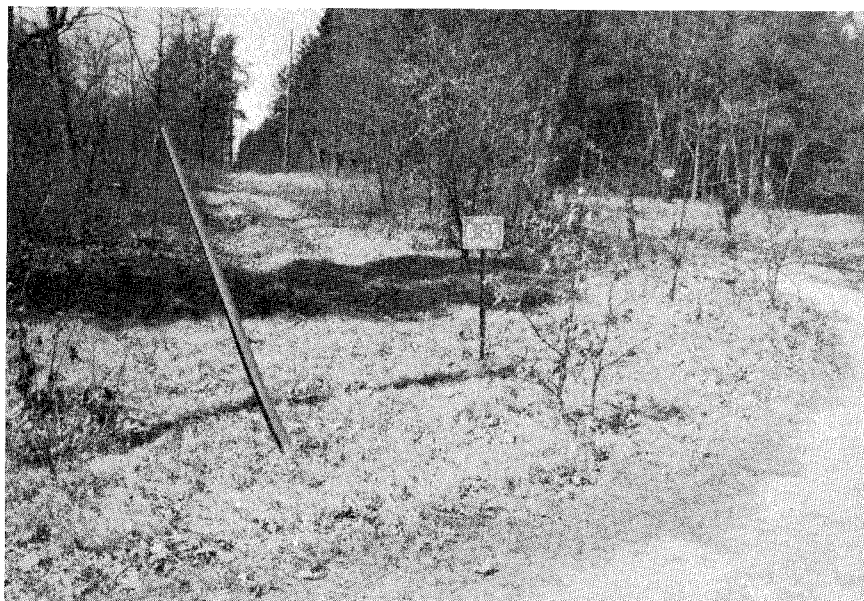


## CHAPTER 4

### SCHOOLS



The site of the little log school house that was built in 1856 by Stillman H. Sawyer was called school District No. 1.

It was located at the extreme northeast corner of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 13.

It sat somewhere in the open area behind the Belmont road sign, (B 25). It just sat on the ground and there is no visible sign of where it actually did sit.

The roadway on the right goes down to Dean Lake.

School District Number 1, as written by D. W. Sawyer in 1936.

"To be the most central school district, Number 1 was organized. The school house site was located on the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter in Section 13. This is now owned by Peter Johnson. It was  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile east of Dean Lake.

It was a log school house with homemade seats and benches. There was a split section of a log with legs as a place to set the pail of water. When the children got dry or tired of sitting they would raise their hands and say, 'Please may I get a drink of water?', and generally about the whole school would want a drink, so the teacher would generally say, 'Johnnie or Susie you may pass the water.' They would all drink out of the same tin cup, never thinking of the microbes or other deadly things that we have today.

The late Mrs. Hannah Taylor, a Sutherland girl, was one of the early teachers, and Edlah Sawyer was a substitute for one; others I do not know.

As the settlers increased also did the children and as the distance became greater, they commenced to cut up parts of the district and made new ones with parts of adjoining districts.

The first joint District No. 2, was Dopps, then District No. 3, the McInroe or Brookside District, then No. 4, the Clark or Pioneer District and so on until there were 8 districts in all.

The one that S. H. Sawyer built in 1856 is still in use in Section 13. The lumber that was used was hauled from Gills Landing on the Wolf River by ox team, and most all of these early settlers from the eastern states came by boat to Milwaukee and then by stage to Fond du Lac or Oshkosh and then by boat to Gills Landing, then by stage, ox team or by foot the rest of the way."

Another bit of confirmation on the location of the once short-lived School District Number 1, in the Town of Belmont, and the probability that this was the location of the first school house ever built in the Town of Belmont, can be found on Page 8, in the Biographical Sketch of Hannah Sutherland Taylor, written by her grandson, Mr. Lowell Watson.

"In 1857 the first school house in the district was made of logs, shed fashion, overhead boards, two small windows and, of course, there was a door. The furniture was long desks and long benches and a rough floor.

The first teacher of this district was Miss Hannah Sutherland! My pupils were children of the McInroe, Edminister, King, Whitney, White and Morgan families and the Rice boys from the Towne and Duff neighborhood, as there was no school there until later.

The district paid twelve dollars a month and board, boarding at the different homes in the district. The next year the log school house was taken down and a small frame building was erected.

This time I boarded home, for my brother, nine years old, walked with me from the Sutherland farm. It was a distance of over two miles. Going through the woods was the nearest way to get there.

This was my brother's first term of school. I had taught him to read, spell, and write at home. In later years Collins Stephenson Sutherland was one of Portage County's superintendent of schools, and at the time of his death, for over thirty years had been a professor of schools in Appleton, Wisconsin."

This is only a small bit of her autobiography that she was asked to prepare as a draft for talks to be given at local events in the Town of Belmont and Portage County sometime in the early 1920's.

Hannah R. Taylor had the original contracts as issued by the school board in her effects at the time of her death in 1932.



#### DOPP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2

In the History of Portage County, page 737, it mentions that the first school that Joseph L. Dopp attended was kept in a board shanty, but the next year a better and more substantial frame school house was erected.

Joseph L. Dopp was born December 24, 1849, and if he attended school at the age of six years he would have gone to the board shanty school in 1855, and the frame school house that it mentioned would have been built in 1856.

I found this bit in an obituary for Eunice Gertrude Towne, who married Thomas M. Deering. She was born March 12, 1873, and her school days started in the little wooden school house which burned and was replaced by the present brick building. Dated in 1946.

The first date that can be substantiated is March 9, 1864, found in the Warranty Deeds Book "O," page 259, in the Portage County Court House at Stevens Point, Wisconsin, and reads as follows:

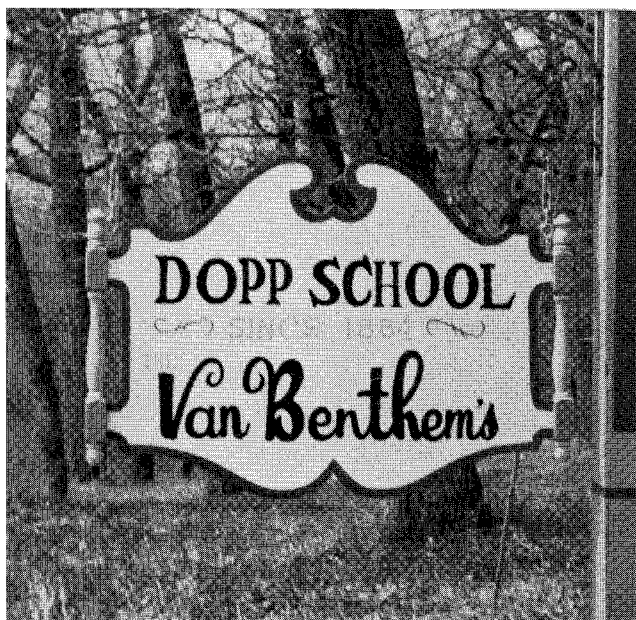
George Drysdale and Mary Drysdale of Waushara County, Town of Spring Water, State of Wisconsin, party of the first part, and the District Board of school district number two of the Town of Belmont, Portage County, and state of aforesaid, the party of the second part.

In the consideration of five dollars all of the following real estate lying and being in Portage County, State of Wisconsin, and described as follows to-wit:

Bounded by a line commencing at a point seven chains and one link North of the South West corner of the North East  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the North West  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section Thirty Six. Township Twenty One North of Range Ten East, and running thence North on the one eighth section line ten (10) rods, thence East twenty eight (28) rods, thence South ten (10) rods and ten links to the center of the highway, thence in a nearly South Westerly direction along the line of said highway fourteen (14) rods, then North 70 degrees sixteen (16) rods to place of beginning.

Containing two acres one rood and three poles of land.

