal of South Byron High School. *The Daily News*, Batavia, NY. April 29, 1935

The school bell won't ring tomorrow morning but school students will be back at their desks after a two-day extension to the spring vacation occasioned by the destruction of the village school by fire Friday night.

The Board of Education last night approved plans for the use of the Odd Fellows' Hall as a temporary school and carpenters were at work today putting the building in shape. Truckloads of desks loaned by the Batavia and Le Roy Boards of Education were being delivered today.

"We have telegraphed orders for books and expect they will arrive tomorrow or Thursday," said Principal Clarence A. Brooks. "We ordered 60 per cent of our requirements pending a check-up to determine how many books had been taken home by the children over the vacation period. With the fine co-operation of other school districts of the county we are getting along well with the plans and I think all of our needs have been provided for."

*The Daily News*, Batavia, NY. April 30, 1935

School Resumes Regular Classes - All pupils are housed at the I.O.O.F. Hall with the exception of the first three grades, of which Miss Nellie Wells is teacher. They are occupying the portable building left standing after the fire.

*Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. May 8, 1935

## September, 1935

Three hundred and three voters were present at the special election held in the I.O.O.F. Hall on Thursday evening, to vote on the site of the new school and the bond issue. The bond issue of \$147,600 for the school was carried 266 to 32 and the approval of the purchase of 12 acres of land from Geo. F. Horgan for \$2400 as the site of the new building was carried 234 to 64. Three ballots were void and two were blank. The Horgan property is on East Main street just outside the village limits on the Geneseo Road.

Bids for the construction of the central school will be received as soon as plans which have been prepared by Bley & Lyman, Buffalo architects, are approved by the PWA in New York. Construction of the school as a WPA project was approved by the voters at the special election. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. November 27, 1935

## September, 1936

Pavilion Central school opened for the fall term on Monday. Grade one, **Miss Nellie Wells** teacher, is occupying the portable building on the old school grounds. The following grades are being transported with their teachers to the following rural districts which are a part of the Central district: grade two, **Miss Mary Caswell**, to Pearl Creek school; grade three, **Geraldine Tillotson**, teacher, Covington Center; grade four, **Sarah Simpson**, teacher, to Bethany No. 8; grades five and six, **Misses Kathryn Green** and **Martha McKee** to Linwood-York district.

The junior high school will be housed in the I.O.O.F. Hall temporary school building. Grade seven will be in charge of **Miss Ruth Morrow**, who will teach English and history; grade eight in charge of **Miss Catherine Gentner**, who will teach mathematics and science.

The High School faculty is as follows: Supervising principal, **Clarence A. Brooks**; English and history, **Sheldon Edwards**; mathematics and science, **Thomas Armstrong**; French and Latin, **Miss Elizabeth Kilbourne**; Art, **Miss Mae Mannigan**; Industrial Art, **Dermott J. Mannigan**; vocal music and orchestra, **Miss Margaret Carter**; instrumental music and band, **Paul Relin**.

District No. 5, Pavilion, Miss Vera DeLaverigne, teacher, and Middlebury No. 11, Miss Maud Mortimer, teacher, will keep open for the first six grades.

Five buses have been purchased to transport the pupils with the following drivers: LaVerne Stisser, Carl Coffey, George Murphy, Henry Dills and Harold Phillips. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. September 2, 1936

Pavilion, which lost its school building by fire a few months ago, will get a new centralized school. The state education department has already approved the project and 14 districts affected by the centralization will go through the formality of a vote the latter part of this month. The districts included in the plan for establishment of the central rural school are situated in the towns of Pavilion and Bethany in Genesee county, Covington and Middlebury in Wyoming county and York in

Livingston county. The Public Works Administration has approved a loan and grant of \$75,515 for the construction of a new school at Pavilion to replace the building destroyed by fire last April. After the vote on the central school plant which has been endorsed by a large percentage of voters in the districts, another election will be held to vote on the construction of a new school. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. October 23, 1935

The destruction of the Pavilion Union School and the portable building e brought to an end the era of the old-time district school in this community. After careful consideration by the School Board, it was decided to look into the advantages of a Central School. Informational meetings were held and other schools visited. Following this campaign, petitions were circulated in the fourteen districts asking for centralization. After some discussion and ironing out of misunderstandings the State Department of Education granted permission to hold an election on Monday October 28, 1935. Four hundred and forty-five qualified voters expressed their opinion which turned out to be overwhelmingly in favor of a new Central School. Pavilion was the first in this area to build a centralized rural school. A bond issue was voted on and approved, architects chosen and plans and specifications drawn for the new building. Bids were advertised for by December 15, 1935, and contracts let shortly thereafter. Early in 1936, work was actually started. School sessions were continued in the I.O.O.F. building and the portable building and a few grades were taken to the Covington Center, Linwood, Pearl Creek and Smead district schools. One or two districts maintained their own schools during the construction of the new building. Buses were purchased and children transported from the various districts. The corner stone was laid August 15, 1936 with appropriate ceremonies. The new building was occupied after Easter vacation April 5, 1937 and formal dedication ceremonies were held in the school auditorium June 3, 1937. Adapted from *A Crossroads by the Oatka. 1790-1982*.

Four of the 14 rural school districts incorporated in the Pavilion Central school district have voted to close their schools next year; two will be continued and the others will leave the matter to the central school board. J. L. M. Uphill, of Batavia, superintendent of district No. 2, in which Pavilion is located, said it may be advisable to continue some of the schools until the central school is opened.

Voters in Pavilion districts Nos. 1, 7, 10 and 11 preferred to close their schools; and in Pavilion Nos. 5 and 6 to continue the schools for the first six grades at least another year. Bethany Nos. 1 and 8, Covington Nos. 3, 5 and 6, York No. 4 and Middlebury No. 11 left the question of closing next fall to the central board.

*Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. March 25, 1936



The new Pavilion Central School opened in April, 1937. The bus garage was built in 1940.

## CLARENCE AUGUSTUS BROOKS

L. Roscoe Fancher, 32-year-old head of Kings Ferry Central School near Auburn, will succeed Clarence A. Brooks as head of Pavilion Central school. Brooks is retiring after 37 years as teacher and principal.

*Livingston County Leader.* Geneseo, NY. April 16, 1947



Clarence A. Brooks, 82., former supervising principal at Pavilion Central School, died at 9:30 this morning, June 7, 1960, at Genesee Memorial Hospital where he had been a medical patient for two days.

Mr. Brooks was born Oc. 8, 1877. He was graduated from Brockport State Teachers College and taught in Byron before going to Pavilion in 1924. He had been at the Pavilion school for 23 years before retiring in 1947.

Surviving Mr. Brooks are his wife, the former Ida Jones; four sons: Gerald M. of Rochester, Donald C. of Pavilion, funeral director and insurance broker, Robert J. of Perry and Spencer G. Brooks, operator of the Brooks Sundries Store in Pavilion; a daughter, Mrs. John Boyd of Ransomville; a brother, Charles Brooks of 1 LaCrosse Ave., Batavia; four sisters: Mrs. William Heffer of Rochester, Mrs. Leona Johnson of Holley, Mrs. Ward Walker of Bergen and Mrs. Harry Hovey of 133 Jackson St., Batavia; 11 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

The J. Leonard McAndrew Funeral Home is completing funeral arrangements.

*The Daily News.* Batavia, NY. June 7, 1960



Levi Brooks, 1854-1932 m. Rebecca Louise Peachey, 1849-1919

Clarence A. Brooks, 1877-1960 m.1 Mary A. McKenzie, 1977-1919

Gerald McKenzie Brooks, 1903-1966

Donald C. Brooks, 1908-1985

Robert J. Brooks, 1911-1987

Elsie Jean Brooks, 1914-1991

Clarence A. Brooks, 1877-1960 m.2 Ida L. Jones, 1892-1971

Spencer G. Brooks, 1922-2008

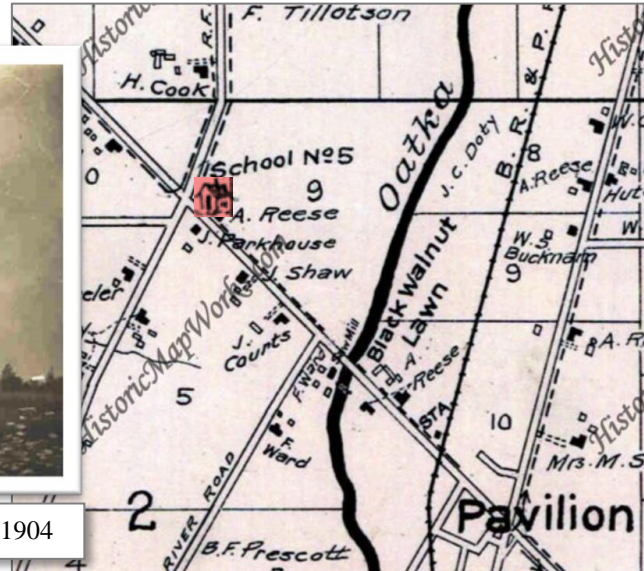
**PAVILION DISTRICT No. 5**  
**FORMERLY COVINGTON DISTRICT No. 1**  
**BURLEIGH HILL SCHOOL**

There were 21 school districts formed in the early days in the town of Covington. These districts were formed by the early settlers in this vicinity, mostly from New England who settled early in Genesee county which was erected from Ontario county in 1802. Genesee county had none or but a few residents prior to that date when its settlement was commenced. The county was then comprised of the towns of Caledonia, Riga, Leicester, Murray, Parma, Sheldon, Warsaw, Attica, LeRoy, Batavia and later Covington. Covington remained in Genesee county until 1841 when Wyoming county was erected. Pavilion was set off from Covington May 19, 1841.

From a 1937 scrap book of information on the Town of Covington researched by Nellie M. Paine



*New Century Atlas of Genesee County. 1904*



The Burleigh Hill School, a log one, was located on the south side of the highway atop the first crest of the hill. This district was formed in 1815 but about 1827 another school was built on the north side of the road and is now [1941] used as a dwelling. *A Crossroads by the Oatka*. Isabel MacDuffie, ed. 1982.

Covington school trustees in no less than five districts are perplexed. With the coming of the new central school five abandoned school houses are being offered for sale but in most cases the land on which the schools are located was either given to the district without a deed or restricted so that it reverts to the original farm if used for any other purpose. Furthermore most of the rural schools were established before 1841 when Covington was a part of Genesee County, some of the districts dating back to 1812.

Saturday the Burleigh Hill school was offered at public auction. Older residents say that the first building on the site was a log cabin in 1821 used for church services as well as a school. [From 1823 until 1834 the Baptists used the Burleigh Hill school for their services. The first Sunday school held in the town was taught by Miss Clarrissa Starr (1800-1895) and held in the Burleigh Hill schoolhouse.]

The property came into the possession of the Town of Pavilion on May 19, 1841, when Pavilion was formed from the Town of Covington. A deed dated November 23, 1828 shows that George Sturdevant of Covington was the donor of the site. The deed sets aside the property for "the use of schools and no other purpose." Whatever property belongs to the district may be removed, if it is decided to abandon the site, the deed states.

Leo J. Bauman, president of the Central School Board and members of the Burleigh Hill school district say that the property will revert to Earl Starr, whose farm the school adjoins. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. March 3, 1937

The following section was adapted from a reminiscence about the Burleigh Hill school that was recorded by Carrie May Tufts Rudgers (1889-1972) in her memoir *My Lost World* written between 1968 and 1972.

School days in pioneer times were short and sweet. I remember my Gradmother Tufts telling how her father, my great grandfather Foster, came into the house one morning carrying his axe, and said, "Come, all you kids old enough," and led the way to the log school house situated at the corner of Tufts road and Starr road on top of Burleigh Hill. As he went he blazed a trail for them to follow, and believe me they had better follow it, wolves roamed the forest, and no youngster was safe alone. The boys could not be spared except in mid-winter and the older girls but little longer – 6 to 10 weeks was a term then and it was up to you to make the best use of your time. A man usually taught in the winter, for many of the school boys were grown men and too much for a woman to handle. In the summer time the small children went and a woman taught.

The building was small, crowded, chilly, poorly lighted; the desks rough, homemade and splintery. The teacher received the munificent sum of about five dollars a week and boarded around.

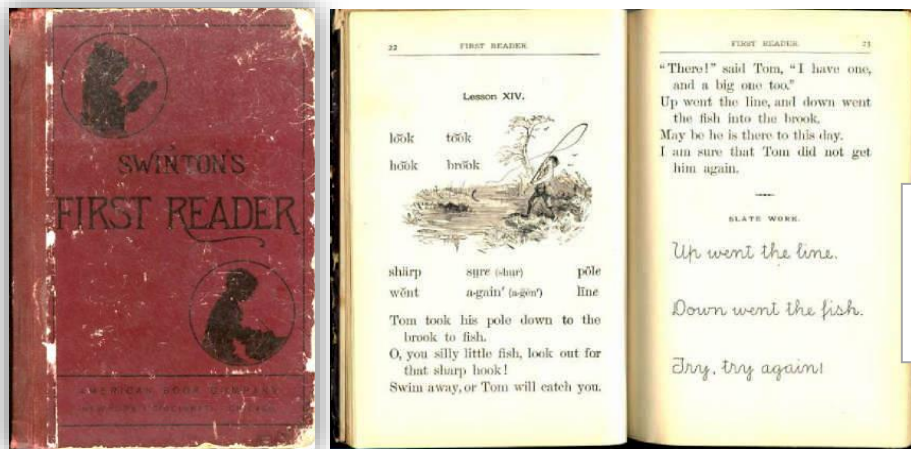
Reading, Writing, Spelling, Arithmetic, Penmanship and some Geography and History were the main subjects, with some attempt at English and Rhetoric. Paper was scarce so slates and blackboards were prominent

Lunches were brought from home and were cold as food could be. Your gym work consisted of from one or two miles' walk over a rough trail through mud, sleet, snow and rain.

Gradually things improved. A new clapboarded schoolhouse was built diagonally across from the log one on land donated by George Starr's great grandfather with the proviso that if it ever was abandoned as a school, the building and site was to be returned to the Starr family. That is how George Starr came into possession of it after District No. 5 joined the centralized school in Pavilion.

District No. 5 lasted many years. My father [Charles A. Tufts, 1859-1946] and his sister Lucy went there; so did my sister Bessie and I.

In my day, school was kept for 32 weeks, with usually a vacation in midwinter when the weather was the worst. Twenty-one pupils at a time was the largest enrollment I remember. I started at five years with a class of eleven, the biggest beginners' class they had had in years. We used Swinton's Primer and First Reader as beginners.



Note that the book refers to "SLATE WORK," indicating that the students did not have paper and pencils, but did their work on slates.

Nine grades were taught in that same room. The teacher was paid about ten dollars a week and boarded herself. She was usually a high school graduate with two years of Normal School. A high school graduate with a year's Teacher Training Class was granted a license and was also often hired.



Charles Foster and his family came from Connecticut to the Pavilion area about 1813. After fifteen years of homesteading, Foster acquired fifty-five acres of land on Roanoke Road overlooking Pavilion. Their first house was of logs, constructed from the trees that were cut down to clear the land. Eight years later, in 1836, Mr. Foster was able to put up a one-and-a-half story frame house. After Mr. Foster's death in 1858, his youngest daughter Sally married Ely P. Tufts and the couple bought the farm. Ely and Sally Tufts continued to live in the original house until their deaths.

In 18?? they sold the farm to their son Charles A. Tufts and daughter-in-law Carrie Branch. About 1890 Charles built a larger house to the north for his own family.

Charles and Carrie's daughter and son-in law, Carrie and Byron Rudgers, purchased the farm in 1916. When two of their children had scarlet fever in the spring of 1935, it wasn't possible for Byron to live in the same house with them and still sell milk. So while

Charles and Alta recovered, Byron and their two other children, Elizabeth and Earl, moved into the upstairs of the old house, thus becoming the last of the Foster-Tufts family to actually live in the original house.

Byron Rudgers sold the farm to Earl Starr in 1942. Mr. Starr sold it to Clayton Ewell in 1943.

The Genesee Country Museum in Mumfordsville, NY acquired the Foster-Tufts house from the Ewells in June, 1968.

David Tillotson bought the farm from the Ewells in 1989.



Left to right: House built by Charles Foster in 1836. House built by Charles A. Tufts about 1890.  
Horse barn. Barn used for sheep and cows.

Charles Foster 1786-1858 m1. 1807 Sally Lewis 1786-1853

John L. Foster 1807-1859

Sampson H. Foster 1808-

Hannah Foster 1809-1881

Elisha B. Foster 1813-1887

Lydia Foster 1815-1915

Lucy Foster 1818-1827

Esther Foster 1820-1886

William Charles Foster 1882-

Sally Marie Foster 1826-1901 m. Ely Peter Tufts 1827-1903

Charles A. Tufts 1859-1946 m.1910 Carrie I. Branch 1862-1927

Carrie May Tufts 1889-1972 m. Byron Bowman Rudgers 1879-1960

Earl Raymond Rudgers 1916-1998

Elizabeth Marie Rudgers 1918- m. Stuart R. Norton 1918-1988

Charles Frank Rudgers 1921-

Alta May Rudgers 1924-

Bessie Tufts 1894-1916

Charles Foster 1786-1858 m2. Alice Hitch 1805-1890



Mrs. Cynthia B. Sprague died at her home in Pavilion Wednesday, after an illness of about three weeks, aged nearly 95 years. She was a woman of remarkable physical and mental vigor, having within the last two years conquered two severe attacks of grippe, and retaining her mental faculties almost wholly unimpaired until the very last.

**Cynthia Bishop** was born February 1, 1799 in Verona, Oneida County. When a girl she came to the town of Pavilion (then Covington) to assist her sister [Nancy] and was engaged to teach a term of school in the Burleigh settlement. She there met and about 1890 was married to Dr. William M. Sprague, who became one of the most successful practitioners in Western New York. He died some 25-years ago. About three years ago her only son, Dr. William B. Sprague, who had made his home with her, also died, and since then she and her daughter had lived alone at the old homestead. She was the last survivor of a family of 11 children, nearly all of whom reached an advanced age. She leaves only four living descendants—Mrs. Celia Lewis, daughter; A. W. Lewis of Batavia, grandson, and Virginia and Josephine Lewis, great-grandchildren.

*The Buffalo Courier*. Buffalo, NY. December 2, 1893

Our common schools are ready for their summer's work. ... **Miss Carrie Whitney** commences at that date on Burleigh Hill. ... *Genesee Courier*. Le Roy, NY. May 4, 1877

**Miss Stella Root** is teaching in the Burleigh Hill school. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. May 5, 1880

**Miss Stella Root** closed a successful term on Burleigh Hill Last week. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. September 9, 1881

**Miss Laura Youngs** has been engaged to teach the Burleigh Hill school during the coming winter. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. November 4, 1881

**Miss Laura Youngs** has been recurred as teacher for the Burleigh hill school for the summer term. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. April 14, 1882

The Burleigh Hill school, **Miss Laura Young** teacher, closed on Friday last after a term of fourteen weeks. We understand the school building is to be extensively repaired. Jasper Starr, trustee. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. July 27, 1883

**Miss Laura Young** begins her summer term of school on Burleigh hill next Monday. This is her fourth consecutive term in that district, which fact speaks well of her ability as a teacher, as well as of the high regard in which she is held by the patrons of the school. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. April 13, 1883

On Friday last **Miss Massy** closed her fourteen weeks' term of school in the Burleigh Hill district. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. February 29, 1884

At the second monthly examination in spelling of Burleigh Hill school Grace(?) and Herbert Wheeler, Eva Armstrong, May Cooke, and Lillian Kenney passed, spelling over 85 out of 100 words like benevolent, eminence, ascendancy, etc. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. July 10, 1885

School commenced on Burleigh Hill last Monday. **Miss Emma Knowles**, of Covington, instructs. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. November 18, 1885

Burleigh Hill school opened last week with **Miss Emma Knowles** teacher, C. O. Armstrong, last year's trustee of that district, informs us that the district had the highest amount of public money this spring ever drawn since he resided in it—\$115.40. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. May 14, 1886

Dr. A. S. Rogers is school trustee in this district, Albert Sprague at Covington Center, Frank Tillotson on Burleigh Hill, George Dauchy on the Transit. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. September 10, 1886

**Miss Matie Alvord** began school on Burleigh Hill this week with eighteen scholars. At the special school meeting held Saturday Trustee [Frank] Tillotson failed to get the necessary two-thirds vote to enable him to hire his wife as teacher. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. November 5, 1886

**Miss Matie Alvord** is having a pleasant school on Burleigh Hill. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. November 26, 1886

**Miss Matie Alvord** closed her term of school on Burleigh Hill Tuesday. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. February 25, 1887

Burleigh Hill school opens next Monday, **Miss Clements** teacher. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. April 22, 1887

**Mr. Watson** is to teach on Burleigh Hill. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. September 17, 1887

**Miss Frazier** began her summer term on Burleigh Hill. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. April 20, 1888

School on Burleigh hill is in session. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. November 23, 1888

**Miss Mary Krarer**, teacher of the Burleigh Hill school, is enjoying a week's vacation at her home in Caledonia. *Spirit of the Times*. Batavia, NY. March 9, 1889



Burleigh Hill school opened Monday of this week, **Miss Mary Bradley** teacher.  
*Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. October 10, 1890

On Burleigh Hill Ervin D. Lord is trustee. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. August 7, 1891

**Miss Ettie Youngs** teaches the Burleigh Hill school. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. August 19, 1891

**Miss Eliza Bond** has been engaged to teach the spring and summer terms of school in Burleigh Hill district.  
*Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. March 16, 1892

School closed on Burleigh Hill on Friday. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. July 22, 1892

School opened on Burleigh Hill Monday of this week with an attendance of sixteen pupils, **Miss Mary Bradley** teacher.  
*Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. October 5, 1892

**Miss Jennie Baker** will teach the Burleigh Hill school the coming term beginning Monday March 20.  
*Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. March 15, 1893

School closed Wednesday afternoon on Burleigh Hill with very pleasing exercises. There was a large attendance of patrons as well as several from the village. Swings and hammocks in the orchard of A. Reese, adjoining the school grounds, afforded the young people enjoyment after the close of the exercises. Tables had been arranged in the orchard, but owing to the strong wind that was blowing it was thought best to serve the refreshments in the school room. The lemonade and refreshments were of excellent quality and all were bountifully served by the committee who had the matter in charge. All spoke in the highest terms of **Miss Ettie Rosenberg** [the teacher]. Presents were given to the pupils according to their standing, each taking their own choice of gifts from the highest to the lowest, and all having done well.  
*Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. July 12, 1893

School commenced on Burleigh Hill Monday, Sept. 17, **Miss Etta Rosenberg** teacher, which is a guarantee of a well ordered school. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. September 5, 1894

**Miss Maggie Thornton** will teach on Burleigh Hill. *The Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. August 23, 1895

Twenty-five scholars are enrolled on Burleigh Hill. Guess the district will not be broken up yet.  
*The Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. October 18, 1895

School opened for the spring term on Burleigh Hill this week, with **Miss Maggie Thornton** as teacher, after a vacation of five weeks. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. March 11, 1896

At the Burleigh Hill school, John McWithy was re-elected trustee; J. H. Wheeler, collector; and Wells Sparks, clerk.  
*Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. August 12, 1896

School opened on Burleigh Hill with **Miss Maggie Thornton** as teacher. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. October 14, 1896

Mr. Rowley, a traveling evangelist, gave a lecture on the Bible at Burleigh Hill school house on Saturday evening last. There was not a very large turnout but the lecture was fine. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. January 20, 1897

School on Burleigh Hill is closed for a two weeks' vacation. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. February 10, 1897

**Miss Maggie Thornton** and her pupils are preparing an entertainment to be given Friday evening for the benefit of their library fund. All are invited to be present at the Burleigh Hill school house on Friday evening.  
*Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. December 15, 1897

Commissioners' examinations will take place at the Burleigh Hill school this week, after which a vacation of four weeks will be taken. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. January 26, 1898

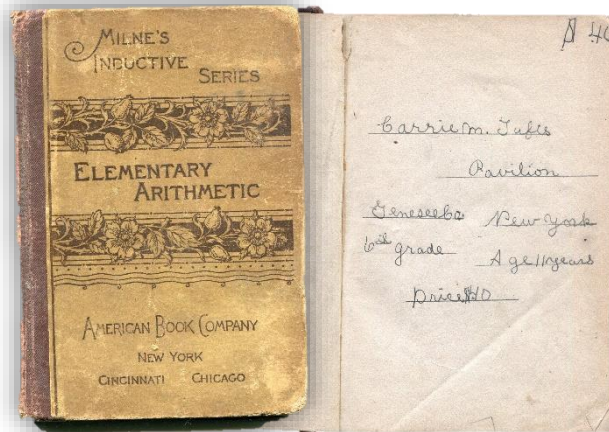
**Miss Mae Bliss** has been engaged to teach the spring term of the Burleigh Hill school.

*Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. February 15, 1899

The Burleigh Hill school is closed for one week on account of measles. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. December 6, 1899

**Miss Mae Bliss** closed her school on Burleigh Hill Friday. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. June 13, 1900

**Miss Harriet Feddie** has been hired to teach the Burleigh Hill school. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. August 15, 1900



The school on Burleigh Hill closed yesterday, with a picnic in Mr. Shaw's orchard.

*The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. June 14, 1901

There are a number of cases of scarlet fever in the town of Pavilion. The disease first made its appearance about Thanksgiving time in Linwood, and, although precaution has been taken, it seems to be on the increase. The school at Burleigh Hill and also at Pavilion Center have both been closed and will not open until all danger is over.

*Democrat and Chronicle*. Rochester, NY. December 11, 1901

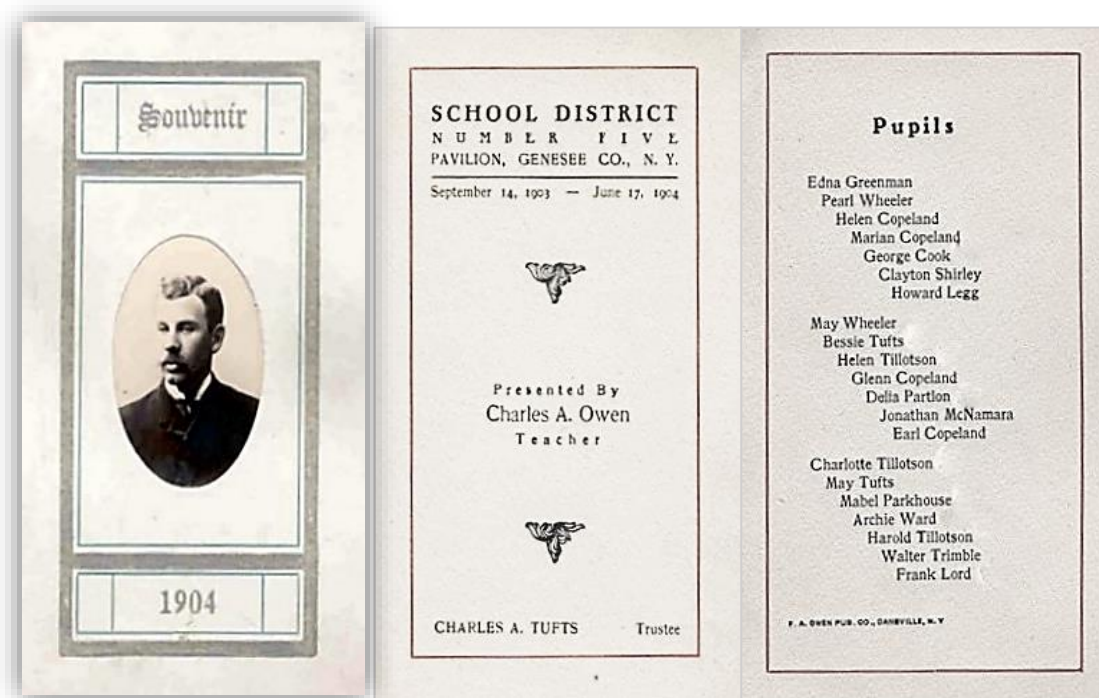
There is considerable scarlet fever in Pavilion and it has been found necessary to close the schools on Burleigh Hill and at Pavilion Center. Mary Partlon, seven years old, and two other daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John Partlon, have died from the same disease. Two children in the family of George Tillotson and two in the family of George Tremble have the disease. Both families are quarantined. *Buffalo Evening News*. Buffalo, NY. December 11, 1901

Charles Tufts was elected trustee in district No. 5, Pavilion. **Miss Maggie Thornton** will be the teacher.

*The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. August 6, 1902

At the school meeting held on Burleigh Hill Charles Tufts was re-elected trustee; J.[James] H. Wheeler [1848-1920], collector, and F.[Frank] A. Tillotson, clerk. **Charles Owen**, of Wyoming, has been engaged to teach the school for the coming year. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. August 19, 1903

**Mr. Owen**, instructor of the Burleigh Hill school, is preparing for the last week of school, which will be in about three weeks. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. June 1, 1904



**Miss Etta Youngs** has been engaged to teach the school at Burleigh Hill for the coming school year. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. August 10, 1904

The Burleigh Hill school is closed for two weeks owing to the death of the teacher's brother, who was killed at Warsaw by falling from a telephone pole. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. January 17, 1906

The Burleigh Hill school closed on Friday with a picnic. **Miss [Nellie] Dauchy** has conducted a very successful and profitable school during the year. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. June 19, 1907

The school in District No. 5 opened on Monday morning with **Miss Martha Gardner** as instructor. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. September 18, 1907

Burleigh Hill - **Miss [Carrie] Prentice**, of Perry, has been secured to fill the vacancy left when Miss Gardner resigned her position. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. October 9, 1907

[Miss Prentice was hired for 32 weeks at \$11 per week. *Trustee's Annual Report*. 1908. M. L. Shay, Trustee]

School commenced September 28th, 1908. **Miss Ada Logan**, teacher for 32 weeks at \$9.50 per week. *Trustee's Annual Report*. 1909. M. L. Shay, Trustee

School commenced September 13, 1909. **Carrie Prentice**, teacher for 32 weeks at \$11 per week. *Trustee's Annual Report*. 1910. Irving Sparks, Trustee

Burleigh Hill school is closed for a seven weeks' vacation. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. February 2, 1910

The pupils of the Burleigh Hill school have obtained some patriotic buttons to sell, with the proceeds of which they will buy a new flag. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. May 4, 1910

Burleigh Hill school will open Monday with **Miss Carrie Prentice** of Warsaw as teacher [for 34 weeks at \$11 per week]. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. August 31, 1910

Burleigh Hill school is closed for a six weeks' vacation. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. January 25, 1911

There will be Christmas exercises at the Burleigh Hill school house on Friday afternoon. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. December 20, 1911

Burleigh Hill school is closed for a five weeks' vacation. **Miss Carrie Prentice**, the teacher, is at her home in Warsaw. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. February 7, 1912

Burleigh Hill school opened September 3d with **Miss Carrie Prentice** of Warsaw as teacher. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. September 11, 1912

Burleigh Hill school is closed for a few days because of the illness of the teacher, **Miss Prentice**. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. November 6, 1912

Expenditures recorded in the *Trustee's Annual Report* for 1913: cleaning school house, \$2.00; cleaning out buildings, \$2.00.

The scholars and teacher of Burleigh Hill school are enjoying a six weeks' vacation. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. January 29, 1913

The Burleigh Hill school opened on Monday morning after a six weeks' vacation. *Le Roy Gazette and News*. Le Roy, NY. March 12, 1913

Burleigh Hill school was closed Friday afternoon, it being Arbor Day. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. May 7, 1913



Undated Photo of Burleigh Hill School Students

For the year beginning August 1, 1913 **Miss Carrie Prentice** installed as teacher for thirty-six weeks at eleven dollars per week. *Trustee's Annual Report*. 1913. George E. Bailey, Trustee

School was opened again Monday morning on Burleigh Hill. *Le Roy Gazette and News*. Le Roy, NY. December 31, 1913

The Burleigh Hill school is closed owing to the illness of the teacher, **Miss [Carrie] Prentice**, who is threatened with pneumonia. *Le Roy Gazette and News*. Le Roy, NY. March 11, 1914

**Miss Florence Murphy** will teach the Burleigh Hill school, this term, and board with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wheeler. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. September 2, 1914

**Miss Murphy** was rehired for the 1915-1916 school year for 36 weeks at \$11.50 per week. *Trustee's Annual Report*. 1915

**Miss Helen Sharrick** of the Corfu Training Class was hired as teacher for the 1916-1917 school year for 36 weeks at \$11 per week. *Trustee's Annual Report*. 1916

In the W.C.T.U. oratorical contest on Friday afternoon in **Miss Margaret McDonnell's** school on Burleigh hill, the silver medal was won by Miss Blanche Baley. The other contestants were Mary Dusing, Thelma Starr, Fred Kingdon, Maud Palmer and Grace Palmer. To each of the last five named Miss McDonnell gave a sterling pin. The judges were Mrs. W. W. Tillotson, county and local chairman of the W.C.T.U., the Rev. Philip P. Sowers and Harold Tillotson. The selection of the prize winner was "The Unexpected Happened." *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. December 24, 1917

**Miss [Margaret] McDonnell**, who has taught a very successful term of school in Burleigh Hill this year, has finished her year's work on the hill and is now filling a vacancy at the Pavilion high school caused by the resignation of Mrs. Ralph Rhodes. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. June 5, 1918

Dr. S. C. Sweeting made the required medical examination of the Burleigh Hill pupils on Wednesday and found them to be in normal condition with the exception of two cases of defective vision. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. May 21, 1919

Expenditures recorded in the *Trustee's Annual Report* for 1919: janitor, \$15.00; for pensions, \$5.91; J. L. M. Uphill, physical training, \$20.00; P. L. Pease Co., Sanitary Toilets, \$150.00; Dr. S. C. Sweeting, medical inspection, \$8.00. Trustee, Earl D. Starr

**Miss Edna Lemley** [is teaching] on Burleigh Hill. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. September 11, 1919

**Miss Edna E. Lemley** engaged as teacher for 36 weeks at \$20 per week for the year beginning Aug. 1, 1919 to Aug. 1, 1920. *Trustee's Annual Report*. 1919. Earl D. Starr, Trustee



Burleigh Hill School students. 1920s.

Front Row: Gertrude Shirley, Dorothy Flint, Alberta Stringham Platten

Back Row: Bus Putney(?), Unknown, Mildred Putney

Girls at Right, Top to Bottom:

Geraldine Tillotson Fry, Florence Putney Stenson, Norma Hunn Moses

**Miss Helen Mullen**, teacher of the Burleigh hill school, is spending the holiday vacation at her home in Batavia. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. December 22, 1921

**Miss Margaret Ditzel** of Batavia is teaching the Burleigh Hill school. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. September 12, 1923

**Miss Bessie Robertson** of Flint Hill, has been engaged to teach the Burleigh Hill school at Pavilion [for \$25 per week] and began last Monday. *Caledonia Advertiser-Era*. Caledonia, NY. November 8, 1923

The Burleigh Hill school district No 5 voted last week to send their pupils to Pavilion school for one year. A conveyance will be furnished to carry the children from the school house on Burleigh Hill to high school here. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. May 13, 1925

The school on Burleigh Hill closed Friday with a picnic at Silver Lake. Twenty-eight children and adults enjoyed the outing. Next year the children from this school will attend school in Pavilion. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. June 17, 1925

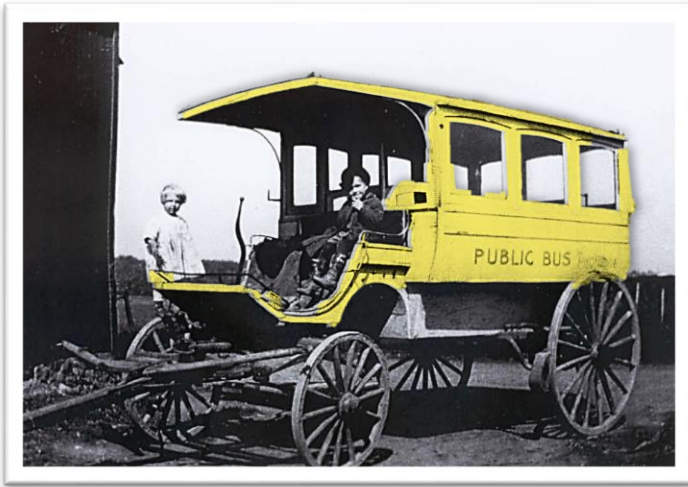
All but two of the Burleigh Hill district school pupils will attend Pavilion union school this year, being transported to and from the district school house morning and night. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. September 9, 1925

The average number of scholars from Burleigh Hill attending the union school are nine. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. September 23, 1925

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A kid hack was a horse-drawn vehicle used for transporting children to school in the late 19th and early 20th century in the United States. The word hack, meaning a horse-drawn cab, is short for hackney carriage. The vehicle was actually powered by both horses and mules, and usually loaded at the rear to avoid frightening the animals.

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Beginning in September 1925, Charles A. Tufts was hired to meet the Burleigh Hill students outside the school house and transport them to the Union School in the village of Pavilion.

The horse-drawn bus opened at the back and had benches along each side beneath the windows. The rear entrance was designed not to startle the horses. The bus really was painted yellow.

Pictured on the bus are two of Mr. Tufts' grandchildren: Alta Rudgers and her brother Charles.



Elizabeth "Betty" Rudgers Norton remembers: The site of the little Burleigh Hill schoolhouse originally belonged to the Starr family as I remember being told. The one room building had an entryway and coat room and the main part held an old fashioned wood-burning pot-bellied stove at the front of the room opposite the teacher's desk, also at the front of the room. The desks for the pupils filled the rest of the room. They were large enough to seat two students and were of different sizes to fit the sizes of pupils from first grade through eight.

I remember my desk was at the very front near the teacher's desk and although it was supposed to hold two pupils, I was the only first grader and therefore sat alone. I don't remember much about that first year but evidently the teacher didn't spend much time teaching me. My mother, Carrie May Tufts Rudgers, was a trustee at the time and when she discovered how little I was learning she organized a drive to close the school and contract with the Pavilion High School authorities and send the Burleigh kids to the village school.

I never knew where they obtained the horse-drawn bus, but it was painted yellow as are our modern buses of today. My Grandfather, Chas. A. Tufts (Mother's father), was hired with his team of horses to meet the Burleigh students outside of the school building every school day of the year and transport them to the Pavilion High School.

On the opening day of school in September 1924, we all boarded the bus for the village. It opened at the back with seats along each side beneath the windows. My Grandfather sat outside in the open to drive the team, just as you see in pictures of the Old West.

I entered second grade that year with Nellie Wells as my teacher. Miss Wells taught the three grades - first, second and third - all in the one big room on the first floor of the school building. On the other side of the first floor was another large room which housed the fourth, fifth and sixth grades.

I'm not sure just how long Grandfather drove the bus. I have been told that one "influential parent" was unhappy with what my Mother had brought about and eventually got the school on the Hill reopened. However, my family never went back. For a few years my brother Earl drove the four of us Rudgers kids in a two-seated buggy - we girls rode in the back and the boys up front. Charlie Gerlach allowed him to put the horse, "Dan," in his barn (which now, 2016, belongs to Carol Logan). When my brother turned 16, he drove us in a car.

The Pavilion High School burned to the ground during Easter vacation 1935, so my high school class was graduated from the I.O.O.F. Hall which was used until the new Pavilion Central School building was opened after Easter vacation of 1937.



The students from Burleigh Hill District will attend school in Pavilion. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. September 8, 1926

At the school meeting held Tuesday on Burleigh Hill it was voted by a vote of 25 to 15 to reopen the school again for the fall term. The school has been closed for 5 years and the children carried by Charles Tufts to the Pavilion high school. Twelve of the scholars will attend the Pavilion school as usual. Charles Brening was elected trustee, Harold Tillotson clerk and Leo Burns collector. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. May 14, 1930

Pavilion Center - The pupils of district No. 1 and their teacher, Miss Doris J. Maher, observed Arbor Day Monday May 2nd at noon. The pupils of Burleigh Hill school and teacher, **Miss Anna M. Jones**, motored down and joined in a wiener roast in the school yard. In the afternoon, both schools enjoyed a May walk in the woods.

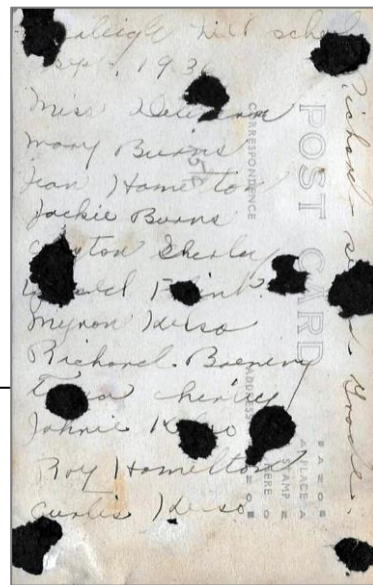
*Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. May 11, 1932

Pavilion district No. 5 School at Burleigh Hill is closed, the result of **Miss Geraldine Tillotson**, teacher, being taken ill with scarlet fever. Miss Tillotson's brother, Harold, Jr., a student at Pavilion High School, is also ill with scarlet fever. About sixty cases of measles and at least eight of scarlet fever have been reported here during the past month. There has been a county health nurse at the high school every day to examine the students. However, most of those taken ill have returned to their classes. *The Times*. Batavia, NY. April 4, 1935

The Burleigh Hill school, which has been closed for the past few weeks because of scarlet fever, was reopened on Monday. Miss Nellie Dauchy is supplying for the teacher, **Miss Geraldine Tillotson**, who is recovering from attack of scarlet fever. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. April 17, 1935



Burleigh Hill School. September, 1936. *Probable Identifications.*  
 Back row: Clayton Shisler, Gerald Flint, Miss Tillotson, Mary Burns, Jean Hamilton, Johnie Kelso, Roy Hamilton, Curtis Kelso  
 Front Row: Myron Kelso, Jackie Burns, Richard Boening (2nd grade), Unknown Henry?



The auction of the schoolhouse, contents and garage of Pavilion School District No. 5 held on Saturday was well attended. Charles Boening was the auctioneer and Harold Tillotson clerk. The sale totaled \$300.40.

*Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. March 3, 1937

Pavilion District School No. 5, situated at the top of Burleigh Hill, went “on the auction block” Saturday afternoon, and after spirited bidding, the building was sold to Alex Gilmore, a Pavilion truckman, for \$100. Mr. Gilmore said that he had no plans for its disposal, adding “I’ll probably cart it away and sell it.”

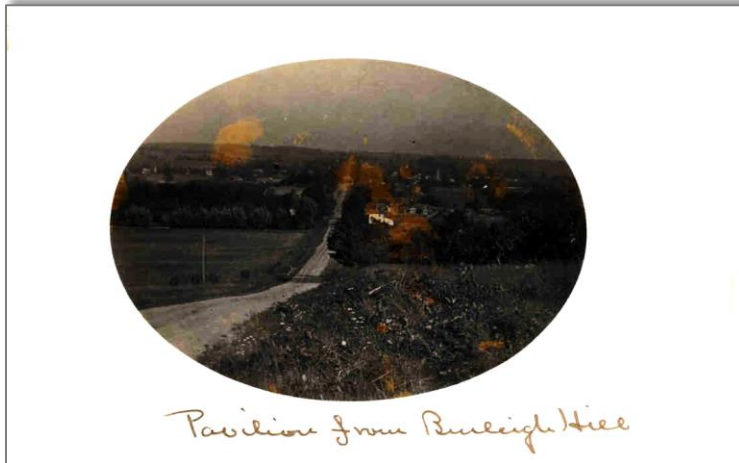
The student body of 11 in about two weeks will transfer to a \$250,000 central school, Genesee County’s first centralized school. The new building will replace 14 one-room schoolhouses in Genesee, Wyoming and Livingston counties.

Mr. Gilmore was also the highest bidder on the school’s garage, paying \$66. Mothers, seeking souvenirs of their children’s “school Days,” paid 25 to 50 cents for the school desks, well-carved with initials of many generations.

One hundred and fifty feet of storm fence which enclosed the schoolyard was sold for \$15. A 15-foot flagpole went for \$1.50. Pictures on the walls were sold for 15 to 25 cents. The blackboards and miscellaneous schoolroom equipment were bought from ten cents to a dollar.

The sale, which netted \$300.40, marked the passing of a school district that has been the “seat of learning” of youngsters in the rural area east [west?] of Pavilion for more than a century. After the pupils transfer to the comparative “palace of learning,” Mr. Gilmore and the other purchasers will have thirty days to move the buildings and other items.

Probably *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. March ?, 1937



### How Burleigh Hill Got Its Name

D. B. Wood, deceased, is numbered among the pioneer settlers of the county [Rock County, Wisconsin], and was a leading farmer for many years. He was born in Oneida County, N.Y., in 1815, the son of David and Sarah (Bishop) Wood, who were parents of eleven children, five of whom are now living. Our subject became a resident of Rock County in 1841, but previous to that time had resided in Michigan, where he married Miss Rhoda Howard, Nov. 29, 1837. On removing to Wisconsin he located in Harmony, where he engaged in farming for many years, owning a fine tract of valuable land, which he at length rented, removing to Milton to live a retired life. His wife dying Oct. 5, 1876, he was again married on the 22d day of November, 1877, to

Abbie J. Root, a resident of Whitewater, Wis. She was born Feb. 18, 1816, in Oneida County, N.Y., a daughter of Lyman Burleigh, a native of Connecticut, who died in 1863, his wife surviving him until April 1, 1886. There was also one son in the family, Horace Bishop Burleigh, who was born Feb. 17, 1819.

Mr. Wood was a trustee of the Congregational Church, and took a deep interest in religious matters, being a leading worker in the society. He was also a friend to education, serving on the school board for some years, and in politics was a stalwart supporter of the Republican party. His death occurred in May, 1882, and proved a loss to the entire community. He was an honored pioneer, having witnessed almost the entire growth of the county, had been prominently identified with the work of development, and was an important factor in the upbuilding of all leading public interests. His excellent wife is still living in Milton, where she is surrounded by a large circle of friends.

The following items of the history of the family of Mrs. Abbie (Burleigh) Root, who became Mrs. Wood, will be found interesting in this connection. Cyril Burleigh, her grandfather, moved from Connecticut to Clinton, Oneida Co., N.Y., and thence to Verona, N.Y. In 1817 he went to Covington, Wyoming Co., N.Y., and built a house on the summit of a steep eminence since known as Burleigh Hill. After a few years he removed to the adjoining town of Bethany, and thence to Sweden, Monroe Co., N.Y., where his wife died June 8, 1832, aged sixty-one years. Removing to Byron, N.Y., where he was a farmer and hotel keeper, he married Sally Darling, a sister of his son-in-law. He later moved successively to Caryville (Oakfield's name from 1837 to 1858), Barre and Murray, and thence back to Barre. In 1844 he came West and located in Milwaukee, where he died July 5, 1847. Having been Justice of the Peace many years in his early life, he was known as Squire Burleigh. His health was always good, and he retained his mental and physical faculties in a remarkable degree to the end of his life. A man of sterling integrity and fine social qualities, he had a wide acquaintance and was highly respected by all who knew him.

His son, Lyman Burleigh, was born in Union, Conn., Sept. 7, 1791, and died in Albion, N.Y., Oct. 5, 1863. He was married at Verona, Oneida Co., N.Y., March 8, 1815, to Nancy Bishop, who died in 1883. [Nancy Bishop's sister, Cynthia (1799-1893) (the youngest of eleven children), married Dr. William M. Sprague (1803-1867) of Pavilion September 6, 1829 in Verona.] His daughter, Abbie J., granddaughter of Cyril Burleigh, was born in Verona, N.Y., and was married May 4, 1836 to Francis Ashbury Root, who was a grocer at Barre, N.Y., and at Milwaukee and Trenton, Wis., and died at the latter place Aug. 30, 1850, at the age of forty years. Her subsequent marriage to the late D. B. Wood is above referred to. Her children by her former marriage were as follows: Lyman Burleigh Root, born in Clarendon, N.Y., Oct. 12, 1837, married at Barton, Wis., Ella Foster, and is now a farmer at Cold Springs, Jefferson County, who has children - Francis Asbury, born at Trenton, Wis., July 4, 1866, and Albert Jay, born at Cold Springs, Wis., Dec. 24, 1869; Celia Elizabeth, born at Albion, N.Y., Aug. 21, 1840, who married Barney Potter, a merchant of Trenton, Wis., had a son named Albert Lyman, who died young, and died at West Bend, Wis., Feb. 2, 1866. Horace Bishop Burleigh, brother of Mrs. Wood, was born in Covington, N.Y., and married April 12, 1847, Miss Elizabeth C. Strong, daughter of Timothy Strong, long the able editor of the *Orleans American*, at Albion, N.Y., and lived most of his life in that town, but during the past few years has lived in Dakota. He has a large family, who rank among the most respectable people in the communities in which they have their homes.

From *Portrait and Biographical Album of Rock County, Wisconsin*. 1889.





## PAVILION DISTRICT No. 6 - BAILEY'S MILLS



This District School stood just west of Bailey's Mills and was called by that name.

Some of the District's teachers were: Rebecca Spring, Orfahana Webb, Miss Lucy Sisson, Miss Rose Northrup, Mary Hutton, Margaret McDonald, Mrs. Mary Wheeler Copeland, Bryon Neff, Katherine Gentner Christner

After centralization in 1937, the school house was sold to John Sandles for \$125.

In 1982 the building was being used as a residence.

From *The Pavilion Community 1800-1941* and *A Crossroads by the Oatka 1790-1982*

Some of the teachers at District No. 6 were Frank Russell, Isabel Hickey, Mrs. Ethel Walton Clark, Margaret Peddle, Mrs. May Bliss, Anna Maud, Mrs. Edith Paul, Anna Doran, Frances Joiner, Beulah Joiner Briggs, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Nickobecker, Mrs. Ethel Kendall Sweeting, Jennie Baker, Mary Acker, Genevieve Stevens, Jennie Maud, Etta Youngs, Mrs. Etta Rosenberg Miller, Eva Chamberlin, Lottie Hess, Edna Olmstead, Mrs. Estelle Hutchinson Crofoot, George Sprague, Margaret Thornton, Ethel Lewis, Helena Wall and Mary Caswell.

From *The Pavilion Community 1800-1941*. J. L. Broughton, ed. 1941

Bailey's Mills - The summer term of school was again taught by **Miss Carrie Whitney** of Pavilion, who is a competent teacher and highly appreciated by her patrons. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. October 4, 1876

Bailey's Mills - School closed last Friday with the usual ceremonies. The school has been most successfully taught the past winter by **Mr. Stowell**, a gentlemen who has gained an enviable reputation in this vicinity. **Miss Emma Clement** of Alexander has been engaged to teach the summer term. *Genesee Courier*. Le Roy, NY. February 23, 1877

**Miss Jennie Baker** of Pavilion, who has been attending the Union School, commenced an engagement to teach in the Bailey's Mills district on Monday last, having passed satisfactorily the Regents' and county superintendent's examinations. *Pavilion Journal*. Pavilion, NY. February 18, 1892

Instructors hired to teach in neighboring school districts are as follows: Burleigh Hill, Miss May Bliss, Pavilion; Bailey's Mills, **Etta Rosenberg**; Law, Frank Curtis, LeRoy; McCall, Miss Hattie Peddle. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. August 30, 1898

**Miss Maude Baker** has resumed her duties as teacher at Bailey's Mills. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. March 12, 1901

Thanksgiving exercises will be held in **Miss Acker's** school at Bailey's Mills tomorrow afternoon.

*The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. November 24, 1903

**Miss Joiner's** school at Bailey's Mills observed Arbor Day with tree-setting, recitations, speaking and dialogues.

*The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. May 5, 1905

**Miss Mary Acker**, will teach the fall term of school at Bailey's Mills. Trustee William Stevenson is having the school buildings painted. Charles Schmidt is doing the work. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. August 13, 1908

**Miss Mary Walton** of Le Roy will open the fall term of school at Bailey's Mills on Monday, September 28th  
*The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. September 16, 1909

**Miss Rose Gaugel**, a graduate of the high school in Le Roy, will teach the fall and winter term at Bailey's Mills.  
*The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. August 4, 1910

Bailey's Mills - School will reopen April 27 after three weeks' vacation.  
*Le Roy Gazette and News*. Le Roy, NY. April 22, 1914

Misses Mary and Anna Doran closed their schools in Pavilion last Friday with picnics; Miss Mary Doran's on Theodore M. MacDuffie's lawn and Miss Anna's on John McElwain's lawn. Miss Mary will teach the same school next year [Pavilion Dist. No. 1] and her sister the school in district No. 6, Pavilion, at \$15 a week. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. June 18, 1918

... Other schools in this vicinity will be taught as follows: South street road (No. 9, Pavilion), Miss Anna McVean of Linwood; Bailey's Mills district, **Miss Anna Doran** of Bergen; No. 7, Pavilion, Miss Bertha Dunn of Ogdensburg; Linwood, York and Pavilion district, Miss Ethel Lansbury of Skaneateles and Miss Edith McKee of Linwood; No. 4, Stafford (Roanoke), Miss Ethel Kendall of Stafford; No. 8, Pavilion, Miss Helen Rapp of Batavia; ...  
*The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. August 31, 1918

**Miss Anna Doran** is at home [in Bergen] from district No. 6. Pavilion, where she is teaching on account of the closing of the school because of influenza. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. January 10, 1919

... In district No. 6 Pavilion (Bailey's Mills) Benjamin Wright was chairman. Robert Bradley, Benjamin F. Wright and Melvin J. Marvin were re-elected trustee, clerk and collector, respectively. ...  
*The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. May 6, 1920

... No. 9, Pavilion (South street road), Miss Margaret MacDonald of Warsaw; No. 6, Pavilion (Bailey's Mills), **Miss Anna Doran** of Bergen; No. 7, Pavilion, Miss Ada Logan of Linwood ... *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. September 1, 1920

Mary Doran, teacher of the school in district No. 1. Pavilion, and her sister, **Miss Anna Doran**, teacher of the school in district No. 6, Pavilion, whose schools closed Friday with a picnic at Horseshoe Lake, are at home [in Bergen] for the vacation. They will teach the same schools next year. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. June 13, 1921

... No. 7. Pavilion (Hill's Corners), Miss Ada Logan of Linwood; No. 9. Pavilion (South street road), Miss Margaret MacDonald of Warsaw; No. 6, Pavilion, **Miss Anna MacVean** of Le Roy. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. August 31, 1921

School No. 6 at Bailey's Mills closed Friday for a week's vacation. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. May 9, 1928

School at Bailey's Mills closed Friday and **Miss Helena Wall** left for Ogdensburg to spend the summer vacation.  
*Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. June 20, 1928

**Miss Helena Wall** is teacher at school No. 6 at Bailey's Mills. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. December 2, 1931

**Miss Helena Wall**, teacher, and pupils of Bailey's Mills school No. 6 observed Washington's Birthday with interesting and appropriate exercises. Several neighbors and invited guests of other districts were present.  
*Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. March 2, 1932

**Miss Helena Wall**, teacher, and pupils of Bailey's Mills recently gave a farewell party at the school for Eleanor and Jean Strait, who moved from here to district No. 10. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. April 12, 1933

School at District No. 6, Bailey's Mills, will close with a Christmas entertainment by their teacher **Miss Helena E. Wall** and pupils. ... School will reopen Monday, January 8th. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. December 20, 1933



The 1930 Federal Census has the following information about Helena Elizabeth Wall:

Helena E. Wall, 47, Lodger, Teacher, Boarding with Richard and Sarah Laurie at Bailey's Mills Road.

Miss Wall was born October 17, 1882 in Oswegatchie, St Lawrence County, NY; she died in Ogdensburg, NY July 15, 1968



Harry Hunt of East Bethany has completed the work of shingling and painting the school house at district No. 6, Bailey's Mills. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. August 29, 1934

School in district No. 6 at Bailey's Mills reopened Tuesday with **Miss Mary Caswell** as teacher.

*Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. September 5, 1934

**Miss Mary Caswell**, teacher of school No. 6 at Bailey's Mills, Miss Mildred Given of school district No. 10 and Miss Helen Howard, teacher at Pavilion Center, on Monday attended the all-day Rural Teachers Conference held at Bergen.

*Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. October 17, 1934

The pupils of Bailey's Mills school in district No. 6, Pavilion, of which **Miss Mary Caswell** is teacher, whose names appeared on the honor roll are as follows: Donald Legg, 90; Dean Legg, 90; Russell Donnelly, 86; Evelyn Donnelly, 80; Sherman Donnelly, 85; Alfred Jaroszek, 92; Jennie Jaroszek, 90; Gladys Jaroszek, 92; Rosetta Wright, 83.

*Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. November 7, 1934

The Misses **Mary Caswell**, Mildred Given and Helen Howard, teachers of the rural districts in the vicinity [of the D. L. & W. Junction], were among the teachers and pupils of the second supervisory district of Genesee county who gave an entertainment Wednesday evening in the auditorium for the patients of the U. S. Veterans Hospital of Batavia under the sponsorship of the Genesee County American Legion. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. December 12, 1934.



The Veterans Administration opened the Batavia Veterans facility in 1934 as a regional veterans' hospital. In 1995, the New York State Veterans Home relocated to the Batavia grounds making extended care available. Currently, 2016, it provides Geriatric and Rehabilitation Medicine Services, a residential care post-traumatic stress disorder unit and outpatient services.

◀ 1935 Postcard

The following schools in Genesee county reported their, champion and second best spellers last week: ... Pavilion District No. 6, Grace Rigoni, 10, champion; Alfred Jaroszek, 12, second ... *The Times*. Batavia, NY. March 28, 1935

No. 6. Pavilion. Bailey's Mills-John Wright, chairman. Clarence Legg was re-elected trustee, Mrs. Thomas Jaroscek, clerk, and Miss Emma S. Weld, collector. A budget of \$650 was approved. The interior of the school will be newly painted.

*Rochester Times Union*. Rochester, NY. May 8, 1935

Bailey's Mills school opened on Tuesday with **Miss Mary Caswell** of Le Roy beginning her second year as teacher with an enrollment of 13 pupils. This is the largest attendance of pupils in several years.

*Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. September 11, 1935

In 1935, the Rigoni family – Grace, Elaine, Alfred and Ernest – attended school District No. 6 along with Gladys, Jennie and Alfred Jarosek and Donald and Dean Vagg. The teacher was **Mary Caswell**. Every day Alfred Rigoni would walk down to Mrs. Bradley’s house to get a pail of water and everyone used the same dipper to get a drink from the pail. In 1937 they all attended the new centralized school in Pavilion. The Bailey’s Mills schoolhouse was used by Robert and Annie Cone as a dwelling and now one of Cliff Elliott’s daughters lives there.  
Remembered by Virginia (Mrs. Alfred) Rigoni. Undated.

**Miss Mary Caswell**, teacher in district No. 6 at Bailey’s Mills, announces the following pupils were placed on the honor roll for the first quarter: Grace Rigoni, Gladys Jaroszek, Alfred Rigoni, Helen Vagg and Lois Vagg. Jennie Jaroszek had perfect attendance. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. November 20, 1935

School in district No. 6 at Bailey’s Mills, of which **Miss Mary Caswell** is teacher, closed on Friday for the summer vacation with a picnic held at Churchville Park. Miss Caswell and pupils were joined by several other teachers and pupils of the rural schools. Dinner was served at 3 o’clock followed by a ball game, sports and other forms of amusements.  
*Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. June 7, 1936



Miss Mary Caswell enlisted in the Women’s Army Auxiliary Corps and reported to Fort Des Moines, Iowa.  
*Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. October 22, 1942



The Women's Army Corps (WAC) was the women's branch of the United States Army. It was created as an auxiliary unit, the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) on May 15, 1942 by Public Law 554, and converted to full status as the WAC on July 1, 1943.

In 1942, the first contingent of 800 members of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps began basic training at Fort Des Moines Provisional Army Officer Training School, Iowa.

Recruiting posters like these were used to encourage women to join the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps.

Women relieved thousands of men of their clerical assignments, and many performed nontraditional jobs such as radio operator, electrician, and air-traffic controller. WACs served with distinction throughout the war theatre in North Africa, Europe, and Asia. The WAC remained a separate unit of the U.S. Army until 1978, when male and female forces were integrated.



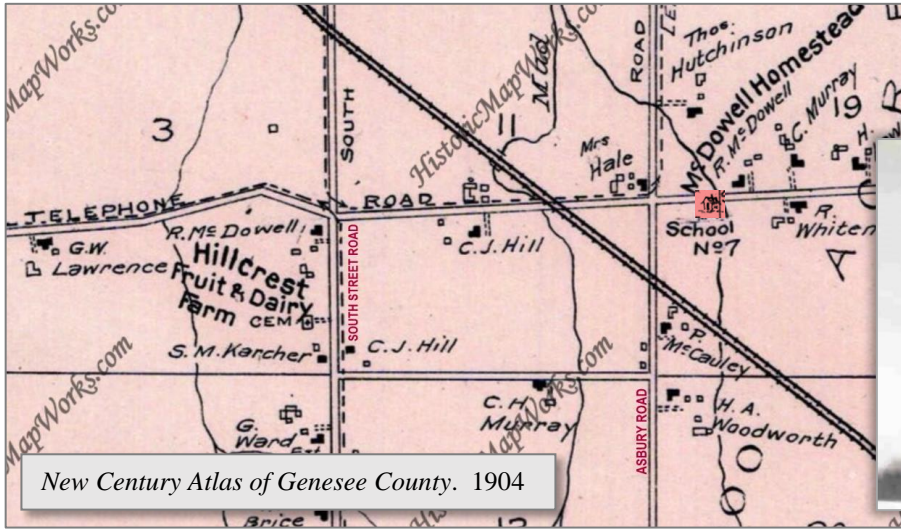
Lt. Mary Caswell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Royal Caswell of North street, who was stationed at Des Moines, Iowa, left on Sunday for California, where she is teaching military law to various companies of WAC officers. Miss Caswell’s headquarters will be at Salt Lake City, Utah, from which place she will be sent to various stations in the western states.  
*Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. July 15, 1943

Lieutenant Mary J. Caswell, of the WACS, who has been stationed in Columbus, Ohio, has recently been transferred to Liberal Army Airfield, Liberal, Kansas, where she is attached to the personnel affairs office.  
*Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. January 18, 1945.

Mary Caswell married Lewis G. Davis July, 1952. She died in 2003 at Terrell, Texas at the age of 91.



## PAVILION DISTRICT No. 7 - McVEAN DISTRICT – HILL’S CORNERS



Tradition has it that the first school and meeting house in this area was a two story log cabin which stood on the northeast corner opposite the McVean farm near the intersection of Asbury Road and Route 20. In 1828 land was purchased on the south side of the road at the east end of the present school grounds and a frame dwelling was erected. This stood until the Civil War when it was moved to the northeast corner and remodeled into a dwelling. A new school house was then erected, which burned about 1914, when the present building was erected.

Among the very earliest teachers were Rebecca Spring and Orphana Webb, Lucy Sisson, Rose Northrup, Mary Hutton and Margaret McDonald. *The Pavilion Community of New York State 1800-1941*. J. L. Broughton, ed.



Federal and New York State Census records for 1850 through 1892 list Orphana Webb Hill ... she married William Hill in 1831 ... as living in Pavilion.

Mrs. Orphana Webb Hill, sister of Mrs. Erastus Spring of this village, died in Chicago last week, aged 81 years. The remains were taken to LeRoy for burial [in Maplewood Cemetery]. *Wyoming County Times*. Warsaw, NY. April 20, 1893

Orphana Adaline Webb Hill 1812-1893

Some of the other teachers in District No. 7: John Cook, Eva Harris, Emma Harris, Charles Payne, Kate McLean, Lucy Sisson, Rose Northrup, Maggie McDonald, Will Stowell, Ada McMullen from Washington County, Carrie Robertson, Ida Worden, Ida Newell, Charley Murray, John Hamilton, Lizzie Millikan, Mary Acker 1904, M. Pearl McVean 1905-1906, Julie M. Boyle 1907, Bridget O'Brien 1908, Martha Moffett 1909, Pearl Beadle 1901, Ruth Strouts 1911, Winifred Davis from Gainesville, Ada Logan 1921, Mrs. Mae Wheeler Copeland, Belle Dunn, Bill Rindell from Corfu, Mrs. Bernice Neff 1926-1932, Katherine Gentner 1933-1935, Mrs. Hoag. From notes written by unidentified person. Le Roy Historical Society.

Mr. Editor: I wish to call attention through the columns in your paper to the school in Pavilion District No. 7 taught by **Miss [Ida] Newell**. She is a student from Brockport and has introduced some of the Normal methods into her school with good success. The recitations are made interesting by illustrations on the board; thus the subject of the lesson is before the eye and more easily impressed on the mind. Miss Newell is a lady herself, and endeavors to teach her pupils the principles

of true politeness. She also enforces the duty of truthfulness, as well as obedience. Good order and system preside in her school room. School closed on Friday last. It was a sunny September afternoon and the schoolroom was well filled. Although the term was of twenty weeks duration, the attendance had been good. The room was nicely trimmed with evergreens and bouquets. A very appropriate motto decked the walls, "Not how much we do, but how well." A large flag was draped behind the rostrum, and several smaller ones decorated the walls. Eight of the smaller scholars recited "Our Nation's Flag." Then several of the little ones came forward, each wearing on their breasts a large letter, which formed the words "Our Hopes" and told us in rhyme what they were going to do in after life. The Salutatory by Miss Graham was well spoken, as was the Valedictory by Frank Walkley. Miss Newell returns to Brockport to continue her studies. - Patron *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. September 25, 1878

The winter term of district No. 7, Pavilion, taught by **W. B. Doty**, closed Friday. A number of the patrons of the district were present to hear the closing exercises. The teacher, with the aid of the trustee, Charles Murray, has made the past term a successful one, and general satisfaction prevails throughout the district. It is understood that Mr. Doty has been engaged to teach during the summer term, which commences in about three weeks.