The deed was sealed and delivered in the presence of Howard P. Towne and Maria McLoughlin. Signed by Patrick McLoughlin, Justice of the Peace.



The next date to be found is 1884, which is on the Dopp School sign near the highway in front of this once proud Dopp School house.

The Dopp school records like so many of the other old country schools seemed to have been lost or destroyed through many years since their existence. This is unfortunate because much of our early history was lost with them.

The former Dopp School house has been remodeled into a beautiful home away from home inside and now belongs to the Jack Van Benthems.

This is a view of the east end of the old Dopp School building. According to the information from Margaret E. Radley the new cement

block addition was added in 1961 and it was then that a new furnace was installed as well as indoor plumbing.



I was fortunate in obtaining some valuable information through the fine cooperation of several people in the Towne District.

Mrs. Marabel Edwards, who has since passed away, provided me with three old School Registers. These Registers are actually a teacher's record book of the daily attendance of each pupil, a report of their work accomplishments, times tardy, days present or days absent, reading circle records and record of visitors.

It was in one of these books that I made a very interesting discovery. In one of the books there were two loose sheets of paper with the names of the teachers and the years that they taught in the Dopp School from 1867 through 1945. I had told Mrs. Marabel Edwards that I would turn over the three books to the Almond Historical Society for safe keeping.

Margaret E. Radley, who was the last one to teach all grades one through eight, before closing in 1961. She gave me the names of the teachers and the years that they taught to complete my list from 1946 through 1961.

Margaret E. Radley had talked to many informants and they agreed that the Dopp school closed temporarily from 1961 until 1963, when the Wild Rose School District reopened it as a kindergarten.

Maxine Schleicher was the kindergarten teacher from 1963 through 1967 when the school closed its doors for good.

In its last years before becoming a part of the Wild Rose School District the enrollment included pupils from three townships from three counties, they being Dayton Township in Waupaca County, Belmont Township in Portage County, and Rose Township in Waushara County. This is quite unique in itself.

#### DOPP SCHOOL TEACHERS, 1867-1967

Martha King	1867-68	S. A. Ashman	1868
Julia Kemp	1869	J. B. Vaughn	1869
Sarah James	1869	Jessie MacNish	1870
Ed Martin	1870-71	Mr. Bean	1872
Miss Towne	1872	Jos. L. Dopp	1872
Della Darling	1873	J. L. Dopp	1874
Emily Dopp	1874	Janet Towne	1875
Emily Dopp	1875	J. L. Dopp	1875
Miss Emmerson	1876	Louise Seymour	1876-78
Ada Livermore	1878	Anna LaMere	1879
Mrs. Dora Keith	1879	Ida King	1879
Lizzie Swan	1880	Ella Achillis	1880
Emma Malendy	1881	Miss Boughton	1881
Tina Dickson	1882	Elspa Dopp	1882
Miss Gunstin	1883	Carrie Sutherland	1884-86
Emily Dopp	1886	Florence Towne	1886
Clara Lytle	1887-88	Gussie E. Lane	1889
A. B. Soule	1889	Belle Newby	1889
Minnie Edminster	1890	Cora Turner	1891
Minerva Eckles	1891	Frank Dopp	1892
R. H. Mathe	1895	Mabel Newby	1895
Lloyd Sand	1895	Elspa Dopp	1896
Emily Spalenkal	1897	Cora Turner	1897
Edna Grove	1898	Bertha Smith	1899
Pearl Dopp	1900	Emily Dopp	1901
Grace E. Dopp	1901	Emily Dopp	1902
Jessie Nivens	1903	Ella Riley	1904
Maude Hutchinson	1904	Lizzie Stinson	1905
Nettie Morey	1906	Florence Frost	1907-10
Maude Pier	1910-11	Frances Lane	1912-13
Edith Holman	1914-15	Frances Barnsdale	1916
Ethel R. Davis	1917-18	Laura McInroe	1919-20
Anna G. Wild	1921	Orilla Beggs	1922
Myra Dake Smith	1923	Nora Halverson	1923

Mona Aanrud	1923-25	Leah Dalziel	1926
Helen Peterson	1927-30	Lorine Kleist	1931-36
Mae Rath Johnson	1937	Harold Dent	1938-39
Evelyn Putz	1940-43	Evelyn Kolka	1944-45
Beverly Edwards	1946-48	Margaret Henne	1949-51
Alice Christensen	1952-54	Ted Long	1955-57
Esther Pratt	1958-59	Margaret E. Radley	1960-61
Maxine Schleicher	1963-67		

Before 1906 when the new Dopp church was built and dedicated, church services for many years were conducted from the Dopp school house.

This was the general practice in the pioneer days before the churches were built, was to use the school house as a meeting place for all occasions. Here they worked, played and prayed together. This was what made the community strong. A type of life that we are lacking today.

According to the Register of Deeds' office, in both Portage and Waushara County there is no deed or record of the transaction where the Dopp school was acquired by the School District of Wild Rose.

In a letter to me written by William R. Thompson, Ph.D., Superintendent of the School District of Wild Rose, he stated that their records showed that the Dopp School was acquired July 2, 1958.

I directed another letter to Mr. Thompson asking, as there was no deed filed, under what procedure did they acquire the property. His answer in a letter dated March 5, 1984, was that he was unable to answer my question, but if I should wish further clarification, he suggested that I come to his office and he would review the records with me.

Warranty Deed 413, page 231, in the Register of Deeds office, Stevens Point, dated February 11, 1980. This deed was issued to LeRoy Schlessler by the grantor, the Wild Rose School District. The legal description is the very exact description shown in Warranty Deed Book "O", page 259, dated March 9, 1864, when George and Mary Drysdale, of the Town of Springwater, Waushara County, sold this property to the District Board of the school district number two of the Town of Belmont.

Warranty Deed 427, page 372, dated November 4, 1981, shows the grantor, LeRoy Schlessler, sold to Jack Van Benthem, who owns the property in 1984.

#### THE WAUPACA POST October 7, 1886 (Towne)

Report of School District No. 2, Town of Belmont, for the month ending October 1, 1886. No. of days taught, 20; No. of pupils enrolled, 36; average attendance, 29; Names of pupils not absent or tardy:

Eva Bacon	Nelly Dopp	Vinna Dearling	Annie White
Lilly Dickinson	Cora Dickinson	Alber Williams	Sophora Williams
Hattie Huffman	Carry Huffman		

#### Roll of Honor:

Eva Bacon, Nelly and Grace Dopp, Gertie Everett, Winnie Towne, Ina Thurston, Bertha and Otha Smith, Vinna Dearling, Earl Anderson, Rosa and Melissa Miner, Sophora Williams, Carry Casey, Dewis and Tilora Lovejoy. Florence Town, Teacher



WAUPACA POST, March 20, 1902

Report of the Towne school ending March 14, 1902.

Number of days taught, 20; Number of pupils enrolled, 21; Average daily attendance, 18.

Names of those present every day: Roy, Claud and Reuben Bacon, Clair and George Dopp, Arthur Williams, Margarett Potts and Irvin Daily.

The following is the deportment standings on a scale of 100: Clair Dopp, 100; Willie Vosey, 100; Raymond Vosey, 100; Claud Bacon, 98; Arthur Williams, 98; Jennie Dopp, 96; Walter Dopp, 92; George Dopp, 92; Roy Bacon, 92; Robert Potts, 92; Plummer Potts, 96; Margaret Potts, 96; Rhoda Dopp, 96; Wilfred Dopp, 94; Maud Vosey, 94; Mary Johnson, 94; Almon Peterson, 92; Irvin Daily, 90; Glenn Daily, 90; Ethel Williams, 96. Emily A. Dopp, Teacher.

WAUPACA POST, January 23, 1903

Towne school report by Emily A. Dopp, Teacher.

WAUPACA POST, April 30, 1903

Towne news, Miss Jessie Nivens, Teacher.

WAUPACA POST, November 5, 1903

Towne news, school will open Monday with Miss Ella Riley in charge.

WAUPACA POST, March 17, 1904

Towne news, Miss Ella Riley closed a 4½ month term of school here.

BROOKSIDE SCHOOL HOUSE  
District No. 3

This brick school house, known as the Brookside school was built in 1913, after it had been voted to build a new school house.

The old school house was called the McInroe School. It was of wooden frame construction, and was located a few yards closer to the road.

After the new brick school house was completed in 1913, Henry Bruley bought the old McInroe school house and moved it to his farm approximately two miles west of its original location.

Sometime in the mid twenties, Stanley Szambelan purchased this old building from Henry Bruley and moved it to his farm and was used as part of his barn. This old school house



has fallen victim to the wrecker's hammer, as it has been torn down now for several years. Thus ends the era of one of the early school houses in the Town of Belmont.

Was there yet another school house, perhaps a log one that was used prior to 1867 when the wooden frame school house was built. According to some old records, it would seem possible.

This was taken from a Record of Proceedings of the District Meetings, District No. 3. The first entry date in the book is September 10, 1867. It shows the treasurer's report of \$208.74 in receipts and \$204.50 expenditures, leaving a balance of \$4.24.

H. P. Kelsey, Treasurer, School District No. 3.

The following was taken from an old Clerk's record book. Lease of school house site.

Known all men by these present that Richard Rorabacher of the Town of Dayton, County of Waupaca, State of Wisconsin, party of the first part for the consideration of one dollar to give in hand paid does hereby lease unto the said District No. 3, of the Town of Belmont, Portage County, State of above said party of the second part and assigns the following described parcel of land, described as being situated as follows on the S.E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the N.W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section Twenty Three (23) in Town Twenty One (21), of Range Ten (10), and commencing on the west line of said land where the road now crosses, known as the Big ----- Road and running north on said line twelve (12) rods, thence east thirteen (13) rods, thence south to the road as described above, thence following said in a westerly direction to the place of beginning, containing one acre more or less together with all the privileges and appurtenances there into belonging to have and to hold the same so long as said land shall be occupied for school purposes.

In testimony whereof the said parties have here unto set their hands and seal this 9th day of March, 1868.

Richard Rorabacher - Lessee

Clerk, John H. Fenton

Treasurer, H. J. Kelsey

Director, Lawrence McInroe

District Board of School District No. 3, Town of Belmont

Record of Proceedings Book, District Meeting

District No. 3 (McInroe)

The first pages describing the school building requirements were missing. Starts out as: Also two doors, said doors to be seven feet in height of four panels each, also to put on the corner boards and water table. Said windows, corner cornish, doors and casings and water table are to be painted in once coat of white lead paint and made of good clear lumber.

The floor in said house is to be of good common inch boards laid double on good sleepers two feet apart and not planed.

Said Edminster and McInroe also agree to build a good wall to be of stone and laid in lime mortar to average twenty inches in height, also to build a chimney of brick upon proper support eight feet above the floor, and to extend the proper height above the ridge of said house, also to hang the doors with good bolts and locks.

The window glass to be well puttied in and the sash furnished with fastenings and made to rise and fall, both upper and lower sash.

Said Edminster and McInroe are to furnish the material and to do the work in a workman like manner as described above, on or before the tenth day of May next.



Said district further agrees to idemnity said Edminster and McInroe against all damages which said building may sustain by reason of incendiary or acts of any person in said district while the house is being erected and in consideration of said Lessee so rendered by said Edminster and McInroe. The said district agrees to pay said Edminster and McInroe two hundred and sixty five (265.00) dollars in the following manner: one hundred and fifty two dollars to be paid when called for, the balance to be paid as soon as collected after the first of February next.

Dated this 1st day of March, 1868.

Charles McInroe  
Benjamin Edminster  
H. P. Kelsey  
Lawrence McInroe

District Board of School District  
No. 3, Town of Belmont

Proceedings in general at the annual school meetings were electing some officers, deciding on how many months of school to have in the winter term and how many months of school to have in the summer.

Money had to be raised to pay the teacher's salary, some school supplies had to be purchased, wood needed to be purchased to heat the school house in the winter time. Sometimes it was voted on as to whether to hire a male teacher for the winter months.

This was copied from the Record of Proceedings Book of District No. 3.

The annual meeting of District No. 3, of the Town of Belmont, Portage County, State of Wisconsin, met according to the notice on the thirteenth day of September, 1872.

This meeting was called to order by choosing Daniel Whitney for chairman.

On motion the treasurer's report be accepted.

On motion the orders be burned.

On motion we have six months school, three months winter school and three months summer school.

On motion we have a male teacher for the winter at thirty dollars or less and the same for the summer if he can be got for the same wage, if not, hire a female.

On motion raise thirty dollars for wood, allowing tax payers \$1.50 a cord. The wood to be delivered by the first of January, 1876, and measured by the teacher.

On motion we raise forty dollars to build two out houses.

On motion James Edminster have the job of building the houses to be 4 by 6 feet of good common lumber with a shingle roof for \$25.00.

On motion that they must be built and on the ground by the first of December.

On motion the school commence the first day of December.

On motion summer school commence the first Monday in May.

On motion we raise \$75.00 for teachers' wages.

By ballot H. P. Kelsey was elected director for the next 3 years.

On motion we have our next annual meeting on the last Monday in August, 1873.

It was not signed.

In the back of the old treasurer's book I found these teacher's contracts.

Hannah D. Williams, residence, Aurora, Waushara County, to commence school December 11, 1867, for four months @ \$30.00 per month. Contract signed by John H. Fenton, Clerk and Lawrence McInroe, Director.

It also shows her teacher's certificate as third grade. It is hereby certified that Hannah D. Williams has passed a satisfactory examination upon all points required by law for a third grade certifi-

cate, and she is licensed to teach in the Town of Belmont, for four months from the date hereof, unless this certificate be sooner annulled.

The following is her standings in the several branches upon a scale of 10.

Orthography	8	United States History	9
Reading	10	Algebra	5
Mental Arithmetic	8	Physiology	5
Written Arithmetic	7	Physical Geography	7
English Grammar	7	Geography	8
W. R. Alban, County Supt. of Schools. Dated December 9, 1867.			

The next page was missing so the next entry was for:

Cornelia L. Shumway, residence, Oasis, Waushara County, to commence school November 9th, 1869, for five months @ \$33.00 per month.

Emma Whipple, residence, Lanark, Portage County. To commence school April 18th, 1870, for five months @ \$20.00 per month.

C. S. Sutherland, residence, Belmont, to commence school December 4th, 1871, for four months @ \$30.00 per month.

Almira Rorabacher, residence, Dayton, Waupaca County, to commence school May 6th, 1872, for 3 months @ \$25.00 per month.

Anna Rait, residence, Lanark, Portage County, to commence school December 2nd, 1872, for 3 months @ \$30.00 per month.

Almira Rorabacher, residence, Dayton, Waupaca County, to commence school May 4th, 1873, for 3 months @ \$28.00 per month.

Mary Rorabacher, residence, Dayton, Waupaca County, to commence school November 3rd, 1873, @ \$25.00 per month.

William W. Burgoyne, residence, Belmont, Portage County, to commence school November 16th, 1874, for 4 months @ \$32.00 per month.

Nellie S. Porter, residence, Waupaca, Waupaca County, to commence school May 3rd, 1875.

Nellie Conlin, residence, Lanark, Portage County, to commence school December 1st, 1875, for 6 months, @ \$30.00 per month.