The teacher's report of the last half term shows a better percent in studies than ever before. Those having the highest standing are the following: Louise Gilmore 97.5, Robert Noble 97.22, Alice Noble 96.83, Marion Hutton 96.35, Milton Taber 95.18, Edward Noble 82.28, Edward Bloodgood 93.15, Willie Graham 92.5, Arthur Bloodgood 91.67, Willie Woodworth 91.28. Those spelling every word correctly throughout the term are the following: Willie Noble, Sarah Noble, Mary Noble, Minnie Gilmore, Louise Gilmore, Marion Hutton, Charles Graham, Myron Hutton, Robert Noble, Willie Gilmore, Willie Woodworth and Ralph Johnston. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. March 13, 1889

Pavilion District No. 7. About 1892

First Row: Unknown, Unknown, Lottie Sisson, Unknown, Lena McDowell, Libbie McDowell, Arthur Noble

Second Row: Ralph Johnson, Dean Sisson, Charlie Graham, Elizabeth Hutton, ? Hutton, Unknown, Will Noble, Gordon Sisson, Myron Hutton

Third Row: Jim Graham, Ed Noble, Minnie Gilmore, **Mr. Carmichael**, teacher, Sadie Noble, Unknown, Milton Tabor, Unknown



**Miss Clara L. Chase** has closed her school in district No. 7, town of Pavilion, and will entertain her pupils on Wednesday at her home. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. June 14, 1899

The Rev. Mr. Gilmore, of York, will preach in the school house at Hill's Corners next Sunday. *The Times*. Batavia, NY. May 21, 1904

Rev. Thomas Cardus will preach in the schoolhouse at Hill's Corners on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. *The Times*. Batavia, NY. July 23, 1904

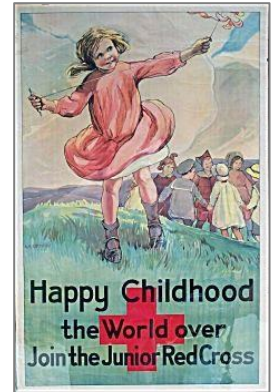
Twenty Years Ago This Week [1914]: The one-room school building-of district No. 7. Pavilion burned Thursday afternoon. The teacher, Miss Winifred Davis and her 26 pupils escaped safely. The pupils are now having two weeks' vacation while arrangements are being made to house them. *Wyoming County Times*. Warsaw, NY. February 22, 1934

Great interest was shown in the second annual school exhibit fostered by the Le Roy High School and held in the high school gymnasium Thursday and yesterday. The rural schools of Le Roy, Pavilion and Stafford participated in the event and the pupils of the various schools contributed some excellent specimens of handicraft, garden products and flowers, and

made, numerous entries in the other contests. ... Winners and prizes ... Cake—First, flashlight, Elizabeth Burton, Pavilion No. 7; second, skates, Isabel Watson, Le Roy ... *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. March 20, 1915

Hill's Corners – The free seed received by our school children the past week were much appreciated and it is hoped they will be used to grow vegetables to help the food situation either here or elsewhere.

All but one of our pupils has thus far joined the Jr. Red Cross although the movement to form the society was not started until the middle of the past week. By next week we hope to have every pupil enrolled in that patriotic movement. Some of the pupils are already members of our local chapter of the Red Cross and have done knitting for the society during the winter. When asked to unite with the school, they promptly advanced the money to join again. This good public spirit manifested in our neighborhood is much appreciated by all who are furthering the work of the war. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. April 24, 1918



Every pupil in our school now owns at least one War Savings Certificate. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. May 22, 1918

Dr. Sweeting of Pavilion was a business caller at school last Thursday. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. May 29, 1918

Genesee county's spelling contest for the purpose of selecting a representative to participate in the spelling match which will be held at the State Fair in September came to a close late yesterday afternoon. ... Olive MacDowell of the Pavilion district school No. 7 and Miss Mildred Beachel of the West Main street school were tied for third place. ... *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. June 27, 1918



No. 7, Pavilion, **Miss Bertha Dunn** of Ogdensburg; ... *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. August 31, 1918

Our school opened Monday with Miss Dunn as teacher and an attendance of twelve pupils. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. September 11, 1918

School opened Monday morning but closed at noon, allowing a half day in which to celebrate the close of the war. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. November 13, 1918



At the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, the Great War ended. At 5 a.m. that morning, Germany, bereft of manpower and supplies and faced with imminent invasion, signed an armistice agreement with the Allies in a railroad car outside Compiègne, France. The First World War left nine million soldiers dead and 21 million wounded, with Germany, Russia, Austria-Hungary, France, and Great Britain each losing nearly a million or more lives. In addition, at least five million civilians died from disease, starvation, or exposure.



Robert McDowell was chairman in district No. 7. Pavilion. Edward Nobles was re-elected trustee, William Woolworth, clerk and Hiram Lawrence, collector. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. May 7, 1919

Hiram Lawrence was the presiding officer in district No. 7 Pavilion. Clark Walker was elected trustee to succeed Edward Nobles. William Woodworth was elected clerk and Hiram Lawrence collector. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. May 6, 1920

... Pavilion No. 7 (Hills Corners), **Miss Ada Logan** of Linwood ... *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. August 31, 1921

New officers elected at the annual school meetings in the various rural districts of Le Roy and vicinity ... Pavilion (Hill's Corners)—Chairman, Edward Noble; trustee, Byron Neff to succeed George Murray; Clerk. William Woodworth; collector, Edward Noble. *Buffalo Evening News*. Buffalo, NY. May 7, 1925

Le Roy - While poring over the school books pupils in the McVean district school, southeast of this village, became suddenly ill and one boy, a son of James Wade, fainted. Investigation showed that the flues to the furnace which heats the schoolroom had become clogged and the gas escaped into the school room. School was excused until the heater could be given the proper attention. Because of the coal strike and the necessity of burning different kinds of fuel this year, it has been found necessary to inspect the stoves and furnaces more often than is usually the case, since flues are apt to become clogged. *The Evening Leader*. Corning, NY. January 25, 1926

... Pavilion No. 7 (Hills Corners), **Mrs. Byron Neff** of Pavilion; ... *Buffalo Evening News*. Buffalo, NY. September 4, 1928

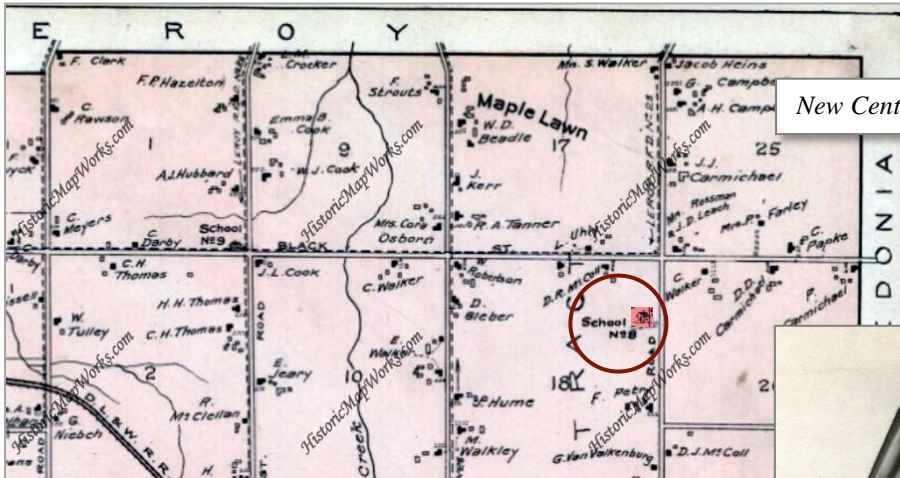
... Pavilion Dist. No. 7, **Mrs. Bernice C. Neff**; ... *The Times*. Batavia, NY. March 9, 1933

Spelling Bee winners ... Pavilion district 7 (Hill's Corners), Helen Marshall, 13, champion; Lucille Bliler, 13, second. *The Times*. Batavia, NY. April 5, 1934



## PAVILION DISTRICT No. 8 – LINWOOD ROAD – POPLAR CORNERS

Different from the Pavilion District No. 8 on Transit Road



New Century Atlas of Genesee County. 1904



Poplar Corners is located at the intersection of Linwood and Black Street Roads.

A new schoolhouse is to be erected in district No. 8, Pavilion, just over the town line from Le Roy. A special meeting was held to decide whether a new building should be put up, or the pupils conveyed to an adjoining district and a majority favored the former course. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. February 22, 1901

The taxpayers of school district No. 8, in the northern, part of the town of Pavilion, last night voted to build a new school house to take the place of the one now in use. The structure will cost about \$600, being a small one, as there are only ten scholars in the district.

The old structure has been in use for fifty years and the voters were in favor of repairing it. School Commissioner Loveridge, who was present, stated that he would not allow this to be done and that if it were he would condemn the building. It was then decided to build, only one vote being cast in opposition. The present site, includes the ground lying between the building and the road and a strip three feet wide on each of the other three sides. It is desired to purchase more land, so that the plot will contain half an acre, but man named McColl, who owns the land, refuses to sell. The plot occupies the center of one side of a 40-acre field and he has offered to give, a half-acre at either corner of the field, but the corners are low and the voters have refused to accept his proposition. Another meeting will held next week, when steps will be taken to begin condemnation proceedings to acquire the land wanted. An offer has been received for the sale of the old structure and this matter will also be considered at that time. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. July 3, 1901

In district No. 8, Pavilion, where a new schoolhouse has been ordered built by School Commissioner Loveridge, an additional quarter of an acre of land has been purchased for \$80 and added to the present school property. The old schoolhouse has been sold for \$40. The new building will cost \$600. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. August 23, 1901

... School Commissioner Stickle has received from the State Education Department notice of the apportionments of public moneys for Genesee county schools for the year ending July 31, 1910. ... Pavilion—No. 8, \$175; Nos. 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 11 \$125 each; No. 2, three teachers' quotas, \$100 each, total, \$1,475. ...

*The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. February 12, 1910

In district No. 8, Pavilion, Charles Davis, who was chairman, was elected trustee to succeed Mrs. A. D. Carmichael; Mrs. Sidney Scott, clerk and Mrs. Marion McColl collector. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. May 7, 1919

No. 8 Pavilion. Linwood road— Chairman, Charles Davis; trustee. Mrs. Alexander D. Carmichael succeeding Mrs. James Lyttle ; clerk. Mrs. Sydney Scott (re-elected); collector, Mrs. James Lyttle.  
*Rochester Democrat and Chronicle and Rochester Herald*. Rochester, NY. May 7, 1926



Pavilion Dist. No. 8 Class Picnic – Undated

Back Row: Irving Scott, Walter Davis, Albert Scott, Dayton Scott

Middle Row: Unknown Boy, Ruth Carmichael, Unknown Girl, Unknown Boy

Front Row: Ethel Scott Ridley, Unknown Boy

... No. 8. Pavilion (Linwood road), **Mrs. Alexander Carmichael** of Pavilion; ...  
*Buffalo Evening News*. Buffalo, NY. September 4, 1928



The state has approved the annexation of former Pavilion District 8 by the Pavilion Central School District, effective July 1. The move leaves as the only common school districts in Genesee County the five now considering consolidation.  
*Rochester Democrat and Chronicle*. Rochester, NY. April 1, 1957

IN THE MATTER

of the

Dissolution of Common School District No. 8 of the Towns of Pavilion, Genesee County, and Caledonia, Livingston County, and the annexation of the territory thereof to Central School District No. 1 of the Towns of Pavilion and Bethany, Genesee County, Covington and Middlebury, Wyoming County, and York, Livingston County.

It appearing that it is for the best educational interests of the community that Common School District No. 8 of the Towns of Pavilion, Genesee County, and Caledonia, Livingston County, be dissolved and that the territory included within the boundaries of said district be annexed to Central School District No. 1 of the Towns of Pavilion and Bethany, Genesee County, Covington and Middlebury, Wyoming County, and York, Livingston County,

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in the undersigned under and by virtue of the provisions of the Education Law of the State of New York, and particularly sections 1801 and 1802 thereof, I do hereby

ORDER, that Common School District No. 8 of the Towns of Pavilion, Genesee County, and Caledonia, Livingston County, be and the same hereby is dissolved; and that the territory included within the boundaries of said district as heretofore established and recognized be and the same hereby is annexed to Central School District No. 1 of the Towns of Pavilion and Bethany, Genesee County, Covington and Middlebury, Wyoming County, and York, Livingston County

This order shall take effect on the 30th day of June 1957.

(S E A L)  
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, James E. Allen, Jr., Commissioner of Education of the State of New York, for and on behalf of the State Education Department, do hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of the State Education Department, at the City of Albany, this 21st day of March 1957.

James E. Allen, Jr.  
Commissioner of Education

The University of the State of New York  
Education Department

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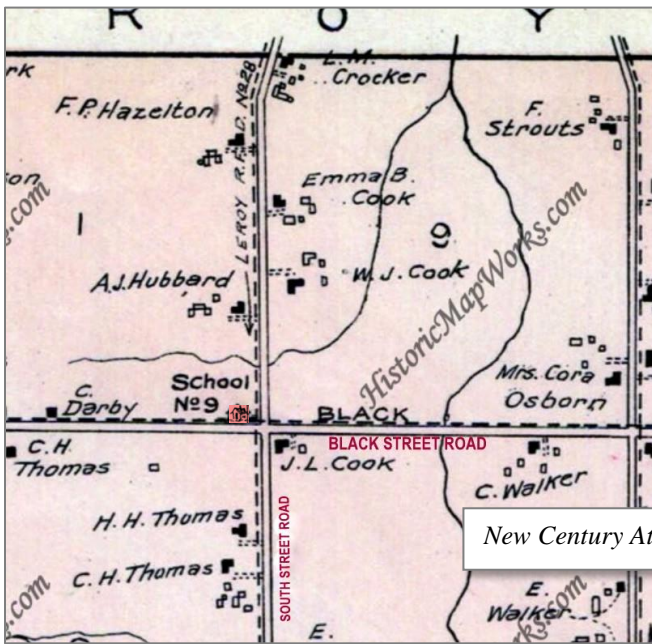
I, James E. Allen, Jr., Commissioner of Education of the State of New York, do hereby certify that I have caused to be compared the annexed copy of order dissolving Common School District No. 8 of the Towns of Pavilion, Genesee County, and Caledonia, Livingston County, and annexing the territory thereof to Central School District No. 1 of the Towns of Pavilion and Bethany, Genesee County, Covington and Middlebury, Wyoming County, and York, Livingston County, with the original order now on file in the State Education Department, and that the same is a true copy of the original and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, James E. Allen, Jr., Commissioner of Education of the State of New York, for and on behalf of the State Education Department, do hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of the State Education Department, at the City of Albany, this 21st day of March 1957.



*James E. Allen, Jr.*  
Commissioner of Education

## PAVILION DISTRICT No. 9 – COOK DISTRICT



New Century Atlas of Genesee County. 1904

On September 23, 1826 the land on which “The Red School House” stood was sold and deeded by Henry Lent to the trustees of District No. 25, Le Roy. The three trustees at the time the district was created were Isaac Walker, Jr., Isaac Johnson and Ralph Lord.

The Town of Pavilion was formed from the Town of Covington May 19, 1841. When a portion of the townships of Le Roy and Stafford were annexed to Pavilion in 1842, the school district became No. 9, Pavilion. Over the years the district was also known as the Cook District and the Red Schoolhouse District.

A list of some of the early teachers in District No. 9 includes Mary Copeland of Peoria, Sarah Jackson, John and Mary Cook, Ann Prentice, Jennie Mason, Richard Seldon and Jennie Sperry.

George Tomlinson’s memories as a teacher in this district about 1840 were included in *The Pavilion Community*: “Fifty years ago this present winter I taught school in the Red School House in the “Cook district” as it was called. As was the custom in those days the teacher boarded around, so many days for each pupil. Teachers of the present day can have little appreciation of the luxury of this mode of life. The effeminate indulgence of a fire in a sleeping room was seldom met with. The ‘spare bed’ was assigned the teacher. Abundance of feathers, lots of bed-clothes-but how cold. Your gradual sinking into the wraps of down displaced the air heated to zero or below. I can feel it creeping up my back as it frequently did till midnight.”

“I suppose the fifty or sixty pupils who attended my school that winter have forgotten me; but the varied events and mighty discoveries of the last half century, so big with revolution and change of empire, have not effaced from my memory the recollection of the smallest child, or the biggest boy, or brightest girl, or diminished my interest in their welfare.”

“I have not time today to tell you of all the neighborhood but let us visit the Snow family first, and call upon others as we have opportunity. Uncle Jesse and Aunt Lucinda, as they were familiarly called, did not live alone by six at least, five of whom attended school. After boarding my time out for his children, Uncle Jesse invited me to board at his house for some poor children. Mr. Tryon, Mr. Thayer, Mr. Cook and Mr. Hubbard did the same, so I had a fine time all around. I wish I had time to tell you of the Johnson, Thomas, Bell and other children. I will stop to say, not long ago a fine-looking man asked me if I recollected a little sandy haired Bell boy in the Cook district. Of course I did. He was a mischievous little rat, I replied. Well, he said, I am that lad. It was Rev. T. E. Bell, a Methodist preacher then stationed in Buffalo.”

*The Pavilion Community 1800-1941.* J. L. Broughton, ed. 1941



Two images from an undated real photo postcard showing the new District No. 9 schoolhouse.



When the new school was built in 1888 the trustees were Charles Thomas, James Hazelton and William C. Cook. The custom of electing three trustees was abandoned about 1913 and after that only a single trustee was elected each year. Mr. Cook eventually served twenty-five years as a trustee of District No. 9.

The patrons of school district No. 10, this town, are rejoicing that the old stone school house is torn down and work begun on a new \$2,000 structure. The old house was built about forty-five years ago, and in it Commissioner R. L. Selden attended and afterward taught school. The schools of districts Nos. 8 and 9, Pavilion, taught by Misses Carrie Robinson and Ida Newell, respectively, joined in a picnic at Walker's grove last Saturday. The recitations and declamations by the scholars were excellent, and the compositions by Misses Mamie Thomas and Katie Hubbard showed careful thought. The children had a delightful time, and the sale of the old bachelors greatly amused the older people. The scholars reflected the thorough training and discipline of their teachers, who are students of the Brockport State Normal School.

*Progressive Batavian.* Batavia, NY. August 2, 1879

The schoolhouse of District No. 9, Pavilion, will be sold at public auction, May 1st.

*Buffalo Express.* Buffalo, NY. April 29, 1888

**Alice "Allie" Robertson** [1862-1940], daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Robertson, grew up at Asbury Corners. She was a pupil and later, after attending the Le Roy Academic Institute, a teacher at the Red Schoolhouse. During her tenure as teacher, the original 1826 schoolhouse was sold at public auction May 1, 1888. When the old building was torn down and the new one in the process of being erected, sessions of school were held in the house on the corner owned by Mrs. Franke C. East in 1940.

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Funeral services will be held Friday for Mrs. Alice R. McColl, widow of Neil C. McColl, who died Monday in her home on the McColl homestead, six miles southeast of Le Roy. She had been ill seven years. She was born in Cambridge, Washington County, on Sept. 30, 1862, a daughter of William W. and Isabel McLean Robertson, and had resided in this section for the past 72 years. She received her education at the old LeRoy Academic Institute and for a number of years taught in the Red School House on the South street road. On April 19, 1888 she was married to Mr. McColl, who died December 30, 1933.

She is survived by two sons, William of Pavilion and Malcolm of Le Roy; and one daughter, Mrs. Ada M. Farrand of Le Roy; also seven grandchildren.

The funeral will be held in her home at 2 p.m. Friday, the Rev. Evan M. Jones, pastor of the Le Roy Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial will be in Mumford Rural Cemetery. *Rochester Times-Union.* Rochester, NY. November 20, 1940

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**Miss Jennie Mason** has been employed as teacher in the Hazleton-Cook district.

*The Daily News.* Batavia, NY. April 13, 1889

The school in the Cook district, Pavilion, opened Monday with **Fred Dutton** as teacher.

*Le Roy Gazette.* Le Roy, NY. September 18, 1889

**Miss Stella Gleber** is to teach the school in the Cook district this winter. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. August 24, 1892

**Miss Etta Youngs** began teaching Monday in the Cook district. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. March 15, 1893

**Miss Etta Youngs**, who has been teaching in the Cook district the past year, is home for the summer vacation. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. June 4, 1901

**Miss Etta Youngs** has been reengaged as teacher in district No. 9.

Miss Martha Gardner of Linwood has been engaged to teach at Burleigh Hill the coming year. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. August 14, 1907

**Miss Etta Youngs** has completed her year's work as teacher of the school in district No. 9 and is spending the summer with her sister, Mrs. Lily Culver. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. June 24, 1908

In district No. 9, Pavilion, William J. Cook presided. Fred Sturm was elected trustee to succeed Henry Thomas, Fred P. Hazelton was reelected clerk and W. H. Philleo, collector. The rate adopted for taxes was \$2.50 on \$1,000 assessed valuation. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. August 3, 1910

**Miss Mary Wells** started teaching in the Cook district Monday. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. September 20, 1911

In district No. 9, Pavilion, W. H. Philleo presided. William J. Cook, Fred Hazelton and Fred Sturm were re-elected trustee, clerk and collector, respectively. The tax will be \$2.50 on a \$1,000 assessed valuation. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. May 8, 1912

In district No. 9 Pavilion (South street road) William J. Cook was chairman. W. H. Philleo succeeds Fred Hazelton as trustee, Roy Spittal was elected clerk and Fred Sturm collector; The tax rate was fixed at \$3.50 on a \$1,000. The school building will be painted. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. May 6, 1914

Only four voters showed up for the meeting in district No. 9 (Pavilion) and W. H. Philleo, the trustee, adjourned the meeting for one week. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. May 5, 1915

Fred Hazelton was chairman at the meeting in district No. 9 (Pavilion). Edgar Philleo succeeds Fred Sturm as trustee, Roy Spittal was elected clerk and Mr. Hazelton, collector. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. May 3, 1916

**Miss Anna Bossart** of Stafford, opens next Monday district No. 9 (Pavilion).

*The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. September 6, 1916

In district No. 9, Pavilion (South street road), William J. Cook was chairman. Fred Hazelton succeeds Fred J. Sturm as trustee. Roy Spittal was elected clerk and J. Edgar Philleo collector. The budget calls for \$700.

*The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. May 7, 1919

William J. Cook presided over the meeting in district No. 9, Pavilion (South street road). Henry M. Thomas was elected trustee to succeed Fred Hazelton. Roy Spittal was re-elected clerk and Fred J. Sturm was named as collector.

*The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. May 6, 1920

District No. 9 (Pavilion, South street road)—Mrs. Roy Spittal was elected trustee to, succeed Fred Hazelton, Mrs. Roy I. Spittal was re-elected clerk and Mr. Hazelton was named as collector. Mrs. Franke Cook East presided as chairman.