Alice Fenton, residence, Belmont, Portage County, to commence school November 13th, 1876, for 6 months, at \$25.00 per month.

Bernice A. Kimball, residence, Buena Vista, Portage County, to commence school December 10th, 1877, for 3 months at \$20.00 per month.

Louise M. Seymour, residence, Waupaca, Waupaca County. She had a second grade teaching certificate. She was to start teaching May 1st, 1878 for 3 months at \$20.00 per month.

Alice M. Fenton, residence, Belmont, Portage County, to commence school December 2nd, 1878 for 5 months at \$30.00 per month.

Julia Emmerson, residence, Saxeville, Waushara County, to commence school November 3rd, 1879, for 6 months at \$17.00 per month.

Frankie Rorabacher, residence, Dayton, Waupaca County, to commence school June 14th, 1880, for 2 months at \$16.00 per month.

Minnie Bigler, residence, Amherst, Portage County, to commence school November 8th, 1880, for 3 months at \$18.00 per month.

Maggie Smith, residence, Belmont, Portage County, to commence April 18th, 1881, for 3 months at \$16.00 per month.

Maggie A. Smith, residence, Belmont, Portage County, to commence school November 7th, 1881, for 3 months, at \$18.00 per month.

Janet A. Thomson, residence, Portage County, she too had only a second grade teaching certificate. She was to start school April 17th, 1882, for 3 months at \$18.00 per month.

Minnie Howard, residence, Lanark, Portage County, to commence school December 12th, 1882, for 3 months at \$18.00 per month.

Nora Davidson, residence, Oasis, Waushara County, to commence school April 23rd, 1883, for 3 months at \$18.00 per month.

Lottie Kelsey, residence, Almond, Portage County, to commence school December 3rd, 1883, for 5 months at \$22.00 per month.

Julia Kean, residence, Waupaca, Waupaca County, to commence school December 1st, 1884, for 3 months at \$20.00 per month.

Evelyn King, residence, Belmont, Portage County, to commence school May 4th, 1885, at \$17.00 per month.

Evelyn King, residence, Belmont, Portage County, to commence school December 7th, 1885, for 3 months at \$19.00 per month.

#### TREASURER'S BOOK, DISTRICT NO. 3

Order No. 14; May 9, 1868, to Charles McInroe for building school house. \$35.00

Order No. 15; May 13, 1868, to Benjamin Edminster for building school house. \$152.00

Order No. 16; May 13, 1868, to Benjamin Edminster for building school house. \$30.00

Order No. 17; May 13, 1868, to Benjamin Edminster for building school house. \$13.00

Order No. 18; June 1, 1868, to Benjamin Edminster for building school house. \$12.50

Order No. 19; June 1, 1868, to Ben Edminster for building school house. \$18.00

In a later entry I found this entry dated October 16, 1871. The job of finishing the school house was given to Robert M. McGill, for the sum of eighty dollars.

School district change. It is hereby ordered and determined that the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter, the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter, also the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter, and the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter all of Section 15, town 21 range 10 east, now part of the school district No. 3, of the Town of Belmont, be and hereby taken from said school district and attached to make a part of School District No. 7 of said town for all purposes whatsoever.

This order will take effect on the 14th day of September, 1868, given under all hands this 13th day of June, 1868.

Henry Turner, Geo. W. Robinson. T. G. Bacon, Town Supervisors

#### BROOKSIDE SCHOOL, DISTRICT NO. 3 (From Clerk's Book)

A special school meeting held according to notices on the 29th day of July, 1912. Town of Belmont, Portage County, Wisconsin, School District No. 3.

Motion made and seconded that Will Putz act as Chairman of the meeting, and accepted.

Motion made and seconded that we build a new school house on the same grounds, and accepted.

Motion made and seconded that we have a solid brick school house built.

Motion made and seconded that we make a bid for hauling of the bricks for the school house.

Motion made and carried that we let the school board borrow what money they need for building the school house.

Motion made and seconded that the whole crew, that is here tonight, turn out and help move the old school house, and carried.

Motion made and accepted that what money we borrow be payable, \$200.00 and interest each year until the school house is paid for.

Motion made and seconded that Will Putz and John Harvey act on the building committee with the school board, and carried.

Motion made and seconded that we hear the minutes of the meeting read, and accepted.

Motion made and seconded that we adjourn.

There was no signature.

#### BROOKSIDE SCHOOL, DISTRICT NO. 3, DATED FEBRUARY 14, 1913

A special school meeting was called for locating and fixing the site of the new school house.

Motion made and seconded that Will Putz act as Chairman of the meeting, carried.

Motion made and seconded that we vote by ballot, carried.

Motion made and seconded that the Chairman elect two ballot tellers. Ballot tellers were Walter Pietrzak and Leon Swan.

Ballots cast at the special meeting was 27. 17 being for the present site and 10 was for Grosek Corners.

Motion made and seconded that we adjourn, carried.

Signed, H. C. Bruley.

#### BROOKSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3, DATED APRIL 14, 1913

A special school meeting was called by notices and notifying 3/4 of the legal voters in the district. The meeting was called to order by L. D. McInroe.

Motion made and seconded that Jay Bailey act as Chairman of the meeting, carried.

Motion made and seconded that we vote by ballot for the loan or against the loan.

Motion made and seconded that the Chairman elect two tellers. Charlie Durkee and Will Putz were elected.

13 votes cast for the loan, and 9 votes against the loan, majority was 4 for the loan.

Motion made and seconded that we raise \$1,600 for the purpose of building a new school house.

Motion made and seconded that we pay in eight annual installments with interest and principal as it becomes due.

Motion made and seconded and carried that the same is hereby levied upon the taxable property of the District No. 3.

Motion made and seconded that we adjourn.

Signed, H. C. Bruley.

DISTRICT NUMBER 4

PIONEER SCHOOL



An old picture, date unknown and names unknown.



Views of the old Pioneer School House that was converted over to a cottage on the banks of Marl Lake in the Town of Dayton, Waupaca County. This property belonged to Mary Casey in 1983, and is called Casey's Hide-A-Way.

DISTRICT NO. 4

There does not seem to be any early records available regarding this school district, or when the school house was built in the North West  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the North West  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 12.

In 1876 this property belonged to Milo Clark. By 1895 the property belonged to Frank Guyant. In 1947 plat book it belonged to Everett Grant and now has been passed on to his son James E. Grant.

All visible signs of the school yard are gone, even the old pump.

The one date that has been passed down when the district was organized is 1865 or 1866. There are no records available as to who were the teachers prior to 1909, but in the Waupaca Post, June 5, 1902, it gave this school report.

"Report of School District No. 4, in the Town of Belmont, for the month ending May 30, 1902. Number of days taught, 19; Number of pupils enrolled, 19; Average daily attendance, 15. Names of those not absent during the month are: Marie Christenson, Alfred Christenson, Glenn Dent, Dale Dent, Clifford Gray, Zern Gray and Emil Peterson.

Absent but one day or less: Fred Jensen, Oscar Jensen, Carl Peterson and Ethel Burgoyne. Clara Leahy, Teacher."

The following are the names of the teachers, their salaries and the years they taught.

1908 - 1909	Miss Carrie Brandt	\$278.00
1909 - 1910	Miss Elsie Rogers	\$256.00
1910 - 1911	Miss Minnie Rice	\$320.00
1911 - 1912	Miss Bessie Sawyer	\$308.00
1912 - 1913	Miss Minnie Rice	\$200.00
1913 - 1914	Miss Minnie Rice	\$360.00
1914 - 1915	Alma Peterson	\$202.50
1915 - 1916	Helen Berry	\$316.80
1916 - 1917	Evelyn Mase	\$316.80
1917 - 1918	Alice Berry	\$356.40
1918 - 1919	Mable Gilman	\$236.61
1919 - 1920	Mrs. Cole Guyant	\$604.99
9/30/1920	Mary Doyle	\$792.00
9/23/1921	Mrs. Alice Beggs	\$752.40
9/22/1922	Mrs. Alice Beggs	\$684.00
9/5/1923	Mrs. Alice Beggs	\$684.00
1923 - 1924	Mrs. Alice Beggs	\$684.00
1924 - 1925	Miss Helen McTigue	\$720.00
1925 - 1926	Miss Helen McTigue	\$765.00
1926 - 1927	Edna Oestrick	\$720.00
1927 - 1928	Edna Oestrick	\$765.00
1928 - 1929	Edna Oestrick	\$810.00
1929 - 1930	Gladys Rustong	\$810.00
1930 - 1931	Adelyn Stedman	\$765.00
1931 - 1932	Adelyn Stedman	\$810.00
1932 - 1933	Adelyn Stedman	\$765.00
1933 - 1934	Helene Wimme	\$720.00
1934 - 1935	Helene R. Wimme	\$675.00
1935 - 1936	Ethelyn Wrolstad	\$720.00
1936 - 1937	Ethelyn Wrolstad	\$720.00
1937 - 1938	Helene Wrolstad	\$239.26
1938 - 1939	Virginia Gajewski	\$400.00
12/15/1937	Mrs. Evelyn Parke	\$ 40.00 (One Month)
1939 - 1940	Adelyn Stedman	\$726.75
1940 - 1941	Adelyn Stedman	\$726.25
1941 - 1942	Mildred Guyant	\$765.00

These were all taken from the only school clerk's records that are available now in the possession of the Waupaca Unified School System.

Miss Mildred Guyant was the last one to teach in the Pioneer School.

At the annual school meeting held July 13, 1942, Harry Grant was elected chairman. It was voted by ballot to transport all of the Pioneer children to Sunny View.

On August 10, 1942, a meeting was called for bids for transporting the children from Pioneer to Sunny View. There was only one bid by Fred Rogers for \$75.00 per month.

At a special meeting called by Everett Grant it was voted to transport the Pioneer children to Brookside. May 8, 1944.

A special meeting was called September 18, 1946, for the purpose of voting on selling the school house. It was moved, seconded, and passed to sell the school house and contents at auction.

The Pioneer school house and contents were sold September 28, 1946, for \$578.00, less \$57.82 for commission, leaving a net balance of \$520.38.

The old school house was purchased by Christ Hyldgaard of Whispering Pines Park, where it was moved, and converted into a cottage, called the Little Red School House.

Time passes on and in the Warranty Deeds 250, page 219, in the Register of Deeds Office in Waupaca, shows the transfer of Lot 19, of the Barrington Addition of the Chain O' Lakes subdivision of the South West  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the North East  $\frac{1}{4}$ , and of Government Lot 1, of Section 5, T.21N-R.11E, from Christ Hyldgaard and his wife Emma to Harlow G. Raisler and his wife Hildegard, dated August 2, 1952.

Warranty Deed 280, page 494, shows a transfer of this property to Sebastian Promersberger and his wife Theresa, dated June 22, 1957.

Warranty Deed 328, page 82, is the sale of the foresaid property to John and Mary Casey, dated September 24, 1962. Although John Casey has passed away, Mrs. Mary Casey still owns the Old Pioneer School that has been converted into a cottage on the banks of Marl Lake, where all of her children and grandchildren are allowed to spend many enjoyable summer hours.

#### PIONEER SCHOOL RECORDS, DISTRICT NO. 4

Belmont Township, Portage County, Wisconsin  
July 6, 1909

Meeting called to order. Frank Gray in the chair, minutes of last meeting read, accepted as read. Treasurer's report read and accepted as read. Motion made and carried that John Peterson act as director for three years. Motion made and carried that we buy seven cords of wood, sixteen inches long. S. E. Sawyer being the lowest bidder, he got the job at \$1.55 per cord. Motion made and carried that we raise \$175.00 for all school purposes. Motion made and carried that we shingle the school house. Motion made and carried Clerk to receive \$5.00 salary. Motion made and carried that we have eight months school. Five in the winter and three in the summer, to commence the 18th day of October. Decided to leave the cleaning of the school house to the board. Motion made and carried that we adjourn.

S. E. Sawyer, Clerk

Belmont Wis., July 6, 1910

Meeting called to order with Frank Dent acting as chairman. Minutes of last meeting read and accepted as read. Treasurer's read and accepted as read. Ballot being taken for treasurer be next in order. The whole number of votes being four of which Nels Jensen received four. Therefore, Nels Jensen was declared elected. Bids being taken to furnish ten cord of good 16 inch wood. Frank Gray being the lowest bidder received the contract at \$1.50 per cord. Motion made and carried that we have eight months school in the ensuing year. Motion made and carried that we raise one hundred dollars for all school purposes. Motion made and carried that leave cleaning of schoolhouse to the board to get someone. Motion made and carried that the Clerk receive five dollars



salary for the ensuing year. Motion made and carried that we adjourn.  
S. E. Sawyer, District Clerk

Town of Belmont, Portage Count, Wis. District No. 4, July 7, 1913

Meeting called to order with Frank Guyant acting as chairman. Minutes of last meeting read and accepted as read. Treasurer's report read and accepted as read. Ballot was then taken for treasurer for the ensuing three years, total number of ballots cast were six, of which Nels Jensen received six and was declared elected. Motion made and carried that we have eight months of school, five in the winter and three in the summer. Bids were then taken for twelve cords of good oak wood, sixteen inches long. Four cords to be split five and eight blocks. R. Pommerenke being the lowest bidder got the job for \$1.55 per cord. Bids then taken to clean the school house twice, before each term of school. A. Pommerenke got the job for \$5.00. Motion made and carried that we take up Frank Guyant's offer. He agreed to furnish four good corner posts set in cement, build a good woven wire fence around the school yard, 42 inches high. The district is to pay for the wire and line posts and him to have the old fence and put the wire and posts on the grounds. Motion made and carried that we raise \$225.00 for all school purposes. Motion made and carried we adjourn.

S. E. Sawyer

Town of Belmont, Portage Co., District No. 4, July 3, 1916.

Meeting was called to order with F. C. Gray acting as chairman. Minutes of last meeting read and accepted as read. Treasurer's report read and accepted as read. Motion made and carried that we have a fall term commencing the last Monday in August and running until potato digging and then vacation until the first of Nov. to be followed by four months and one-half winter term and the remainder in the spring term. Motion made and carried that we raise \$250.00 for all school purposes. Ballot was then taken for Treasurer for the ensuing three years. Total number of ballots cast, fifteen. No one received a majority so we proceeded to take another ballot. Total number cast, fifteen, of which Wm. Otto received ten, that being a majority of all ballots cast. Otto was declared elected. Motion made and carried that we charge \$1.00 per month tuition. A vote was then taken as to whether we would try to consolidate with one or two other districts, all were in favor providing we could conduct a graded school. Bids were then taken for ten cords of good oak wood, sixteen inches long. Seven cord of blocks, three cords split fine. Fred Rogers being the lowest bidder got the contract at \$1.75 per cord. Bids were then taken for cleaning the school house twice, once before the fall term and once in the spring. Mrs. John Petersen being the lowest bidder got the job for seven dollars. Motion made and seconded we adjourn.

S. E. Sawyer

Belmont, Wis., Jan. 2, 1918 Special Meeting

Meeting called to order with Frank Dent acting as chairman. After a thorough discussion of the question a ballot was taken as to whether we would build a new shcool house or repair the old one. Number of ballots cast was 14, of which 14 was for building new. Ballot carried. Motion then made and seconded that we change school house site to center of District. Motion carried. A committee was then appointed to look up the cost of material of the different kinds, to look over some modern school houses and get some plans and blue prints if possible.