*The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. May 3, 1922

Henry Hansen attended the District No. 9 school in the early 1920s. He remembered **Ada Dow (Bryant)** in 1923 and **Grace Tully (Jenkins)** and **Miss Briant** in 1924 as two of his teachers. There were about ten to fifteen students up to grade eight in the school then. Some of Mr. Hansen's schoolmates were Eleanor and Mildred and George Spittal, Marion and Kenneth and Clark Fitzsimmons, Ruth and Gordon Wade, Ruth Sturm, Elsie East (who lived across the road from the school) and Irving Hansen (Henry's brother). Florence and Mabel McClelland and Fred Sturm also attended the Red Schoolhouse about this same time.

Girls of school district 10, Pavilion, have organized a sewing club Mrs. Joseph Holder is the leader. Officers elected are as follows: President, Miss Helen Howard; vice president, Miss Helen Wallace; secretary, Miss Augusta Welton; treasurer, Miss Dorothy Holden. *Buffalo Evening News*. Buffalo, NY. November 28, 1924

No. 9 Pavilion. South street road —Chairman. Fred J. Strum; trustee Mrs. John Walter; clerk. Mrs. Franke Cook East; collector, Fred Hazelton; all were re-elected. Residents of the district met following the school meeting as members of the local branch of the New York State Rural School Improvement Society. Reports were given and the following officers were re-elected: President, Robert McClelland; secretary, Mrs. Walter; treasurer, Roy Gage. *Rochester Democrat and Chronicle and Rochester Herald*. Rochester, NY. May 7, 1926

**Miss Anna Jones** of Churchville has been engaged as teacher in district No. 9, Pavilion, on the South street road. *Buffalo Courier Express*. Buffalo, NY. September 5, 1926

Thursday, September 23, will mark the centennial of the "Red School House" on the South street road, three miles south of Le Roy, otherwise known as district No. 9, Pavilion. Records show that in 1826 the land on which the school stands was conveyed by Henry Lent to the trustees of district No. 25, Le Roy who then were Isaac Walker Jr., Isaac Johnson and Ralph Lord. When the town of Pavilion was formed in 1841 and 1842 the district became No. 9 in that township. The present schoolhouse was erected in 1888. The first school was in use over 60 years. When the present school was built the trustees of the district were Charles Thomas, James Hazelton and William J. Cook. A short time later the system of three trustees was changed in favor of one elected each year. Mr. Cook has served 25 years as trustee. The building is one of the few red schoolhouses in New York State. *Buffalo Evening News*. Buffalo, NY. September 11, 1926

Plans are underway whereby District No. 9 – Red School House – will have a collection of State Library books. These books will be for the use not only of the pupils, but for all residents of the district. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. October 6, 1926

District No. 9, Red School House, is very grateful for a gift received last week. Mrs. Lynn Crocker, whose husband's family for many years were residents of the district, owning the farm now belonging to Fred Strum, has given to the school an excellent organ. This fills a long felt need and makes possible what should be a prominent feature of all school work – music. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. March 16, 1927

It is planned to hold the school and community picnic of District No. 9, which was postponed at the time school closed, on July 21st. It will be held on the lawn opposite the Red School House. Each family will be notified by Mrs. John Walters, Mrs. East or Miss Jones as to picnic requirements. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. July 19, 1927

Tax day has come and gone again at the Red School House and when it was over the people of this section had somewhere around three thousand dollars less in their pockets than when the day began. About forty people took advantage of the convenience of the schoolhouse, who otherwise would have had to pay their taxes in Pavilion village. ... The use of the school house on South street road for this tax purpose one day of the year dates back beyond the recollection of the oldest residents. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. February 22, 1928

School 9, Pavilion, South street road. Mrs. Franke Cook East chairman. Charles E. Morris was elected trustee to succeed Clarence Walkley. Mrs. East was named as clerk and Mrs. John Walter as collector. The sum of \$5 was contributed to the New York State Rural School Improvement Association. *Buffalo Evening News*. Buffalo, NY. May 8, 1928

... No. 9 Pavilion (South street road) **Miss Mary Grant** of York ... *Buffalo Evening News*. Buffalo, NY. September 4, 1928

In the death of George Williams of Batavia, a one-time resident of the South Street Road has passed. Mr. Williams, who was a builder, planned and erected the house now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Philleo. ... Mr. Williams also drew the plans for the present No. 9 Red School House building. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. April 30, 1930

The Red School House is receiving a nice dress of paint inside preparatory to the opening of school next week. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. August 27, 1930

The exercises and usual Christmas tree in the Red School House district will be held next week Tuesday evening at seven o'clock. Everyone in the district is not only invited but urged to attend. There is nothing quite to compare to the Christmas

“doings” in a country school. The lack of many conveniences, the use of “make-shifts,” poor lights and a hot stove all combine together with the smell of the tree to create an atmosphere full of expectancy and thrills hard to equal in town surroundings. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. December 17, 1930

Teacher in District 10, Pavilion, Perry Road, [South Street Road?], **Miss Sally Trembly** of Le Roy. *Rochester Democrat and Chronicle*. Rochester, NY. August 31, 1931

The Misses Janice Walkley and Shirley Williams were the winners of the spelling contest at the Red School House last Friday and are listed to compete in the county contest at Batavia to be held soon. [**Grace M. Tully** was the teacher.] *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. March 29, 1933

Another inter-school ball game took place Friday afternoon at the Red School House. The visiting team came from Dist. No. 7. [District No. 9 won.] *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. November 1, 1933

The Red School House sessions begin at eight, instead of nine A.M. and close at three o'clock. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. May 22, 1935

The closing of school this year marks the completion of three years which **Miss Grace Tully** has spent here as teacher. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. June 19, 1935

New seats have been placed in No. 9 schoolhouse recently. They are of the most modern construction and should help make study easier and more pleasant. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. July 31, 1935

Electric lights have been installed in the Red School House. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. January 13, 1937

Another tax day at the Red School House. ... Fewer people took advantage of it this year than formerly. The innovation of sending a tax bill in advance to property owners is probably the reason; that has made it a simple matter – if you have the cash – to pay the collector by mail, without first having to see him and ascertain the amount. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. February 24, 1937

The Red School House will open Tuesday next week. **Miss Thelma Weller** is teacher again and, if our count is correct, she will have seven pupils. ... [The building is] clean as a whistle inside and out, new paint, window screens (long a crying need) and plenty of wood to start the early fall fires. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. September 1, 1937

School in District No. 9, Red School House, is discontinued for at least a week due to cases of scarlet fever among the pupils. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. December 1, 1937

Tax Day at the Red School House will be Saturday, Feb'y 19. For the first time, as far as we know, Pavilion has a woman collector, Mrs. Estella Crofoot. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. February 2, 1938

The Red School House opens its doors again this Thursday to an exclusively feminine assemblage: teacher and pupils – all girls. David Wakley, who has been the masculine support, goes to Le Roy to school this fall. [A correction in the following week's column said that David Wakley did not go to Le Roy.] *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. September 7, 1939

District No. 9 will run up its flag Tuesday of next week. The teacher for the coming year will be **Mrs. Anna Ester** of Stone Church. Mrs. Ester – who is a widow – has a family of four children and last June completed the requirements for a teaching position at the Brockport Normal. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. August 29, 1940

The district voted to disband in the 1941-1942 school year and send its students to the centralized school in Pavilion village.

It was with a keen sense of regret experienced by us all that the decision was made at the annual meeting of School District No. 9 to close the Red School House next year. The pupils will be taken by bus to the Pavilion Central School, with which this district has contracted for their tuition and transportation. If another year or in the future a larger number of pupils makes re-opening desirable, it will be possible to do so. The fact that next year there would have been but four pupils outside the high school age was the main factor in the decision reached. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. May 15, 1941





Throughout the years the Red Schoolhouse retained not only its name but also its color. These two photos show the District No. 9 school building shortly after it was closed.

After receiving a petition from the voters of the District No. 9, the Commissioner of Education ordered the dissolution of the district to take effect on October 6, 1953. The Pavilion Central Board of Education had already voted to approve the annexation of District No. 9 on June 18, 1953.

#### Kerosene Lights Quite Parley on Old School's Fate

Huddled around a kerosene lantern, 9 voters of old School District No. 9, Town of Pavilion, discussed in quiet tones the fate of the one-room red school house in South Street road at Black Street road last Friday night.

The stoutly-built structure, they decided, would make someone a good home. But gracious, 19th century generosity may stand in the way.

It was the practice, recalled 90-year-old Henry Thomas, chairman of the meeting, for a landowner to allocate property for a school without a deed, as neighborly gesture to foster the education of his own and his neighbors' children.

Old No. 9 was built in 1889 and went out of service about 10 years ago when the children of the district began going to Pavilion Central School.

George A. Barber, county superintendent of schools, volunteered to arrange for a title search to determine whether the land on which the school is built actually belongs to the district. If it does, then the way will be clear for an auction. If it doesn't belong to the district, arrangements may have to be made to sell to a buyer who would move the schoolhouse.

The voters arrived last Friday night to find the school dark. Electricity had been shut off and the boarded-up windows kept early evening light from entering. Mr. Thomas fetched the kerosene lantern from his nearby home.

The warm yellow glow from the lamp made even more mellow the oak finish of the old-fashioned desks – the kind built to seat two pupils side-by-side. Maps, yellowed and crinkled by time, outdated by world politics clung to the walls, telling their own story of the march of history.

Some of the nine voters, if the nostalgic glow in their eyes was any evidence, wished they were assembled for another class in the old school, instead of getting ready to sell it to the highest bidder.

*Le Roy Gazette-News. Le Roy, NY. September 29, 1955*

#### Special Meeting of the Voters of Former Common School District #9 of Pavilion. September 23, 1955

A Special meeting of the voters of the former common school district No. 9 of Pavilion was held in the schoolhouse located on the South Street Road.

The electricity being turned off in the building, light was furnished by means of a kerosene lantern and flashlight. The people drifted in slowly until finally it was decided that all were present who planned on being there.

The people representing the Central District were: President of the Board Mr. [Franklin] Hettrick, Principal [Thomas] Graham, County Superintendent George A. Barber and the District Clerk, Elizabeth Norton.

The President of the Board, Mr. Hettrick, called the meeting to order and asked for nominations for a Chairman of the meeting. The name of Mr. Henry Thomas was given. There were no other nominations and Mr. Thomas took over the meeting.

Superintendent Barber was called upon to explain the steps which should be taken in order that the building could be sold. Mr. Barber mentioned that there must be a vote of the people to close the school officially. He suggested that the chairman appoint a committee of three to decide how and when to sell the building and he further stated that immediately after the sale of the building that there should be a meeting of the District No. 9 voters to approve of the sale.

The Chairman asked for a motion to close the school.

Motion was made by Mr. Sterms that the District No. 9 school be closed forever and that arrangements be made to sell the building and contents. Seconded by Mabel McClelland. It was carried by a unanimous oral vote.

Motion was made by Mr. Sterms to authorize the Chairman to appoint a Committee of Three to make arrangements for this sale. Seconded by Jane Wade. Carried unanimously by oral vote.

Chairman Thomas appointed the following people to act on this Committee and to arrange for the sale: Mr. Fred Sterms, Mabel McClelland and Jane Wade.

A discussion arose as to whether or not the land around the school building could be sold with it. No one present seemed to know just who the land belonged to and some voiced the opinion that it was possible that the Deed would state that whenever the school ceased being used for such purposes that the land would revert back to the original owner. Mr. Barber volunteered to look up the Deed at the Genesee County Clerk's office and he would report back to the Committee.

This meeting was then adjourned.

Signed: Elizabeth R. Norton, School District Clerk

POLL LIST: Mrs. Dorothy Fitzsimmons, Jane Wade, Fred Sterms, Howard Fitzsimmons, Kenneth Fitzsimmons, Louise Fitzsimmons, Mabel McClelland, Henry Thomas, Roger Wade

To The Taxpayers of Former District No. 9, Pavilion. Statement of Financial Account

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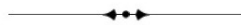
Oct. 20th, 1956 – Sale of Schoolhouse and Contents	\$1500.00
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EXPENDITURES:

Legal Notices of Sale	32.31
Paul A. Boylan, Attorney services	214.15
PCS General Fund for postage, envelopes, checks	4.00
Elizabeth R. Norton, Clerk services	<u>10.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$260.46

Balance to be distributed to taxpayers	\$1239.54
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Signed: Elizabeth R. Norton



The old Red School House was sold to Mrs. Harold A. Gilbert as a weekend retreat from her office in Syracuse. Mrs. Gilbert was the mother of Anita Marguerite Gilbert Harris, the wife of William Harris of Le Roy.

Mrs. Harold A. Gilbert of Syracuse spent the weekend at her summer home, the newly remodeled "Little Red School House" on the South Street Road. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. May 21, 1957

A former district school house at South and Black Sts., south of here, was destroyed yesterday by an early morning fire of undetermined origin. The 1 1/2 story frame building, known locally as the "Old Red School House," was owned by Mrs. Harold Gilbert of Syracuse, who just had completed extensive remodeling of the structure as a summer home. It had been built in the 1880s and was an area landmark.

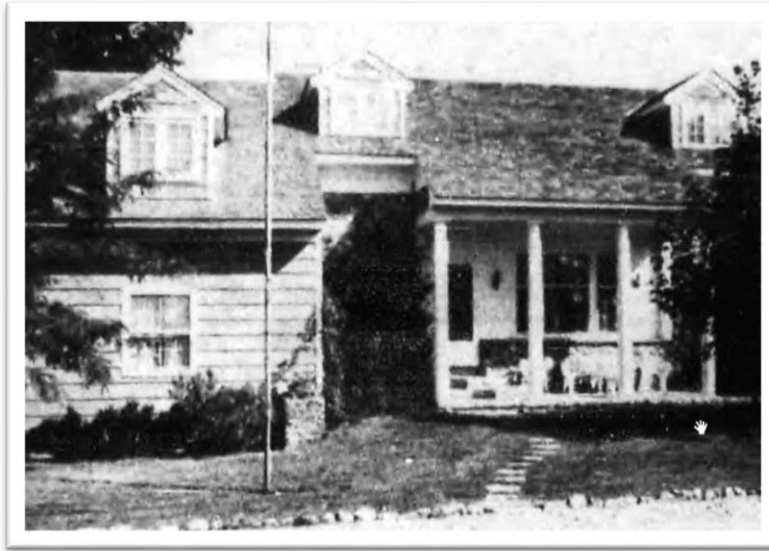
Genesee County Sheriff's Deputy Norman Mattice said the building was a total loss. He declined to estimate the monetary value because the home had been furnished with antiques which were lost in the blaze.

Mr. and Mrs. John Purcell who live across the road sounded the alarm at 4 a.m. when they were awakened by the reflection of the flames. Purcell tried to telephone the alarm but the high winds had caused a telephone failure in the neighborhood. He then drove six miles to Le Roy and alerted police who sounded the alarm.

Volunteer firemen from Le Roy, Pavilion and York fought the blaze, but high winds whipped the flames out of control and at times blew them nearly fifty feet across South Street.

*Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.* Rochester, NY. November 28, 1963

After the fire, Mrs. Gilbert designed and had built the home that currently [2016] stands on the corner where the old school was located.



Mrs. Gilbert's House. 1971



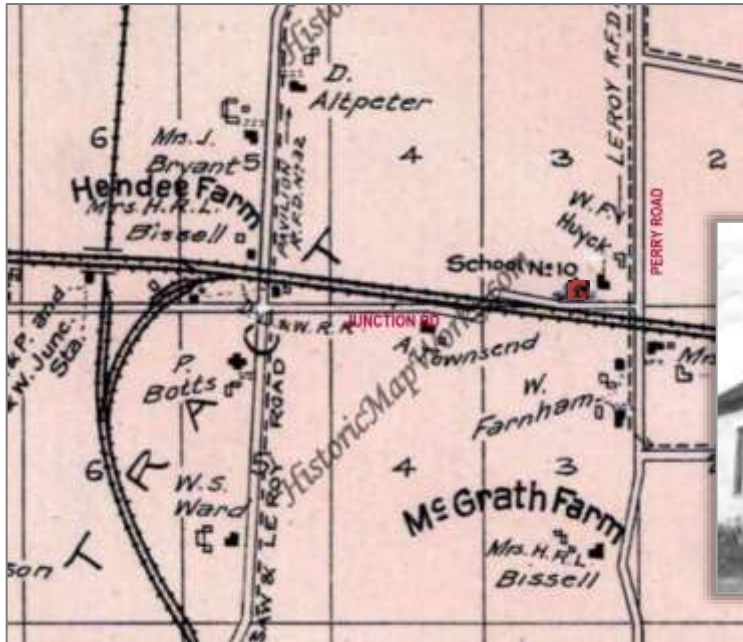
## PAVILION DISTRICT No. 10 - LAW DISTRICT

It is not known when this district was actually organized but the school house stood on the south side of the road, one block east of the B. & O. and D. L. & W. railroad junctions before the D. L. & W. tracks were laid. About that time it was moved to the north side of the D.L.&W. tracks and later [after 1904] the east and west highway which crossed the railroad just west of the school was placed entirely south of the railroad, thus doing away with the railroad crossing.

It is believed that Alvin Whitney, who lived with his uncle, Simon Law, was an early teacher.

In 1982, Robert Bradley owned the land where the school stood.

*The Pavilion Community 1800-1941.* J. L. Broughton, ed. 1941



Editor the Gazette – I have just received a request from one of the pupils to give a chapter on my experiences as a school teacher in what was called the Law district 55 years ago last winter [1840]. Supposing he may not be the only one interested I comply with the request.

A stripling of eighteen when I made application for the school, Page Russell, Simon Law and Cyrus Thompson were trustees. The only difference was on the question of wages. I wanted fifteen dollars a month. They offered ten. A compromise was made on the basis of twelve dollars and a half per month of twenty-six days and board 'round.

This boarding 'round the district is a luxury the modern teacher knows nothing about. A spare bed is the pride of the family. Twenty pounds of selected feathers, immaculate linen, a super abundance of quilts, coverlets, surmounted by articles of taste and skill, made it attractive to look upon. There it stands in stately dignity – it has thus stood for three months awaiting an occupant, and during that time had given the last degree of heat of its summer accumulation to the demands of winter, 'till the downy labyrinths were at the temperature of a snow bank. How I shiver! It makes cold chills creep over me to think of it. Let this pass.

This school had no exceptionally bad qualities but had the common mania to turn out of doors an unpopular teacher. In my case the scheme miscarried, and one of the prominent actors spent the balance of the winter in the woods cutting cord wood.

Two young men – grown up boys, I should call them – attended school, who had two years' tuition as "drivers" on the Erie canal. They were educated in the morality of the "tow path" and brought all their knowledge with them. The air was blue with profanity and fighting was a daily pastime. Black eyes and bloody noses were ornaments worn by half a score of the boys. Something had to be done. It took this form: I cut half a dozen blue birch strong switches, toughened them in a burning log-heap and concealed them behind the desk. That very day two of the large boys got into a fight, and their faces were all the evidence needed. They were called upon the floor and told we had introduced a new branch of study and they should be the first lesson. The bundle of switches were brought out and their coats taken off. Each was directed to select a switch, and the rule of the lesson made known. A was directed to strike B three times; the B strike A the same. It was very

amusing at first, till the teacher showed them the science of the study. They were apt scholars and as they warmed to their work, each gave the other a thoroughly sound thrashing. That was the only lesson needed.

Chewing gum is not a modern accomplishment, and my life's observation is that no habit is more difficult to break, yet in that school the girl of fifteen even graduated after two lessons in gum chewing.

Profanity became very unpopular after a time. Everyone heard to utter an oath was put in front of the desk and required to repeat the profane word to the school. It occasionally was hard to work to get out the language, but the blue birch was a wonderful persuader, and the habit of using "cuss words" was effectively corrected in and about the school house.

The lapse of years has not effaced from my recollection the patrons and pupils in that school. It was my first experience in that line and my first responsibility. I cherish the memory of those days with the liveliest interest acquaintances thus formed, and friendships cemented having outlived more than half a century.

Today the youngest who answered to the roll call in that school are more than three scores old, yet I recall them as children, with their agreeable and disagreeable ways. I see the bright eyed and rosy cheeked little girls who gave me a handful of beechnuts or an apple with modest bashfulness, attesting to their sincerity. Rough and angular as were many of the boys, their frank and honest friendships have survived the mightier events in human history. Someday I hope to revisit the scenes of long ago and renew the acquaintances of the surviving, and not the peculiarities of those whose epitaph is on the tomb stone. Seth Ames

Seth Ames was the penname used by George Tomlinson.



George Tomlinson.  
1822-1908

Mr. George Tomlinson, aged 86 years died at 6 o'clock Monday morning at the family residence on, Center street, Perry. Mr. Tomlinson went to a Buffalo Hospital about one month ago for an operation on his eyes, since which time he has gradually failed.

He was the son of George and Hepsibah Tomlinson and was born in Le Roy, Genesee county, in 1822. Mr. Tomlinson attended school in his native village, followed with a wide and varied course of reading. In 1845 he married Marion B., daughter of Haines and Martha Sprague of Pavilion, Genesee county. He went to Port Washington, Wis., and built a flouring mill, but remained there only a short time. Returning to LeRoy he engaged in cloth dressing and the manufacture of woolen goods. He next engaged in trade at LeRoy. Later he turned his attention to farming, locating in the town of Pavilion. While a resident of Genesee county he held the office of justice of the peace for seventeen years. Mr. Tomlinson came to Perry in 1870, and from that time was closely identified with the religious, social, political and business interests of the place.

Mr. Tomlinson was a member of the Wyoming County Pioneer and Historical Society. He was elected president several times, and for years has been a member of the board of trustees. In politics Mr. Tomlinson was a Republican. He was supervisor of the town of Perry in 1881, 1882 and 1883 and had held other political offices.

Mr. Tomlinson's pen was active during his lifetime. [Using the penname Seth Ames], he was a frequent contributor to the local papers in Genesee and Wyoming counties.

Mr. Tomlinson was a member of the First Universalist Church of Perry.

His venerable form was a benediction as he moved among us until he gently faded out of this life into the life beyond, and old age has been supplanted by the beginning of eternal youth in Paradise. To the sorrowing and aged widow, to the relatives and especially to his son, Frank J. Tomlinson and daughter, Nellie Tomlinson Gillett, all worthy of a sire so honored and revered we tender our sincere sympathy.

The funeral was held this Wednesday afternoon from the house, Rev. Clara Morgan, officiating. Miss Blanchard sang, "Some Sweet Day" and "Nearer Home." Interment took place in the family plot in Hope Cemetery. Flowers are gratefully declined.