Committee appointed Frank Dent, John Petersen, and S. E. Sawyer. Motion made and carried that we adjourn until February 16 at two o'clock p.m.

Belmont, Wis., Feb. 16, 1918

Meeting called to order, F. B. Dent acting as chairman. Motion made and seconded that we build a new school house 26 x 34 outside measurement. Motion made and carried that we build of brick, ten inch hollow walls. Motion made and seconded that we adjourn.

Belmont District No. 4, July 1, 1918

Meeting called to order with Paul Grey acting as chairman. Minutes of last meeting read and accepted as read. Minutes of special meetings read and the question discussed as to whether we would build new or repair the old one. Motion made and carried that we repair the old one. Treasurer's report read and accepted as read. Ballot was then taken for Director for the ensuing three years. Total number of ballots cast was 11, of which John Petersen received 5, Paul Grey 4, Cole Guyant 2, none elected so took another ballot of which John Petersen received 6, Paul Grey 4, Cole Guyant 1. Petersen declared elected. Motion made and seconded that we have our school year divided the same as last year. Motion made and carried that we raise \$450.00 for all school purposes for the ensuing year. Bids were then taken for ten cords of good wood, 16 inches long. 7 cords of blocks and 3 cords split fine. Rob Pommerenke got the job for \$2.75 to be all dry wood to be delivered before Christmas. Bids were then taken for cleaning school house twice, once in the fall and once in the spring. Mrs. Otto got the job for \$6.00. Motion made and seconded that we adjourn. Committee appointed to look after fixing the school house. Paul Grey, Fred Rogers and S. E. Sawyer.

Belmont, Wis., July 7, 1919 School District No. 4.

Meeting called to order with Paul Grey acting as chairman. Minutes of last meeting read and accepted as read. Treasurer's read and accepted as read. Ballot was then taken for Treasurer for the ensuing three years. total number of ballots cast was 12, of which Fred Rogers received 7, that being a majority of all votes cast. Motion was made and seconded that the informal ballot be declared formal and Rogers be elected. Motion carried. Motion made and carried that we have eight months school, divided in three terms same as last year. Motion made and carried that we buy 12 cords of wood, 9 of blocks and 3 split fine, 16 inches long. Fine wood to be dry and delivered before Christmas. Also half of the block wood. The other half in January. Job let to Albert Burgoyne at \$2.75 per cord. Bids were then taken for cleaning the school house twice, once before winter term and once after. Frank Guyant got the job for \$6.50. Motion made and carried that we use the balance of the social money on hand to buy swings and such for the school grounds. Motion made and carried that we raise \$650.00 for all school purposes. Motion made and carried that we name the school "The Pioneer." Motion made and carried that we adjourn.

S. E. Sawyer, District Clerk

Pioneer School District No. 4, Town of Belmont, Portage Co. Wi.  
July 6, 1920.

Meeting called to order and Frank Guyant elected to act as chairman of the meeting. Minutes of last meeting read and approved as read.

Treasurer's report read and accepted as read. There being \$14.33 left of the social money, Paul Gray and Fred Rogers were appointed to see about purchasing some playground equipment with it. Motion made and seconded that we have 8 months of school divided up the same as last year. Motion made and seconded that we raise \$800.00 for all school purposes. Motion made and seconded that the Treasurer and Director be paid \$5.00 each for salary. Ballots were then taken for school clerk for the ensuing three years. total number of votes cast 7. Mrs. Cole Guyant received 6 and Paul Gray 1. Motion made and carried that this informal ballot be declared formal and Mrs. Guyant elected. The following committee were then chosen to look over school officer's books before the next annual meeting. Mr. Frank Dent, Mr. Jay Bailey, and Mr. Behrendt. Motion made and carried that we purchase 5 cord dry wood, 10 cords green, 7 cord blocks and 3 cord split. All 16 inches long. To be delivered before Dec. 1, 1920. Motion made and carried that we leave it to the school board to purchase wood. Bids were then taken for cleaning school house twice and mopping floor once a month. Motion made and seconded that Elma Lyons clean school house thoroughly twice for \$8.00 and Paul Grey mop the floor once a month for \$7.50 (total). Motion made and carried that we adjourn.

Mrs. Cole Guyant, School Clerk

Pioneer School, Belmont Dist. No. 4, Portage County, Wis.  
July 5, 1921.

Meeting called to order and Mrs. Emil Peterson elected to act as chairman of the meeting. Minutes of last meeting read and approved as read. Treasurer's report read and approved. The committee chosen to look over officer's books reported them as being correct. Motion made and carried that we have 8 months of school divided up the same as last year. Motion made and carried that we raise \$800.00 for all school purposes. Motion made and carried that we charge \$1.00 per month tuition for non-resident pupils. Motion made and carried that the Treasurer and Director receive \$5.00 each as salary. Ballots were then taken for school director for the ensuing three years. Total number of votes cast 7. Emil Peterson received 4 and Mr. Behrendt 3. Motion made and carried that this informal ballot be declared formal and Emil Peterson declared elected. The following committee was then appointed to examine officer's books before next annual meeting. Mr. Behrendt, Mr. F. Guyant, and Mr. C. Guyant. Motion made and carried that we give the school board power to borrow money to pay expenses until the taxes are paid in. Motion made and carried that we let the school board purchase the green wood needed as cheap as they can. Motion made and carried that the school board hire someone to do the repairing and painting needed and also the cleaning once and mopping 7 times. Motion made and carried that we adjourn.

Mrs. Bessie Guyant, Clerk

Pioneer School, Belmont District No. 4, Portage Co., Wis.  
July 7, 1924

Meeting was called to order and Mrs. Dale Dent was chosen to act as chairman of the meeting. Minutes of last annual meeting read and accepted as read. Officers' itemized reports of receipts and expenditures read and accepted. The examining committee reported the officers' books as being correct. Motion made and carried that the director and treasurer each receive a salary of \$5.00 a year. Motion made and carried that we repair the old toilets instead of building new this year. Motion made and carried that we raise \$800.00 for all school

purposes. Ballots were then taken for school director for the ensuing three years. Total number of votes cast 6. Dale Dent receiving them all, he was declared elected. The following committee was chosen to audit the officers' books before the next annual meeting: Mr. Frank Guyant, Mr. Rob Pommerenke and Mr. Nels Jensen. A written resolution was then presented and carried giving the school board power to borrow money for the purpose of defraying expenses until taxes are received. A copy of this resolution was left in clerk's book. Motion made and carried that we buy 10 cord (14 in.) green wood and 5 cords (14 in.) dry wood of Mr. Pommerenke for \$3.00 per cord. Motion made and carried that we adjourn.

Mrs. Bessie Guyant, Clerk

July 9, 1928

Meeting called to order by the school clerk and Dale Dent was chosen to act as chairman of the meeting. Minutes of last annual meeting read and accepted as read. Officers' report of receipts and expenditures read and accepted as read. The auditing committee reported that books and finances were okay. Motion made and carried that we have 9 months of school the ensuing year, to begin Aug. 20. The new tax law was then discussed and decided that we could run our school another year on \$1,000.00 as we have \$633.51 left over. Motion made and carried that we raise \$236.00 for all school purposes. Motion made and carried that the district school officers' salaries remain the same for the following year, that is Clerk, \$10.00; Treasurer and Director, \$5.00 each. Nominations for Treasurer were then made. Fred Rogers and Zada Dent were nominated. Votes were then taken, Sara Rogers and Zada Dent acted as ballot clerks. 9 votes were cast. Fred Rogers received 7 and Mrs. Dent 2. Fred Rogers was declared elected. The following auditing committee was chosen: Mr. Arnold Yohn, Sara Rogers, and Rob Pommerenke. Motion made and carried that the district furnish free text books and to buy only books that are necessary each year. Motion made and carried that the district buy a Humane Ocean Wave for playground equipment. Price \$65.00. Mr. Pommerenke offered to furnish 12 cords of green wood at \$3.00 per cord. We decided to accept his offer. Motion made and carried that we hire Mrs. Anderson to clean school house once and mop the floors 6 times during the year for \$11.50. Motion made and carried that we adjourn.

Mrs. Bessie Guyant, Clerk

July 8, 1929

Meeting called to order by the school clerk and Dale Dent was chosen to act as chairman of the meeting. Minutes of last meeting read and accepted as read. Officers' reports of expenditures and receipts read and accepted as read. Motion made, seconded and carried that we have 9 months of school the ensuing year. School to begin the 19th of August, 1929. Motion made and carried that we raise \$283.20 for all school purposes. Motion made and carried that the district school officers' salaries remain the same as before. Clerk \$10.00; Treasurer \$5.00 and Director \$5.00. Nominations for clerk for the ensuing three years were then made. Arnold Yohn and Bessie Guyant were nominated. Voting by ballot then followed. Bessie Guyant was declared elected. The following auditing committee was chosen: Arnold Yohn, Sarah Rogers, and Rob Pommerenke. Motion made and carried that we hire someone to paint the school and out buildings inside and out. Mr. Pommerenke offered to furnish the wood both green and dry at \$3.50 a cord. Motion was made and carried that we accept his offer. 12 cord

green, 3 cord dry. Motion made and carried that we hire Mrs. Anderson to mop the floors 7 times at \$1.25 a time. Motion made and carried that our next annual meeting be called at 8:00 p.m. Motion made and carried that we adjourn.

Bessie Guyant, Clerk

July 14, 1930.

The annual meeting was called to order by the school clerk and Dale Dent was chosen to act as chairman of the meeting. Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted as read. The auditing committee reported that they found the officers' books to be okay. The officers' reports were then given and accepted as given. A motion was then made and carried that we have 9 months of school as usual. School to begin August 18, 1930. Motion made and carried that we put in a well. The same to be paid for out of the surplus money on hand. Motion made and carried that a protection also be built to protect the pump from storms. Motion made and carried that the district raise \$319.30 taxes for all school purposes. Motion made and carried that the school officers' salaries remain as last year. Clerk \$10.00 and other two \$5.00 each. Nominations were then made for director for ensuing 3 years, Dale Dent and Zada Dent nominated. Balloting followed and as Dale Dent received the most votes he was declared formally elected. The following auditing committee was chosen: Arnold Yohn, Sara Rogers, and Zada Dent. Mrs. Anderson was hired to clean school house for \$4.00 and mop once a month for \$1.25. John Zawacki was hired to build fires for five months at 25¢ a morning. Motion made and carried that we adjourn.

Mrs. Bessie Guyant, Clerk

July 11, 1932

The annual business meeting was called to order by the clerk at 8:00 p.m. and Dale Dent was chosen to act as chairman of the meeting. Minutes of last annual meeting were read and accepted as read. Report of treasurer read and accepted. The auditing committee reported that the books were all okay. Motion made and carried to have 9 months of school to begin Aug. 22, 1932. Motion made and carried that we raise \$200.00 district tax for all school purposes. Motion made and carried that the school officers receive the same salary. Clerk \$10.00; Treasurer and Director \$5.00 each for the ensuing year. Nominations were then taken for clerk for the ensuing 3 years, Zada Dent and Bessie Guyant were nominated. Balloting was then in order. 8 votes cast. Bessie Guyant 6, Zada Dent 2. Bessie Guyant was declared elected. The following auditing committee was appointed: Zada Dent, Sara Rogers, and Gertie Zawacki. As there were no bids in to furnish wood for the school it was left to the school board to purchase. Mrs. Anderson was hired to do the cleaning, \$3.00 for general and \$1.00 for monthly cleaning. John Zawacki offered to build fires for 20¢ a morning for the 5 winter months so his offer was accepted. Motion made and carried that we adjourn.

Mrs. Bessie Guyant, Clerk

July 10, 1933

The annual business meeting was called to order by the clerk at 8:00 p.m. Dale Dent was chosen to act as chairman of the meeting. The minutes of last annual meeting were then read by the clerk and approved as read. Fred Rogers, Treasurer, gave a detailed report of all expenditures and receipts and his report was accepted as read. The auditing committee reported that they found Treasurer's and Clerk's

records in No. 1 shape and cash on hand to control said accounts. Motion made and carried that we have 9 months school, fall term to begin August 21, 1933. Motion made and carried that we raise \$250.00 district tax for all school purposes. Motion made and carried that the school officers receive the same salary: Clerk \$10.00; Treasurer and Director each \$5.00. Nominations for director for ensuing 3 years were then in order. Dale Dent and Oscar Jensen were nominated. Zada Dent and Alvin Rogers chosen to act as ballot clerks. An informal ballot was taken. 11 votes cast. Dale Dent received 6 and Oscar Jensen 5. This informal ballot was then made formal and Dale Dent declared elected. The following auditing committee was appointed for next year: Oscar Jensen, Rob Pommerenke, and Frank Guyant. Motion made and carried to give the clerk/the right to purchase supplies up to the value of \$20.00 without calling a meeting of the board. A discussion then followed about fixing the pump so it wouldn't freeze next winter. Albert Burgoyne offered to furnish 10 cord dry wood and 4 cord green wood at \$1.75 a cord. Motion made and carried that his bid be accepted. Motion made and carried that the school funds be placed in Farmers State Bank of Waupaca. Motion made and carried we adjourn.

Bessie Guyant, Clerk

July 8, 1935

The annual school meeting of Pioneer School District, Belmont, was called to order by the Clerk at 8:00 p.m. and Dale Dent was chosen to act as chairman of the meeting. Minutes of the last annual meeting were read by the clerk and accepted as read. Motion made and carried we have 9 months of school to begin Aug. 26. Motion made and carried that we raise \$200.00 for all school purposes. Motion made and carried that the school officers' salary remain the same: Clerk \$10.00 and Treasurer and Director \$5.00 per year. Nominations were made for Clerk for ensuing 3 years. Bessie Guyant, Iva Eastman and Alvin Rogers were nominated. Alvin withdrew his nomination. Voting by ballot followed, 14 votes were cast of which Mrs. Guyant received 11 and Mrs. Eastman 3. Mrs. Guyant was declared elected. Alvin Rogers and J. Zawicki acted as ballot clerks. The following auditing committee was appointed for next year: Alvin Rogers, Frank Guyant and John Zawicki. Motion made and carried that we put a steel roof on the school house this year. Alvin Rogers and Frank Guyant to act as a committee to see that it is done. Bids were then given to furnish 10 cords green wood. Gerald Eastman bid being \$1.75 a cord he was given the contract. Motion made and carried that the school board hire someone to clean the school house. Motion made and carried that we have a social for benefit of the Red Cross before Nov. 11. Motion made and carried we adjourn.