*Wyoming County Times*. Warsaw, NY. May 13, 1908



Some of the other teachers in the district were: Frank Curtis, Ella Dowling, Mary McDonnell, Margaret McDonnell, Martha Gardner, Florence Morres, Alice Hazelton, Minnie Darby Cutcliffe, Irene Darby O'Leary, May Bliss Riley, James R. Bliss, Jr., Jennie Wheaton Crewes, Florence Heffer, Samuel Mann, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Eva Butler, Mrs. Edwin Howard, Mrs. Sarah Trembly, and Mildred Given. *The Pavilion Community 1800-1941*. J. L. Broughton, ed. 1941

**Miss Emma Kingdon** teaches in the Law district. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. October 19, 1883

**Mrs. Fred Shumway**, teacher in the Law district, visited the Pavilion school on Monday.  
*Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. October 24, 1884

**Miss Etta Youngs** is teaching school in the Law district; boards at home. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. May 6, 1887

The Law district school closed Friday with the intention of having a picnic in Mr. Gayton's orchard, but on account of the rain, it was held at his home. The school has been successfully taught by **Miss Dowling**.  
*Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. August 14, 1889

**Miss Etta Youngs** will open her summer term of school in the Law district next Monday.  
*The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. April 2, 1891

**Miss Minnie Darby** is to teach in the Law district. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. August 24, 1892

Pavilion Centre - **Miss Jennie Baker**, who is teaching in the Law district, spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss May Stacey.  
*Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. October 11, 1893

Masters Frank and Charles Botts from the Law district are attending school at the Center [Pavilion Center].  
*Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. April 11, 1894

The teacher of the Law district school spent Monday struggling to reach her school and succeeded in reaching there about time to dismiss her pupils.

The terrific storm of Saturday so blocked the road north of the depot [at Pavilion Center] that a freight train was derailed and all passenger service delayed until 12 o'clock. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. January 30, 1895

At the school meetings on Tuesday evening, in the village [Pavilion] Wm. Austin was elected trustee, Mrs. R. B. Whitney clerk, L. H. Wells collector; Burleigh Hill, John McWethy trustee, W. Spark clerk and J. H. Wheeler collector; Bailey's Mills district, Mr. Found is trustee; Pavilion Center, Jas. Bowden; Law district, Mr. Hazleton; Cook district, Lyman Crocker; Union Corners, John Elliot; South Transit, Will Hines. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. August 7, 1896

Joseph, the 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Guning, living three miles south of this village, met with an accident which may result in the loss of one or both of his eyes. During the noon hour at the district school in the Law district the lad was struck in the eye with a piece of coal thrown by a schoolmate. While he was rubbing it another piece of coal was thrown and struck him in the other eye, causing him great pain. He was brought to physicians in this village, who advised treatment by a specialist. The parents were financially unable to procure this treatment and Solomon Shumway took the boy to the Homeopathic hospital in Rochester, guaranteeing payment for five weeks' treatment. Dr. Bissell of the hospital stated that the lad was totally blind in one eye and would lose the sight of the other if it was not attended to at once.

*The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. January 17, 1901

Since the last report of School Commissioner Loveridge there has been one new school built in District No. 3 of Le Roy and one in District No. 10 of Pavilion. *Batavia Times*. Batavia, NY. November 29, 1902

The former pupils of the Law district, No. 10 of this town [Pavilion], held a reunion in Abram Reese's woods last Wednesday. Nineteen persons were present, 13 of whom had attended the school, and letters of regret were received from Mrs. Luella Kelly Miller of Attica and Miss Agnes Donnan of Geneseo. Five of the pupils present have taught school, three of them in the Law district.

The gathering was held in honor of Mrs. Nellie Skinner Weld of Chicago. Others present were Mrs. Sarah Skinner Sandles of Bailey's Mills, Mrs. Jennie Hendee Decker, Mrs. Grace Hendee Townsend, Mrs. Nellie Hendee Decker, Mrs. Laura Olmsted, Mrs. Ida Olmstead Hannum, George Youngs, Miss Anna Maud and Miss Esther Carlisle, all of LeRoy, and Mrs. Wealthy Youngs Thomas, Miss Etta Youngs and Mrs. Lily Youngs Culver. Mrs. Olmstead read a paper on "Our School Days," a reading and spelling class was heard out of the old books, the old school songs were sung and the old time

recitations were given, followed by many reminiscences. A bountiful picnic lunch was served, a feature of which was a cake trimmed with an old fashioned myrtle wreath. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. August 22, 1906



Pupils of the Law District. 1905

In door: ? Mason

Top row: Mabel Hazelton, Ina Carney Pratt, Anna McVean, Ethel White Scott, Hugh White, May Farnham Laughton, ? Carney

Middle row: Carrie Farnham Mattice, Unknown, George Botts, Albert McVean

First row: Mary White, Unknown, S. J. Moffatt, Paul Davis

Sitting on ground: George Mattice, Fred Moffatt, Earl Bliss

*Unidentified Newspaper Clipping*

The second reunion of former students of the school in the Law district was held in Robert Bradley's grove at Bailey's Mills on Wednesday afternoon. Those present, who away back in the [18]60s were attending this school, were Mrs. Ida Olmsted Hannum, Mrs. Grace Hendee Townsend, Mrs. Nellie Hendee Decker, Mrs. Laura Youngs Olmsted and Miss Esther Carlisle, all of Le Roy; Mrs. Wealthy Youngs Thomas and Miss Etta Youngs of Pavilion Mrs. Sarah Skinner Handles of Bailey's Mills, Miss Mary Bryant Munson of East Pembroke, Mrs. Addie Hendee Shumway of Los Angeles, Cal., and Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Russell, of Stafford.

Features of the afternoon were spelling matches and reading classes, the old Sanders speller and reader being used and Mrs. Olmsted and Mrs. Shumway acting as teachers. There were also recitations and compositions and brief talks were given. A lunch was served. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. August 28, 1908

School will begin in District No. 10, Pavilion on September 17 with **Miss Florence Morris** as teacher. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. August 29, 1906

Appropriate Christmas exercises were held in District No. 10, Pavilion on Friday afternoon. Santa Claus was there to distribute gifts from the tree. The pupils are enjoying a week's vacation. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. December 26, 1906



Through the efforts of the pupils of District No. 10, Pavilion a beautiful new [forty-five star] flag has been purchased. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. March 6, 1907

The Forty Five Star U.S. Flag became the Official United States Flag on July 4th, 1896; it lasted for 12 years, 1896-1908. On July 4, 1908, the U.S. flag grew to 46 stars with the addition to the Union of Oklahoma (November 16, 1907); this was the official flag for the next 4 years.

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**Miss Martha Gardner**, who has completed her duty as teacher of the school in the Law district, is spending the week in Rochester. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. June 22, 1909

**Miss Mary McDonnell** of Warsaw has been reengaged to teach the school in the Law district. Miss Anna Bossart will teach another year in the South Bridge district. Miss Genevieve Stevens will teach the Bailey Mills school another year. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. May 17, 1916

Bergen - **Miss Mildred German**, whose school in district No. 10, Pavilion, closed on Friday with a picnic, is at home to spend the vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas German. She will teach the same school next year. Miss Mary Doran, teacher of the school in district No. 1. Pavilion, and her sister, Miss Anna Doran, teacher of the school in district No. 6, Pavilion, whose schools closed Friday with a picnic at Horseshoe lake, are at home for the vacation. They will teach the same schools next year. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. June 13, 1921

**Miss Margaret McDonald** has just completed the year's work in District No. 10, Pavilion. Besides earning grade certificates, the pupils passed eleven subjects in the regents examinations in June. There are fourteen children doing Junior Project work and in the recent "Calf contest" for Genesee County, Wilson Wallace, a boy ten years old, won third prize. Miss McDonald has been re-engaged for next year, having taught four years in this school. *Wyoming County Times*. Warsaw, NY. June 25, 1925

School district No. 1, Pavilion Center opened Tuesday with **Mrs. Charles Morrow** as teacher for the coming year. District No. 10, Pavilion opened Tuesday with Miss Margaret McDonald of Warsaw as teacher. District No. 11, Union Corners, opened last week Monday with Mrs. Byron Neff as teacher. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. September 9, 1925

On Saturday afternoon Miss Mildred German entertained the Junior Project Club of her school in district No. 4 Bergen, and the Sewing Club of district No. 10 in Pavilion of which Miss German was a former teacher. Mrs. Edwin Howard of Pavilion is the present leader. Games were played and lunch was served. *The Standard*. Holley, NY. May 20, 1926

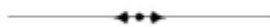
Both schools in this vicinity are opening today for the fall term. Miss E. Wahl is teacher at Bailey's Mills and **Mrs. Frank Butler** in the Law district. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. September 7, 1927

... No. 10 Pavilion (Perry road), **Mrs. Clarence Butler** of Pavilion ...  
*Buffalo Evening News*. Buffalo, NY. September 4, 1928

The honor roll for the first quarter at Pavilion district No. 10, east of the D. L. & W. junction, of which **Miss Doris Wheaton** of Le Roy is teacher, consists of the following names: Francis Hardy, Frederick Hardy, Dorothy Wood, John Hardy. Perfect attendance since entering: Juanita Goff, Francis Hardy, Frederick Hardy, Arnold Holden, Benjamin Sprung, Carl Hume, Leon Hume. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. December 7, 1932

Miss Helena E. Wall, teacher, and pupils of Bailey's Mills school recently gave a farewell party at the school for Eleanor and Jean Strait, who moved from here to District No. 10. The children were treated to ice cream, cake and oranges. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. April 12, 1933

School in district No. 10, Pavilion, taught by **Miss Doris Wheaton** of Le Roy, closed on Friday with a picnic at Long Point, Conesus Lake for the pupils and their parents. About 35 attended. Following the basket dinner, games and sports were enjoyed. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. June 20, 1934



By the late 1880s, Long Point Park on Conesus Lake had become a destination location for people across western New York, often bringing crowds of over 10,000 people per day. In 1901, 20,000 people gathered at Long Point Park to attend the Livingston County Picnic there.

The picnic facilities and amusements attracted families from across New York State. In July 1906, *The Livonia Gazette* had an advertisement for the Erie Railway Railroad which stated "Long Point, a complete picnic resort, twenty acres of



beautiful grove and acknowledged to be the first picnic grounds in the State, has been equipped with every convenience essential to entertaining large excursions. Good ball grounds, pavilions, a Toboggan slide (built by the Town of Geneseo in 1886), the Helter-Skelter (which was a curved slide, also referred to as the Cyclone House), Circle Swing, Merry-Go-Round, etc. Church and society excursions are furnished a free stove, dishes, tables, benches, etc. Special trains will be run from Rochester connecting with the large, new, commodious steamer Conesus which carries 1,000 people and was built especially for handling large excursions. Special rates for excursions parties...call on Erie agent of address, H. T. Jaeger, general agent passenger department, Buffalo.”

Over time, more features were added or improved to make the north end of the park more family friendly, such as improved concessions and a new Picnic Pavilion. In 1930 a Miniature Golf Course was constructed by the Lilliputt Company (par for the course was 50). During 1931 shuffleboard and archery were added at Long Point along with later additions of a Chair-plane, Shooting Gallery and Miniature Gasoline Vehicles.

Adapted from the Friends of Long Point in Livingston County, Inc. webpage.



School opened in district No. 10 with **Miss Mildred Given** of Le Roy as teacher.

*Le Roy Gazette-News.* Le Roy, NY. September 5, 1934

**Miss Mildred Given**, teacher of school district No. 10, Pavilion announced the following pupils were placed on the honor roll for the second quarter: Barbara Goff, Juanita Goff, Eleanor Strait, Jean Strait, Edith Williams, Francis Hardy, Frederick Hardy and Adrian Hardy. Perfect attendance: Robert Palmenter, Katherine Palmenter, Edith Williams and John Hardy.

*Le Roy Gazette-News.* Le Roy, NY. February 13, 1935

School opened on Tuesday in district No. 10, Pavilion with **Miss Mildred Given** of Le Roy for her second year as teacher, with 22 pupils.

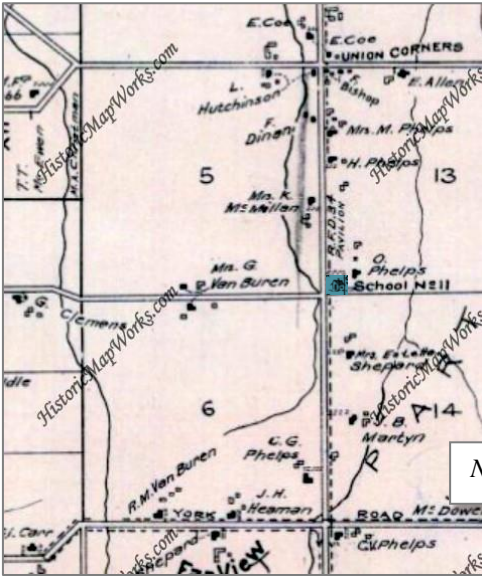
Bailey's Mills school in district No. 6, Pavilion also opened on Tuesday with Miss Mary Caswell of Le Roy beginning her second year as teacher, with an enrollment of 13 pupils. This is the largest attendance of pupils in several years. Teacher and pupils were much pleased to enter the school room, which was newly decorated.

*Le Roy Gazette-News.* Le Roy, NY. September 11, 1935

**Miss Mildred Given**, teacher in district No. 10, Pavilion has prepared the honor roll for the third quarter of pupils who had an average standing in all subjects of 85 percent or over as follows: First grade, Clayton Strait, Gerald Hardy; second grade, Katherine Palmenter; sixth grade, Robert Palmenter; seventh grade, John Hardy; eighth grade, Arnold Holden. Perfect attendance: Eleanor Strait. School closed on Thursday for Easter vacation and will reopen Monday, April 20th.

*Le Roy Gazette-News.* Le Roy, NY. April 15, 1936

## PAVILION DISTRICT No. 11 – UNION CORNERS SCHOOL



New Century Atlas of Genesee County. 1904

Originally named District No. 3, Covington, the first school building was situated on the southwest corner of the intersection of South Street Road and the Pavilion-York Road. This was perhaps the earliest school in the community as it was where Laura Terrill taught about 1813. Sometime before 1866 the district was combined with No. 19, Covington and a new building was erected one and a half miles north of the old one on the east side of South Street Road.

After centralization, John McElwain purchased the building and moved it to his farm and remodeled for use as a dwelling.

*A Crossroads by the Oatka 1790-1982.* Isabel MacDuffie, ed.



Miss Laura Terrill [1793-1855] was one of the first teachers in the Pavilion area. ►



Union Corners Schoolhouse

The school house pictured here is thought to have been built around 1877.

Laura Terrill taught in this district about 1813. Many times her dinner pail contained only pudding and milk.

Rodenea Judd is thought to have taught in the district in 1816

Other teachers in District No. 11 have included Gideon Phelps, Milford Clute, Margaret Innis, Denby Lewis, Belle Stewart of York, Lousia Witter, Volney Witter, Sarah Fleming, James Thayer, Mrs. Maggie Stewart Campbell, Mrs. Orinda Mayhew Phelps, Mrs. Emma Phelps Hawks, Julia Connor, Anna Murphy, Mrs. Anna McDowell Allen, Mrs. Emma Wheelock McClurg, Mrs. Elizabeth Phelps Pratt, Carl Fiero, Mrs. Minnie Darby Cutcliffe, Ira Carmichael, Blanche Hanlon, Miss Flynn, Mrs. Eileen Connor Lacy, William Boyd, Ella Boyd, Mrs. Estella Hutchinson Crofoot, Mrs. Winifred Wellman McKeever, Mrs. Grant Bradley, Mrs. May Wheeler Copeland, Mrs. Agatha VanBuren Lear and Ruth Morrow

From *The Pavilion Community of New York State 1800-1941.* J. L. Broughton, ed. and a scrap book of information on the Town of Covington researched by Nellie M. Paine. 1937

**Miss Maggie Stewart** has closed her school at Union Corners for a week, having been called away by the illness of her sister. *Progressive Batavian.* Batavia, NY. July 1, 1882

The school at Union Corners opened on Monday last, **Miss Anna Wilson**, teacher. This is her fifth term in that district. *Progressive Batavian.* Batavia, NY. April 16, 1886

**Ira Carmichael** is teaching at Pavilion. *The Caledonia Advertiser.* Caledonia, NY. September 14, 1896

**Miss Kate Flynn**, who is teaching at Pavilion, will spend Thanksgiving at home.

*Western New Yorker*. Warsaw, NY. November 26, 1896

**Miss Margaret Peddles** has been re-engaged to teach the Union Corners school the ensuing year.

*The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. August 30, 1899

Union Corners school opened on Monday last, with **Miss Wilson**, of York, as teacher.

*Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. October 24, 1884

**Mr. Willie Boyd** closed his term of school at Union Corners last Friday with appropriate exercises. He had several musical instruments there, and a general good time was enjoyed. Mr. Boyd has now taught three winters in his own district, which speaks well for him. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. March 14, 1890

The district school at Union Corners taught by **Miss Murphy** will close for its summer vacation.

*Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. June 4, 1902

The school at Union Corners is closed for a three weeks' vacation. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. April 1, 1903

The school at Union Corners reopened this week after a vacation of three weeks.

*Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. April 27, 1904

The district school at Union Corners will be opened for its year's work by **Miss Lauretta Gibson**, of Warsaw, on September 12. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. August 24, 1904

A highly enjoyable picnic was held by the pupils and patrons of the Union Corners school on Friday, it being the closing of the school for the summer. About 85 persons attended the picnic which was held in the Cheeney grove. Musical and literary exercises were held and a general good time enjoyed. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. June 28, 1905

**Miss Estelle Carpenter** of Prattsburg has been engaged as teacher of the district school at Union Corners, to succeed **Miss Dora Lewis** of Le Roy, who resigned. The school will reopen next week. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. January 31, 1906

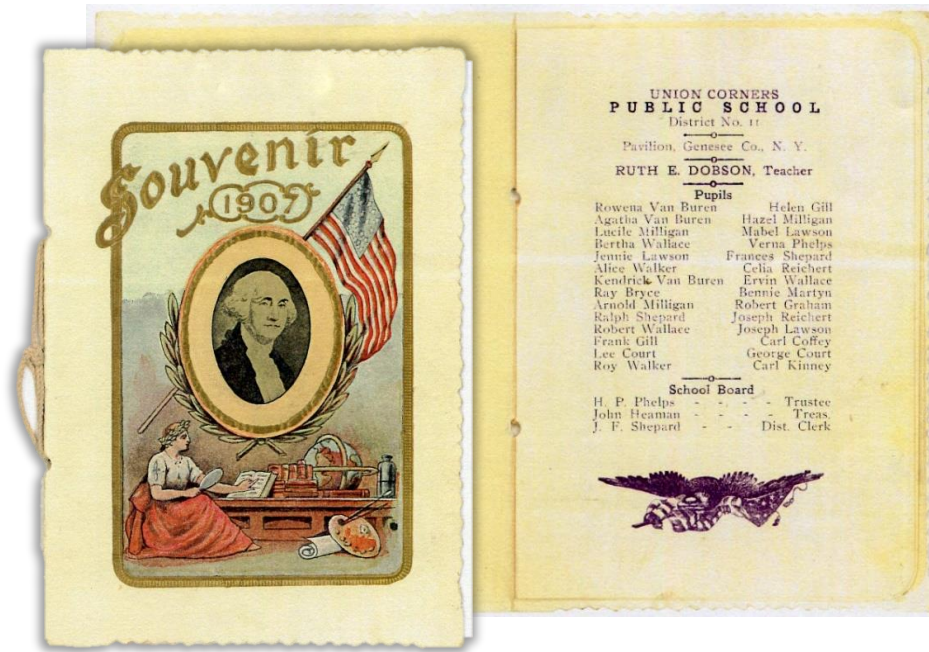
Miss Estella Carpenter, who has been teaching at Pavilion since her graduation from Geneseo Normal, returned home Saturday to spend her summer vacation. *The Prattsburg News*. Prattsburg, NY. July 5, 1906

Pavilion - The school in district No. 11, taught by **Miss Ruth E. Dobson** for the last year, closed Wednesday afternoon. Miss Dobson has become successful in her work and as a token of esteem she was presented with a solid silver spoon by her pupils. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. June 19, 1907

School opened on Monday in District No. 11 with **Miss Ruth E. Dobson** as teacher.

*Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. September 25, 1907

The January appropriation from the State for library and apparatus given to Pavilion \$6.02 for District No. 8 and \$20 for District No. 11. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. February 10, 1909



The school at Union Corners, **Miss Bertha Gilfillan**, teacher, closed on Thursday last with a picnic. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. June 15, 1909

Every person, young or old, interested in having a good, first class singing school here this fall and winter is urged to attend a meeting at the Union School house Friday evening of this week. Louis J. Marsh of Batavia is the musician who will be the instructor. Mr. Marsh is a fine musician, a good singer and a splendid violinist. There are lots of people here who have good voices but many of them can't read notes and do not understand time and therefore are afraid to sing for fear of making a mistake and be an object of ridicule. It is hoped that great interest will be taken in this meeting and that Pavilion may have a large flourishing singing school this fall and winter, and that the vocal talent of this village may be cultivated, and not allowed to go to waste because of lack of interest and ambition to learn.

*Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. September 29, 1915

Miss Mary L. Doran, who is teaching at Pavilion Center, **Miss Anna Doran**, who is teaching in district No. 11, Pavilion, and Miss Florence I. Thompson, who is teaching at Lincoln Park, Rochester, came home [to Bergen] yesterday to stay over Sunday. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. September 8, 1917

County Treasurer Bryant will receive sometime this month half the state money due to school districts and he will deliver it to the trustees of the schools. The second half of the apportionment will be received about the first of May. Before the money is sent to the county treasurer there is a deduction of 2 per cent of each teacher's salary, including the physical training teachers, for the teachers' retirement fund. ... Pavilion—District No. 1, \$225.74; district No. 2, \$748.40; district No. 5 \$227.78; district No. 6, \$227.80; district No. 7, \$225.76; district No. 8, \$253.152; district No. 9, \$226.96; district No. 10, \$226.32; district No. 11, \$229.42. Total, \$2,591.80. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. March 5, 1920

The school meeting in District No. 11 was held last week Tuesday evening at the school house. There were ten voters present. Mr. Romaine VanBuren presided at the meeting and Mrs. Frank Dillon was clerk. William Weller was re-elected trustee; Mrs. James Allen, collector and Mrs. Frank Dillon, clerk. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. May 12, 1920

The following three schools open Tuesday: District No. 1, Pavilion Center with Mrs. Charles Morrow as teacher; district No. 10, Miss Margaret McDonald of Warsaw as teacher; district No. 11, Union Corners, **Miss Harris** of Retsof teacher. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. September 8, 1926

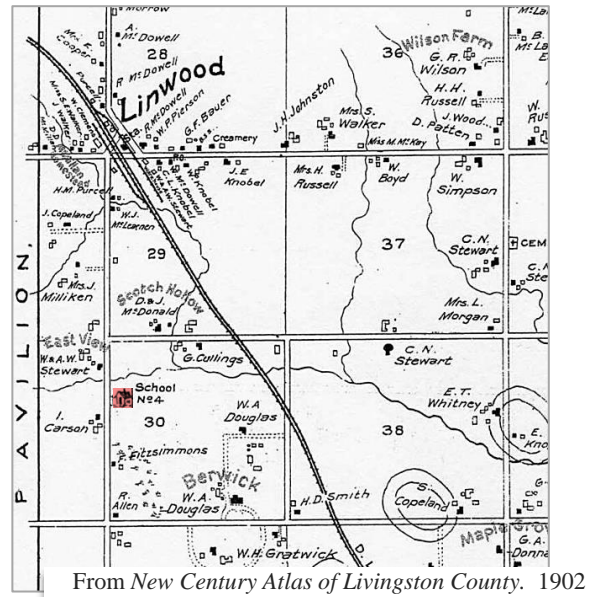
The school house in district No. 11, Union Corners, was broken into this last Wednesday night. All of the coal and practically every article in the building was taken by the thieves. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. November 9, 1932

Pavilion Center - Schools opened for the coming year in this vicinity on Tuesday. ... **Miss Ruth Morrow** of Mount Morris returns to Union Corners school No. 11. ... *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. September 4, 1935

The third rural school to go on the auction block in two months as a result of centralization was District School No. 11 at Union Corners sold Saturday to Supervisor John E. McElwain for \$135. Supervisor McElwain plans to transform the 24 by 40-foot structure into a tenant house.

Sale of a fence, books, chairs and other contents brought the total proceeds to \$175. Ten students transferred to the \$250,000 Pavilion Central School at its opening on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Other districts are making arrangements for the sale of their buildings. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. April 21, 1937

## YORK-PAVILION DISTRICT No. 4 - LINWOOD



School District No. 4 of the towns of York and Pavilion was probably created in 1820. When organized the district employed but one teacher—who received one dollar and twenty-five a week and boarded around. The district now employs two teachers who received twelve and one-half and thirteen dollars per week.

First school house was erected on west side of public highway, one mile south of what is now Linwood. Cost four hundred dollars.

In 1868 a new school house was built on the opposite side of highway. Site and house cost three thousand dollars. In 1908 the house was enlarged and repaired at a cost of twenty-four hundred dollars and at this time a second teacher was employed. This house burned in 1913 and was replaced with the present building at an expense of twenty-eight hundred dollars.

Among the early trustees were Daniel Walker, John McNab, William Stewart and John McKercher.

Some of the early teachers were Thomas Hutton, Alexander Douglas, John Stewart, James Milroy, John W. Stewart, Dr. Alexander Reid, Duncan Cameron, Miss Weller (later married A. Stocking), Miss Milroy (later E. Cullings' wife), Ruth Bradley and Agnes Donnan. Rev. Joseph McNab [1838-1919] attended this school.

“Town School Histories – York.” Compiled by Mrs. M. F. R. Ensign.  
*Annual Meeting of the Livingston County Historical Society.* 1917. p.61

Teachers in the District No. 4 school have included: Daniel Walker, Miss Copeland, Rebecca Spring, Louis Moon, Charles Hamilton, George Allen, Marian Kettle, Mary Walton MacKenzie, Mrs. Ward Johnson, Edith Webster Baird, Mrs. Eleanor Wilson Anderson, Marian Minisci, Mrs. Wallace J. Lansbury, Mrs. Lester Hines, Rachel Little, Jeanette Stewart, Dorothy Calvin Toal, Mrs. Grant Bradley (Jana Moffat), Mrs. Marcia George Boss, Miss Niven, Miss Russell, Miss Munger, Miss Burke, Miss Corrine Miller, Miss Mabel Dike, Miss Foster, Mrs. Beulah Harris Henry, Mrs. Lettie Simpson Miles.

From notes written by Arthur Donnan, longtime Town of York Historian

A review of motions made and carried at some of the annual August meetings of Dist. No. 4 as recorded in Clerk's Minutes:

1867 - Authorize that land be purchased from George Carlisle and James McNab on the east side of Stewart Road to build school; [the total price of the two parcels was \$65 to Mr. Carlisle and \$50 to Mr. McNab.] \$1000 raised in tax to pay for new school; ceilings to be 10 ft., posts 14 ft. long; chimney to extend to the floor with a soot box; composition blackboards; seats of cast iron frame with cherry tops for desks

1868 – Ebenezer Cullings elected trustee; raise \$150 additional tax to build school; windows to be raised and lowered by weights; terms of sale for old building, cash; raise \$100 by tax to pay for fencing of schoolhouse and defraying other expenses; 10 cords of beech and maple 32 in. long purchased at best terms, 5 cords to be piled in woodshed before Nov. 15, balance by Jan. 15, 1869

1869 – Purchased 10 cords of wood from Geo. Carlisle at \$3.09 a cord; new blackboard to be made of seasoned pine lumber

1870 – Ebenezer Cullings elected trustee; purchased 10 cords of beech and maple wood; tax to raise \$27 for wood; trustee instructed to hire a teacher for twenty-eight weeks only

1871 – David McDonald elected trustee; purchase of 10 cords of wood awarded to Robert McDowell at \$2.30 per cord; raise \$100 by tax to be applied to teacher's wages the ensuing winter and incidental expenses for the year

1872 – David Milliken elected trustee; contract for 15 cords of wood went to John McNab; trustee instructed to raise a tax of \$100 for contingent expenses and to apply on teacher's wages for ensuing term

1873 – James A. Stewart elected trustee; 15 cords of wood taken on by E. Cullings at \$2.08 per cord; trustee authorized to raise by tax \$100 for purpose of paying for wood, contingent expenses and teacher's wages for ensuing winter

1874 – William Stewart elected trustee; 10 cords of wood to be furnished by James Milliken at \$2 per cord; trustee authorized to raise by tax \$100 for purpose of paying for wood, contingent expenses and teacher's wages for ensuing winter

1875 – William Walker elected trustee; \$100 to be raised by tax to pay teacher's wages, wood, repairing school house and incidental expenses; Alex McDowell furnishes 10 cords of wood at \$2.18 per cord

1876 – David McDonald elected trustee; raise \$175 by tax; trustee authorized to level ground in front of school house; trustee authorized to prosecute all persons damaging school house

1877 – John Walker elected trustee; 5 cords of wood supplied by Henry Russel at \$1.75 a cord; adopted use of following textbooks: [Sander's] Union Reader, Robinson's Arithmetic, Montieth & McNally's Geography, Kerl's Grammar, Lossing's History, [Sander's] Union Speller

1878 – John A. Douglas elected trustee; 10 cords of beech and maple let to A. McKercher at \$1.75 per cord

1879 – A. B. Gilfillan elected trustee; A. McDowell agreed to furnish 10 cords of wood for \$1.75 a cord;

1880 – A. B. Gilfillan re-elected trustee; 10 cords of wood to lowest bidder, Arch McKercher, \$1.74 per cord

1881 – A. B. Gilfillan trustee; wood let to E. Cullings at \$1.85 per cord; moved that trustee has privilege of changing spelling book; school house to be painted the coming summer

1882 – A. B. Gilfillan trustee; trustee authorized to purchase wood in addition to what is on hand for another year

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The district must have changed to a coal stove about this time as there is no more mention of bidding for the wood contract in any of the subsequent minutes.

1885 - R. J. Cullings re-elected trustee; trustee instructed to purchase a globe and dictionary

1888 – C. E. Bryant trustee; inside ceiling around the room would be extended up as high as black board

**Miss Abbie Mills** commenced her second term at Linwood this week. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. March 19, 1890

**Mr. John Green**, of Mumford, has been engaged to teach the Linwood school the coming winter.  
*Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. September 30, 1891

Linwood - The school is progressing finely under the instruction of **Chas. Hamilton**, of LaGrange.  
*Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. October 11, 1893

**Miss Mary Bennett**, having resigned as teacher of the Linwood school, is succeeded by **Miss Emma D. Cullings**.  
*Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. March 21, 1894

William Stewart elected trustee; voted to spend \$50 for changing stove to furnace and digging place to put it in; \$250 for teacher's wages and coal; \$4.50 for dictionary; estimate of \$50 for digging new well not approved.  
Clerk's Minutes of Annual Meeting. August, 1894

Approved \$50 appropriation to dig well; \$15 for a flag; \$200 for teacher's wages; \$55 for incidentals  
Clerk's Minutes of Annual Meeting. August, 1895

Linwood – It was voted to dig a well in the school yard. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. August 14, 1895

1896 – Boys' privy moved from behind the school south at least 3 rods; \$300 approved for expenses of the school

1897 - \$200 for the expenses of the school and teacher's wages

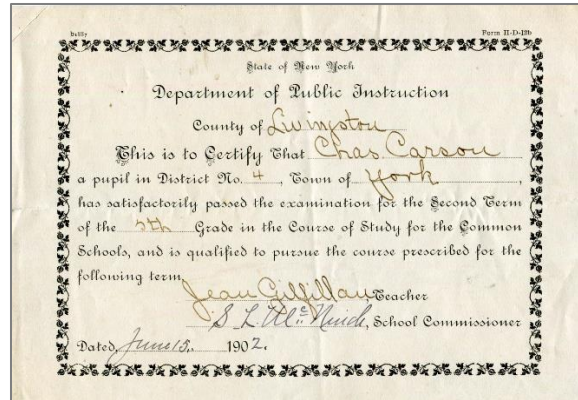
1898 – Appropriated \$75 to cover expenses of preparing a place for furnace; trustee given power to fix wall on west side of school house

1900 – Budget of \$225

1901 - \$250 approved to defray expenses of the school for the ensuing year

Clerk's Minutes of Annual Meetings. August, 1896 – August 1901

Peoria - Miss Mary J. Milligan has been engaged to teach in district No. 5 for the coming year and **Miss Jean Gilfillan** the Linwood school. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. August 14, 1901



Linwood - Miss Jean Gilfillan began her spring term of school on Monday. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. February 11, 1903

Miss Jean Gilfillan has the mumps and has had to close her school. Several of the pupils are afflicted in the same manner. The grip is claiming a number of sufferers. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. March 18, 1903

\$300 approved for teacher's wages, fuel, etc. for ensuing year; ex-trustee Pierson read a letter he had received from Supt. Skinner that stated the district would lose their public money if the attendance was not kept up  
Clerk's Minutes of Annual Meeting. August, 1903

Miss Jean Gilfillan arrived home last Saturday from Luzerne, N. Y., where she has been teaching school.  
*The Scottsville Bee*. Scottsville, NY. June 22, 1904

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Miss Jean Gilfillan, 86, of 40 West Main St., died at 11:15 o'clock Thursday evening, August 19, 1965 in Genesee Memorial Hospital where she had been a patient since March, 1964.

Miss Gilfillan, a retired school teacher, graduated from Genesee Normal School and taught in the public school systems of Fulton and Plainfield, N.J. Following her retirement in 1928 she made her home in Le Roy.

A native of Covington, Miss Gilfillan was born Dec. 25, 1878, a daughter of the late Rev. Andrew B. and Margaret Gordon Gilfillan. Her father served as pastor of the Covington United Presbyterian Church for 47 years. When he retired in 1912 he moved to Le Roy.

Miss Gilfillan was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and an active member of its women's organizations. She was also a member of the History of Art Club, the Stafford Country Club, the Woman's Club and the Le Roy Historical Society.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Clair V. Wilson of Bradnell Ave., four nephews, Dr. William R. Wilson of Iowa City, Ia., Gordon G. Wilson of Rochester. Andrew B. Gilfillan III, Buffalo attorney and Dr. Rutherford S. Gilfillan of Mill Valley, Calif., 10 grand-nephews and nieces.

Funeral services were held from the First Presbyterian Church at 2:30 o'clock Monday afternoon. Rev. Cressy Hunt, pastor of the Covington United Presbyterian Church, officiated. Burial took place in Machpelah cemetery.

*Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. August 26, 1965

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Linwood - Fred Webb, of Pavilion, has taken the contract to paint the school house. He commenced work yesterday.  
*Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. August 24, 1904



Real photo postcard view of Dist. No. 4 school house. 1908

School commences in Dist. No. 4 on Monday, Sept. 17th with **Miss Lettie Simpson** as teacher.  
*The Caledonia Era*. Caledonia, NY. September 12, 1906

January - Motion to purchase site in or near Linwood and build modern two-room school defeated 33 to 12; April - motion to spend up to \$2000 to repair, enlarge and equip present school building so as to make it into a two-room building to meet the requirements of the department passed 9 to 7; August - \$400 budget; voted to pay clerk \$4 for services in notifying voters of two special meetings

Clerk's Minutes of Annual Meeting. January, April, August, 1907

The 225 teachers who registered Monday [for the Teachers' Institute held in Mt. Morris] and were in attendance through the week are: ... Linwood - **Jeanette Stewart**, Linwood - Letitia Simpson ...

*The Picket Line Post*. Mt. Morris, NY. September 27, 1907

At Linwood, Livingston county, on Monday afternoon, the voters of joint district No. 4, York and Pavilion, met to discuss the proposal to divide the district and erect two districts out of the one now existing.

School Commissioners S. L. McNinch of Livingston county and C. W. Stickle of Genesee county, whose commissioner districts would be affected by the proposed change, were associated in the hearing. A warm discussion took place and arguments for and against the proposal were advanced. The two commissioners, however, decided at the close of the meeting that the interests of the district would be best advanced by refusing the proposal to divide.

The district will therefore remain as before, except that steps will be taken at once to make it a union school and to erect a new school building, larger and modern, to take the place of the old one. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. July 8, 1908

\$1100 budget; purchased another half-acre from W. A. Douglas adjacent to south side of present school property, \$50; land to revert back to Douglas farm when district was through with it for school purposes

Clerk's Minutes of Annual Meeting. August, 1909

**Miss Mae Smith** yesterday began her duties as teacher of the Linwood school.

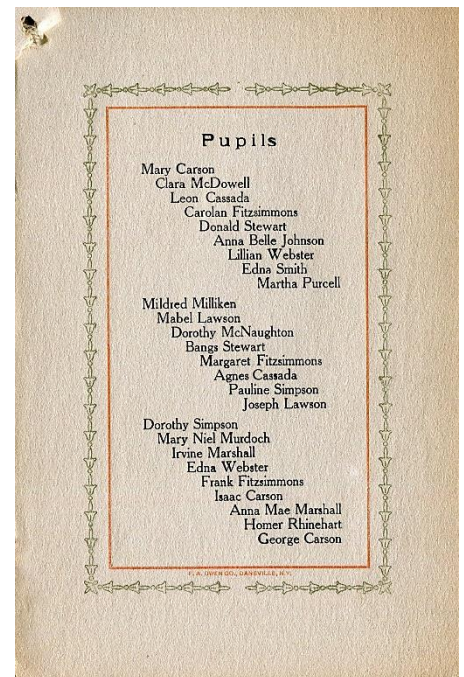
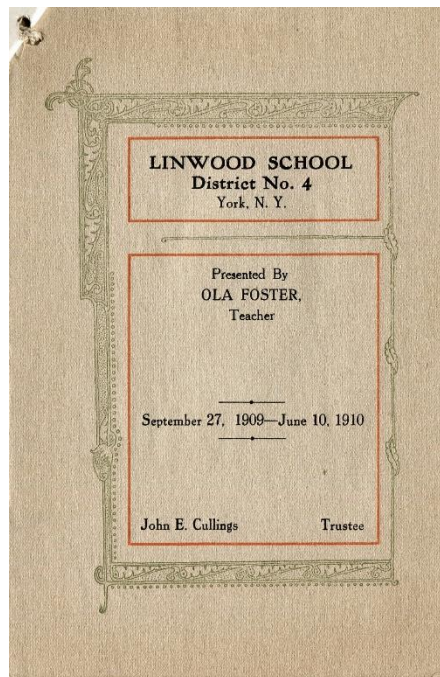
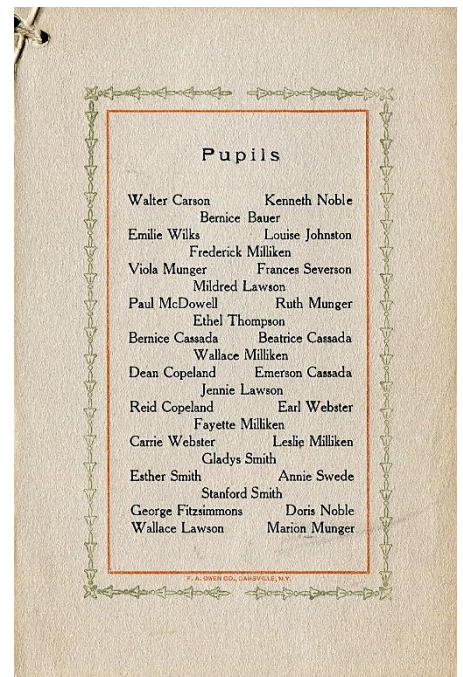
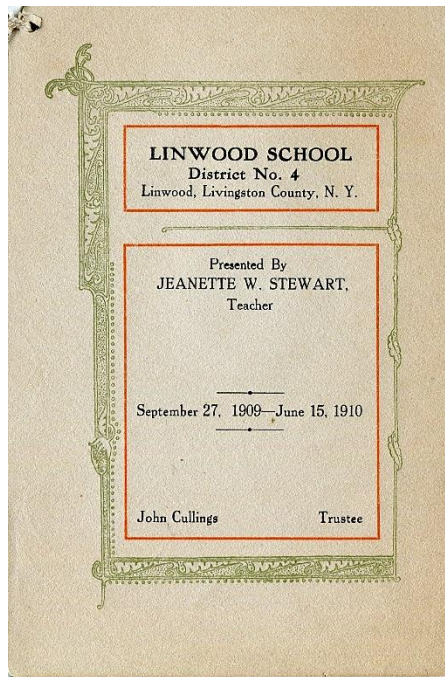
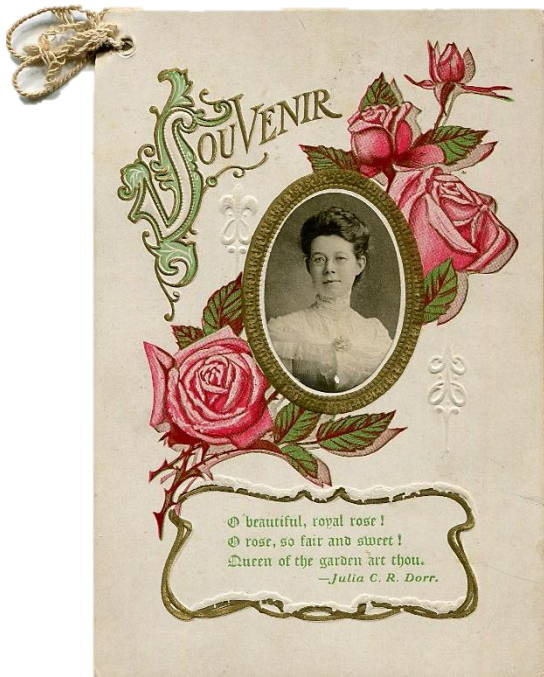
*Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. September 8, 1909

1910 - Isaac Wilks elected trustee; voted to raise \$1200 by tax

1911 - Annual meeting date changed from August to May; \$1200 budget; Isaac Wilks thanked for planting shade trees on the school grounds

1912 - Well was dug; thanks to Mr. Carson for the use of his well during past years

Clerk's Minutes of Annual Meeting. August, 1910 - May, 1912



**Miss Corinne Millar and Miss Ola Foster**, teachers in the Linwood school, were guests from Friday until Monday of Miss Margaret Graves of York. *The Caledonia Era*. Caledonia, NY. April 24, 1912

Linwood school house destroyed by fire [November 29, 1913]. *Caledonia Advertiser*. Caledonia, NY. December 3, 1913

1913 – May – W. J. McDowell elected trustee; budget \$1200; December – A special meeting was held in the Grange hall, Linwood Dec. 10, 1913 for the purpose of deciding on a suitable place to hold school, the school house having burned Nov. 29. ... Grange Hall and a building on Mr. Gratwick's were two places mentioned. A vote was cast which resulted 19 in favor of Mr. Gratwick's building and 11 against. It was decided to use Mr. Gratwick's building. Motion made and carried

that the trustee be given full power to get all things necessary for the starting of school. Motion made and carried that J. E. Cullings, I. Wilks and Geo. Allen be chosen, along with the trustee, as building committee; trustee authorized to issue bonds [for the construction of the new school]

Clerk's Minutes of Annual Meeting. May, 1913 – December, 1913

Linwood - The contract for the new school building in district No. 4, York and Pavilion, has been awarded to George Munger of this place, and it calls for the completion of the building by March 15 next. The new building will be erected upon the old foundation which is good condition, and the dimensions of the building will be 38 x 48 feet, with two school rooms. As yet the manner of heating the building has not been fully determined but a gas furnace is looked upon favorable for this purpose.



Gratwick Garage

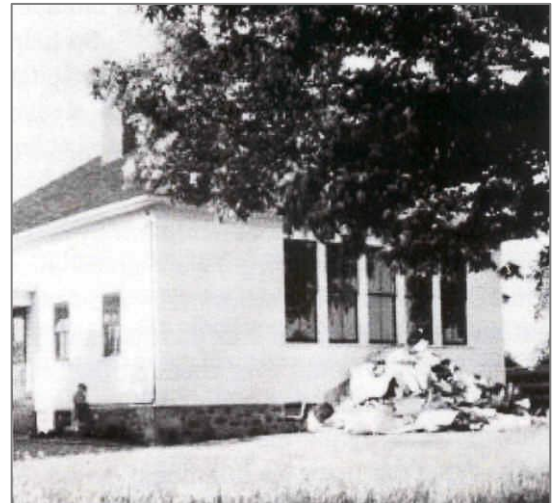
The building which formerly stood on the site was destroyed during the early part of December [1913], when it took fire one Sunday evening a short time after a fire had been started in the furnace. A short time afterwards arrangements were made with William H. Gratwick, who had just erected a new garage, to use the same for the school. A partition was placed in the building so that it has been very comfortable for the children and the teachers. This was some further for the pupils to go to school, but they have been conveyed back and forth each day by E. J. Smith, who has been paid the sum of \$2 per day.

As Mr. Gratwick desires to use his garage after the 15th of March, it is quite necessary that the new school should be in readiness by that time.

*Le Roy Gazette and News.* Le Roy, NY. January 28, 1914

The annual school meeting was held in the [new] school building May 5, 1914; voted to raise \$1200 for current year; voted to elect three trustees instead of one – Geo. Allen, 3 years; John Noble. 2 years; Geo. Munger, 1 year

Clerk's Minutes of Annual Meeting. May, 1914



The "new" District No. 4 school building. Photos from the Town of Pavilion's collection.

Linwood school closed Friday noon on account of so many of the children being ill, it has proved to be measles with some of them. *The Caledonia Era*. Caledonia, NY. November 25, 1914

Voters approved budget of \$1400.  
Clerk's Minutes of Annual Meeting. May, 1915

Le Roy - The pupils of the Linwood school were given an automobile trip Tuesday evening. The residents of the district, nine in number, took their autos and conveyed the party through the towns of York, Caledonia and Le Roy. The children were accompanied by their teachers, **Miss Mary Walton** and **Miss Mabel Smith**. On the return trip the party stopped at the home of Miss Walton, south of Le Roy, and had refreshments. *Buffalo Evening News*. Buffalo, NY. June 3, 1915

**Miss Lily Munger** is to teach the Linwood school. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. August 16, 1916

Rural School Meetings - The following trustees were elected in the rural districts near Caledonia, at last week's school meetings: ... Linwood, District No. 4—Trustees, John Cullings, one year, George R. Allen, three years; collector, David Lawson; clerk, W. W. Stewart. An appropriation of \$1,500 was voted for school purposes.  
*The Caledonia Era*. Caledonia, NY. May 9, 1917

Rural school district patrons assembled in their respective schoolhouses last evening for their annual meetings. Trustees were elected, reports received and other business transacted. ... In the Linwood-York-Pavilion union district, Claire V. Wilson was chairman. George Allen, John Cullings and John Howard were re-elected trustees and William W. Stewart was elected clerk and collector. The budget calls for \$2,000. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. May 7, 1919

Voters approved budget of \$2000 each year.  
Clerk's Minutes of Annual Meeting. May, 1919 – May, 1924

Budget \$2000; district designated LeRoy High School as school to which resident pupils of the district go  
Clerk's Minutes of Annual Meeting. May, 1925

\$2500 budgeted for school expenses  
Clerk's Minutes of Annual Meeting. May, 1926

4-H club members in York township have always attended the achievement day better than the average. Last year there was a record attendance of 140 children at an afternoon achievement day meeting and just recently, when a silver loving cup was being contested for a record evening crowd attended a meeting at the York school, which meeting was very well represented by the parents. ... That evening everyone enjoyed themselves and the main feature of the program aside from the fact that achievement pins and prizes were awarded to the boys and girls for the year's work, was the donating of the silver loving cup to the Linwood school, in recognition of the good work they have done with the junior project activities. This school has always been prominent in junior work and was especially so this year when Mrs. Bradley and Miss George, the teachers of that school made an honest effort to win this cup. Thus gaining permanent possession of it, they having won the same cup last year. *Livingston Republican*. Geneseo, NY. November 25, 1926



Dist. No. 4 Students. Mid 1920s.

The following officers were elected at the school meeting for District No. 4: [William] Bangs Stewart, trustee for 3 years; Kenneth Noble, collector and George Allen, clerk. Approved an appropriation of \$2500. Voted that academic pupils from the district may go to any school where the tuition is no more than at Le Roy.

*Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. May 11, 1927

[Bangs was Mr. Stewart's mother's maiden name.]

Linwood - On Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 at the Methodist parsonage in Pavilion, **Miss Marcia George**, teacher in our Linwood school was united in marriage to Donald Boss of Rushville. ... Mrs. Boss has been a teacher in our school about six years and is well and favorably known. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. November 30, 1927

The Linwood school will hold their Christmas exercises on Friday afternoon at the school house. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. December 21, 1927

**Miss Rachel Little** returned [to Pavilion] from Geneseo where she has been attending summer school. Miss Little will teach the coming year in the Pavilion-York district. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. August 15, 1928

Last Wednesday evening two games of basketball were played in the new I.O.O.F. hall. The first game was between the Linwood Town Team and the Pavilion Town Team, the Linwood team being the winner. The second game was between the Linwood high school team and the Batavia high school team. The Batavia team won the game.

*Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. February 27, 1929

Linwood - **Miss Rachel Little** of Pavilion and **George Allen** have been re-engaged to teach to District No. 4 for the coming year. *Livingston Republican*. Geneseo, NY. May 30, 1929

Budget assessed according to value of property, \$4 on \$1000

Clerk's Minutes of Annual Meeting. May, 1930

Mrs. John Cromwell acted as substitute two days the past week in Linwood school in place of George Allen.

*Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. November 26, 1930

Voted that school house be painted two coats outside; Board empowered to spend up to \$50 each for playground equipment, books and necessary supplies

Clerk's Minutes of Annual Meeting. May, 1931

Motion made, seconded and carried that the district take the responsibility of school money in the bank and relieve the collector of responsibility of same in case the bank should close.

Clerk's Minutes of Annual Meeting. May, 1932

**Miss Edith Webster** of Greigsville and **Miss Marion Kettle** of Le Roy have been engaged as teachers in the Linwood school for the coming year. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. May 18, 1932

On Tuesday, May 31st, the last dose of toxoid for the prevention of diphtheria will be given in the following places in the town of York: Linwood school at 9 a. m.; York town hall at 10 a. m. and Fowlerville, York Dist. No. 1 at 11 a. m. Mothers who brought their children May 3d for the first dose please keep the above date in mind.  
*Livingston County Leader*. Geneseo, NY. May 27, 1932

Marjorie Burroughs, who has spent some time in Iola [Tuberculosis] Sanitarium [in Rochester], has returned and is attending the Linwood school. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. October 19, 1932

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The Children's Building pictured here in the early twentieth century was part of the Iola Sanatorium, a Monroe county facility focused on the treatment of the "White Plague", tuberculosis. Constructed from 1911 to 1931, the largely self-sufficient complex's sweeping lawns and productive gardens sprawled across the corner of East Henrietta and Westfall Roads. This 1927 structure was the largest on the site and consolidated numerous services for children fighting the disease. By the late 1920s, Iola was the largest county-operated tuberculosis sanatorium in New York State, housing as many as six hundred patients in a year. The advent of effective pharmacological treatment for the disease decreased usage of the facility, and it closed for patients in 1964. The Children's Building was used for County offices until 1999 when the County relocated offices downtown. The last of the buildings was razed in 2013, and the property became home to the new CityGate complex.



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Those from the Linwood school who successfully passed Regents examinations in January are: History, Clarence and Clayton Found, John McIntyre, Leola Majors; silent reading, Clarence and Clayton Found, John McIntyre; civics, Clarence and Clayton Found, John McIntyre. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. February 7, 1934

**Miss Edith Webster** and **Miss Dorothy Calvin** have been engaged to teach the Linwood school another year.  
*Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. April 25, 1934

The April meeting of the rural teachers of the town of York was held at the Linwood school. The first part of the meeting was given over to the election of officers for the coming year. ... The program was a continuation of the last meeting, Roy MacIntyre presiding. Miss Webster of Linwood opened the discussion, "Should the bulletin board be filled mostly with pupils' or teachers' work?" ... Mrs. Lottie MacIntyre discussed the topic, "Should pupils or teachers keep school and library neat and orderly?" ... Miss Kettle gave an interesting topic on, "Nearly every grade has an I. Q. among its members ranging from 60 to 90 percent." To which grade level should your teaching be directed? ... Mr. Allen in the closing topic, "Good teaching demands that you require more from the average pupil than the average pupil is willing to give thought" ... The next meeting of the York teachers will be held to the York school on Monday, May 14.  
*Livingston Republican*. Geneseo, NY. May 10, 1934

The trustees of Linwood school have purchased a piano for school use. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. August 1, 1934

The December meeting of the York rural teachers was held in Fowlerville. ... Upon the invitation of Miss Minisci and Miss Calvin the next meeting will be held in the Linwood school on Monday afternoon, January 13.  
*Livingston Republican*. Geneseo, NY. December 12, 1935

Linwood - On May 29 the sale of the school building and site in Dist. No. 4, will be held at 1 o'clock.  
*Livingston Republican*. Geneseo, NY. May 27, 1937

In spite of wars, labor strikes and politics, improvements continue on and now it is the new road south of Linwood. It is a pleasure to skim over its smooth surface after the years of racking body and soul (both of the car and its occupants) in trying to leap from one rut to another. Another transformation is the Linwood school house, which has blossomed out into a lovely home under the zeal and work of its new owner, William Mott [who purchased the property after the Pavilion district schools consolidated into a central school system]. He should be congratulated upon making it a credit to the community.  
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#### THE YORK-PAVILION DISTRICT No. 4 SCHOOL HOUSE ... AFTER 1937

The following paragraphs were excerpted and adapted from *With a Little Luck*, a privately published autobiography by William Merrill Mott, William Mott's son.

Not many months after we got Pixie [a black Cocker Spaniel dog with a white bib] I walked by the bathroom on the ground floor and there sat my father on the john, with a pad of paper on his lap. He was making a sketch of some sort. I asked him what he was doing. He said there was a school house about to be auctioned off on the next road and he was thinking about how it could be made into a home. This was the birth of what turned out to be one of the most important strokes of good fortune to ever fall on our family. ...

The day of the auction came and the whole neighborhood showed up. First they auctioned off the furnishings. I can't remember just what all there was, but I do know I bid 25 cents on a box of flags that included several American flags and some others that I can't recall. At any rate, I had the winning bid and was very proud. This auction was mainly attended by folks who lived up and down the road. When they say a 5-year-old kid bid 25 cents for a box of flags, they weren't about to enter the bidding. Finally, we got to the main deal: the auctioning off of the old school building and its land.

First I have to set the scene: The auctioneer was a United Presbyterian Deacon who lived at the intersection of Stewart Road and the York-Pavilion road, about a half mile to the west. His name was John Allen. As it turned out, there were only two parties in the crowd that had any real interest in the property. First there was a group of Italians (no less) from Mount Morris who wanted to make a Road House and Beer Garden out of the place. Everyone knew about the, especially the Presbyterian Deacon.

Then there was my father. No one knew him or much about him except that it had been rumored about the crowd that he wanted to make a family home out of the place.

The bidding began. Ken Noble, the wealthiest and most progressive of the local farmers, was also the local John Deere dealer. He thought that he might be able to use the building to store idle farm machinery. He was also respected as a local leader, and was always expected to get in on anything of significance in the neighborhood. He dutifully stood up and with a loud clear voice opened the bidding at \$50, and the deal was on. The Italians bid \$100. My Dad bid \$150. The Italians bid \$300. My Dad bid \$350 and the Presbyterian Deacon said "**SOLD!**" So help me God that is the way it was. The anticipated long afternoon of excitement was swiftly brought to a close by one of God's littlest helpers. Remember, this was two and a half acres of land with a building that covered at least 2,500 sq. ft. not including the boys' and girls' outhouses: all for 350 bucks!

The buildings of a hundred-acre farm owned and operated by the "Carson Brothers" (Walt and George) were almost directly across the road from the school house. The Carson brothers were bachelors. They were both born on the farm and left to run it as their parents became unable and passed on. Neither brother would ever abandon the other to make a separate life of their own. They had a sister and another brother who married and moved a few miles away but they both lived and died on that farm. When Walt died a few years ago, the buildings – house, barns, sheds and coops – were leveled and the lands blended into the big corporate farm [Noblehurst] run by the descendants of Ken Noble. Our association with these two men had a very significant effect on the lives of all of us over the next 13 years.

My dad (not being quite sure what he had done) did not actually realize he was expected to walk up the auctioneer's table and lay down three hundred and fifty bucks. He was in shock and unsure of what he should do next. I really don't know the details of the conversation with the auctioneer. What I do know is, Walter Carson, who had never seen my dad before in his life, walked up to him and took his hand; with his other hand he placed three fifty American in it and then stepped back.

My dad went up to the auctioneer's table and the deed was done. The Italians went back to Mount Morris and the neighborhood rejoiced. Of course my dad did have the money and gathered it within a day or so. I went with him to the Carson brothers' house with the money, and we both formally met Walt and George for the first time. ...

When I said that my father never borrowed a dime, it was not quite true. He did borrow some money to remodel this building. I don't know how much, but I do know where he got it. Some of it was from his Aunt Nettie, in Ashtabula, Ohio and some of it was from his own retirement fund with the State Highway Department. He spent about \$1500 remodeling the place. ...

Even though the total outlay for this house was under \$2000, it was by no means a poor man's house; and it was by no means small. It was a big beautiful house. Some of it could be characterized, shall we say, as "home made" by today's standards – but for the time and place, it was palatial and very much the centerpiece of the community. ...

The best part of the house was the basement. As a school house, the big half of the basement had served as a gymnasium. It had a fairly high ceiling and a hardwood floor. ... The unfinished part of the basement housed the furnace room, the work room and the coal bin. There was also a large cistern in the basement that collected rain water. ... The house was hooked to a natural gas well with no meter – so the entire house was heated toasty warm, including the basement. The well was actually on Walt and George's farm. Originally it had been part of the Pavilion Natural Gas Company system. When output became too low for commercial use, the company gave use of the well back to the land owner. Of course it still had more gas than two households could ever use.

I don't remember a whole lot about remodeling the schoolhouse and making it into a home. I know my dad did the majority of it himself. He hired some help, but the only one I remember was Joe Lawson, the farmer from the next farm down the road. Joe was also a painter by trade. ... I know now that his taking the building apart, lowering the ceiling, adding dormers in front and back, and essentially re-framing, re-plumbing and re wiring the building from a two room single story school house into a 11-room, two-bathroom and sun room home almost single-handedly was quite an accomplishment.

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As I have already said, my first recollections of school were of that few months of kindergarten at Le Roy before we moved to the Billy Adair [tenant] house [on the York-Pavilion Road.] While we were at the Billy Adair house, I went for a few weeks or so to the new York school in Greigsville. ... At some point the Pavilion Central School System got powered up and we saw the first of those marvelous big yellow busses stopping at the front door. Thus began 12 wonderful years of fun and frolic riding to school with friends. ...



The destruction of the Pavilion Union School in April, 1935 brought to an end the era of the old time district schools. After careful consideration by the School Board, it was decided to look into the advantages of a Central School. On October 28, 1935 four hundred forty-five qualified voters approved the idea of a creating a new central school. Work on the new building was begun in early 1936. School sessions were temporarily held in the I.O.O.F. building, a portable building that had survived the fire and in several of the district schools. The new building was officially occupied April 5, 1937. Adapted from *The Pavilion Community 1800-1941*



When I first rode the bus we didn't go to the big Central School [in Pavilion]. It wasn't finished yet. We went to Pearl Creek, where one of the few remaining little one room school houses was. They had us divided into classes at that time. Thanks to the buses, the whole school was first grade. ... The school house at Pearl Creek was wood frame with clapboard siding and was heated with a big potbellied wood stove in the back of the room. The desks were the really old fashioned kind with the wrought iron sides and ink wells in the desk tops. We all hung our coats in the combination cord wood and cloak room in the back. When it was his turn, each boy would go get another chunk of cord wood to throw on the fire. The teacher did the actual throwing for safety reasons. The girls never went for the wood; it was man's work in those days.

We weren't there very long when the big new central school was finished. What an exciting day it was when we first went to the new school. I was still in first grade, so my class became the first one to go from first grade to graduation at Pavilion Central. It was 1935. We became the Class of 1947.





MERRILL MOTT—"Little Brown Jug"

Band, 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Varsity Basketball, 1, 2, 3; Varsity Basketball, 4; Klick Klub, 1; Intramural Basketball, 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball, 3, 4; Speaking Contest, 3; Junior Jamboree, 3; Tower Staff, 3, 4; Photograph Editor, 4; Senior Play, 4; Senior Ball, 4; Table Tennis County Champion, 4; Soccer, 4;

Tower '47. Pavilion Central School Yearbook.

We lived in that house from 1935 until the fall of 1947. I graduated from Pavilion Central School in the class of 1947 and left for college in September. As I was leaving, the family was beginning to pack to move to Sacketts Harbor, N.Y. My father had been promoted to District Engineer and would take over the Watertown, N.Y. area district. The house was sold.



### William Motts Honored On 50th Anniversary

The Bicentennial Year of our country also marks a significant milestone in the lives of two Moravia residents, Mr. and Mrs. William M.[Merrill] Mott of 13 Donald Drive. The Golden Wedding Anniversary of the couple was celebrated on Saturday, August 28, with a reception at the Aurora Inn, overlooking Cayuga Lake. Forty-five relatives and friends attended the buffet dinner. Preceding the dinner a cocktail hour was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Myers of Aurora. Hosting the reception were Mr. and Mrs. Mott's daughter, Mrs. Jo Anne Barbanell of Scottsdale, Arizona, and Mrs. Mott's sister Mrs. Hilda Myers and husband Victor, of Moravia.

The romance of Bill and Bernice began while both were students at Moravia High School, and continued through college. They were married on November 28, 1926 at Clarksville, New York.

Mrs. Mott [1907-2004] was born in Moravia, the daughter of W. Adelbert and Jennie Wheat Donald. A graduate of Moravia High School in 1925, she attended State College, Albany, New York.

Parents of Mr. Mott were Merrill C. Mott [1876-1918], a native of Sempronius, NY and Katherine Patton Mott [1876-1956]. He was born [May 13, 1904] in Hood River, Oregon. Grandparents of both Mr. and Mrs. Mott were early settlers of the Moravia area.

Mr. Mott came to Moravia in 1920, when he entered Moravia High School, graduating in 1924. While in high school he starred in athletics. He graduated from Union College in Schenectady in 1928 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. Mr. Mott was employed by the State of New York as an engineer from 1928 until his retirement in 1962. He was in charge of acquisition of lands for the St. Lawrence Seaway on the American side, and also served as supervisor of all lands acquired for public works projects in the northern five counties of New York State.

Following his retirement, Mr. and Mrs. Mott traveled extensively by Airstream trailer through 48 States and Mexico, including attendance at the 1968 Olympic Games in Mexico City. Adding variety to their land travels, the couple enjoyed a month's ocean freighter cruise last spring to South American ports and Panama, including passage through the Panama Canal.

Before returning in 1967 to build their new home in Moravia, Mr. and Mrs. Mott had lived in Rochester and surrounding area, in Watertown, and Albany. Since retirement from his State career, Mr. Mott has been engaged in private business as an engineer and land surveyor.

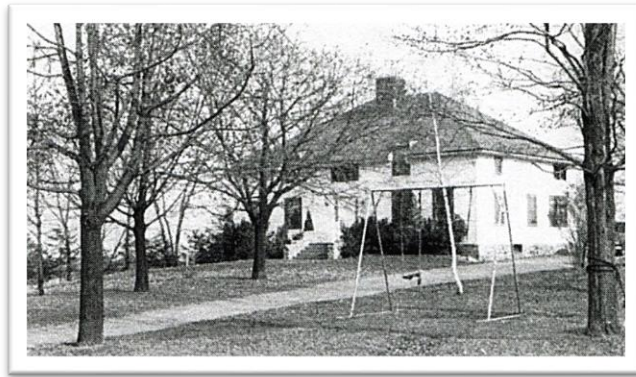
Besides their daughter, Jo Anne, the couple have a son, W. Merrill Mott of Satellite Beach, Florida, and six grandchildren.

Speaking briefly at their 50th Wedding Anniversary Party were the honored couple, their daughter, and Arthur Van Wie of Albany. Mr. Van Wie was a college classmate of Mr. Mott. He served as best man at the Motts' wedding, and Mr. Mott was best man at the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Van Wie.

Relatives attending the reception from out-of-town were Mrs. Mott's brother, Arthur Donald of Lyndonville, New York; her sister, Mrs. Wilbur (Florence) Wheaton of Clarence Center, New York; their daughter, Jo Anne; their son, Merrill; their families; and Mr. Mott's cousin and husband, Mr. and Mrs. James (Minetta) Mohan of Ashtabula, Ohio.

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1951 Snapshot

William Mott sold the remodeled school house to George and Elizabeth Childress in 1947.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred H. Clarke of 17 Platt avenue and Mrs. Clarke's father, Mr. Joseph Barber, will move tomorrow into the home and Mr. and Mrs. George Childress in Linwood which they recently purchased. The Childress family have moved to Chattanooga, Tenn., where Mr. Childress is a Vice-president of the Chattanooga Manufacturing Company.

*Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. July 9, 1953

Mr. Clarke was a coin dealer [numismatist] and in 1961 he built a vault in the cellar to protect his sizable coin inventory. The vault door was salvaged from a Rochester bank.

Wilfred H. Clarke, 63, died September 18, 1975 at 2557 Stuart Road, Linwood, N.Y. He was born October 22, 1911. Mr. Clarke was a coin collector and coin merchant, member of the American Numismatic Association for forty years, lifetime member of the Rochester Numismatic Association, member of the Covington United Presbyterian Church and a trustee of that church. He worked for twenty years at Lapp Insulator as a machinist.

Surviving are his wife Louise (Barber) Clarke, at home; his sons, Richard, Douglas and Keith of Le Roy and David of Silver Springs; his mother, Mrs. Bernice Clarke and a sister, Mrs. Marion Morris, both of Le Roy and 6 grandchildren.

There were no calling hours and the funeral was at the convenience of the family. Memorials may be made to the Covington United Presbyterian Church. *Le Roy Gazette-News*. Le Roy, NY. September 25, 1975

Douglas and Sandy Brown bought the house from Mrs. Clarke about 1979/1980.

Dennis and Donna Mellander purchased the property in 1991 and are the current [2017] home owners.