Mrs. Bessie Guyant, Clerk

Annual meeting of Pioneer School District No. 4  
Town of Belmont, Portage Co., Wis., 1936

Meeting was called to order by the Clerk at 8:00 p.m. Dale Dent was chosen to act as chairman of the meeting. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read by the clerk and accepted as read. The auditing committee reported the clerk's and treasurer's record were satisfactory with cash on hand to balance accounts. The treasurer's report was read and accepted as read. Motion made and carried we have 9 months of school to begin Aug. 24. Motion made and carried that we raise \$150.00 for all school purposes. Motion made and carried that the school officers' salary remain the same. That is Clerk \$10.00 and Treasurer and Director \$5.00 per year. The following nominations were

made for director for the ensuing three years. Gerald Eastman, Dale Dent, M. Pommerenke. Voting by ballot followed. G. Eastman received 7 votes, Dale Dent 4 and Oscar Jensen 1. Motion made and carried that this informal ballot be declared formal and Gerald Eastman be declared elected. The ballot clerks were Arthur Pommerenke and G. Eastman. The following auditing committee was appointed for next year: Mrs. Eastman, Mrs. John Pommerenke, and Mrs. Anton Anderson. Bids for cleaning the school house were taken. Mrs. Anderson was given the job at \$3.00 for general cleaning and \$1.00 per month for mopping. Bids for furnishing wood were taken. The following bids were accepted. Five cord of dry wood and 2 cord of kindling of Frank Wiora at \$2.50 a cord and 10 cord of green wood of Arthur Pommerenke at \$2.25 a cord. Motion made and carried to let Kenneth Anderson clean wood shed and cord wood on hand at \$3.00. Motion made and carried we adjourn.

Mrs. Bessie Guyant, Clerk

Annual School Meeting of Pioneer School District No. 4  
Town of Belmont, Portage Co., Wis.  
July 10, 1939

Meeting called to order at 8:15 p.m. by Everett Grant, Clerk. Oscar Jensen was appointed chairman of the meeting. The Clerk's report was read and accepted as read. The Treasurer's report was accepted as read. Motion made and carried we have 9 months of school. Motion made and carried we raise \$175.00 district tax. Motion made and carried that the school board receive the same salary as last year: Clerk \$10.00 and Treasurer \$5.00 and Director \$5.00. Nominations for a new director was Oscar Jensen; Kirk Durrant and Edwin Snyder were appointed ballot clerks. There were 10 ballots cast, of which Oscar Jensen received 10. Auditing committee was appointed by the chairman of which were Edwin Snyder, Ernie Peterson, and Art Pommerenke. Motion made and carried that the school board take sealed bids for cleaning school. Motion made and carried that school starts Aug. 28, 1939. Motion made and carried we have 2 weeks potato digging vacation. Motion made and carried we buy 12 cords of green wood. Motion made and carried that we paint the 2 toilets, one coat of paint each, that we let the job to Kirk Durrant for \$5.00 and furnish his own paint and also paint the flag pole, and the district is to furnish paint for flag pole. Motion made and carried that we adjourn.

Everett Grant, Clerk



#### SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5

The first school house in the district stood in Section 29 where the clump of trees are today, 1984. There seems to be no early records available, but according to the Belmont Baptist Church Society, dated November 2, 1860, it verifies that they held their meetings in the school house in District No. 5, in the Town of Belmont.





The picture shows the foundation of stone behind the stone wall where the trees are growing. On these few stones the original building was built. The time is not known, but would have been before 1860. Sometime in later years someone added onto this school house with a cellar.

Forrest Rice removed the building and made a shed on his place a few rods to the south and on the east side of the road sometime after 1915. The Rice buildings were all removed after the tragic death of Mr. and Mrs. Rice in 1928.

#### DISTRICT NO. 5

#### NEALE SCHOOL

Warranty Deed Book 31, Page 125.



THIS INDENTURE, Made this first day of February, 1879, between Rosetta P. Turner, Town of Belmont, County of Portage, State of Wisconsin, party of the first part and Aldro D. Turner, Peter Turner and W. S. Burrows, Trustees of School District No. 5, of the above name of town, county and state, parties of the second part. For the sum of \$1.00, the following described real estate situated in the County of Portage, State of Wisconsin.

One acre of land in the North East corner, of the North West quarter of Section 32, T.21N.-R.10 E., for the use of school purposes. Signed, W. R. Adams, Justice of the Peace.

## SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5

There seems to be no early school records available for District No. 5, originally known as the Turner school and later was named the Neale School. It was located in the North East corner of the North West  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 32. This one acre site was purchased February 1, 1879, from Rossetta P. Turner. Therefore, the school house must have been built shortly afterwards. However, there was another school house in School District Number 5 prior to 1879.

The Belmont Baptist Church Society recorded that they held their meetings in the school house in District No. 5, dated November 2, 1860. There is still a stone foundation where that building stood. This is in the South East  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the North East  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the South West  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 29.

In the school records of District No. 5, now in the possession of the Almond Historical Society, they show that on March 2, 1912, the Town of Belmont sold at public auction to Forest Rice the old school building. Forest Rice was the highest bidder of \$100.00. Forest Rice removed the building to his place only a short distance to the south, but on the east side of the road.

At the annual school meeting held August 7, 1911, a vote was taken on the issue of dividing up the school district. The outcome of the vote was 15 votes against and 6 votes for.

It was also voted on 15 to 6 in favor of building a new school house to be completed by December 1, 1911. The old school house was sold at public auction to Frank Robakowski who was the highest bidder at \$85.00. It was to be just the plain school house building.

The school record books for District No. 5 are few and sketchy so there is no complete listing of all of the teachers and the years that they taught.

The following teachers' names and the years that they taught were taken from the teacher's contract portion of the school record books which are in the possession of the Almond Historical Society.

Mable Keffner	1909	Marguerite Frost	1922
Clare M. Dopp	1909	Irene Hintz	1924
Minnie Rice	1910	Mildred Mathe	1925
Cecel B. Newby	1911	Cora Washburn	1928
Cecel B. Newby	1912	Inez Vroman	1929
Belle Smith	1913	Vivian Mathe	1931
Henry Somers	1914	Anna M. Krause	1933
Raphael A. Woyak	1918	Joseph L. Wojciechowski	1935
Bessie Mahanna	1919	Edna Riley	1942

Waupaca Post, April 3, 1902. Belmont News.

Nellie Sanders will teach the summer term at the Turner School.

Waupaca Post, February 19, 1903. Belmont News.

Nellie Sanders closed the school term.

Other names that have been given to me as being teachers in the Neale School. I have no dates for any of them.

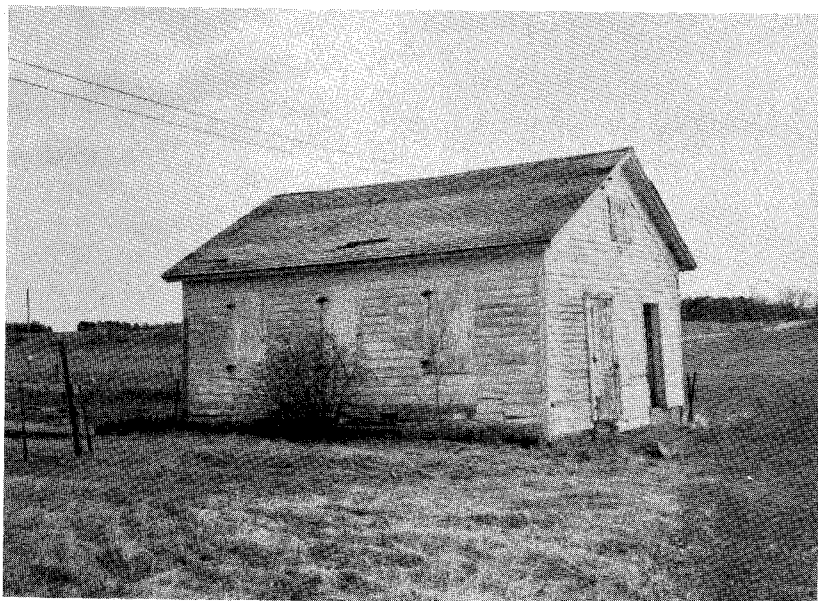
Laura McInroe	Cecile Bird
Una Morgan	Vivian Culver
Mayme Sergeant	Mildred Mathe
Helen Kolz	Mary Ann Krause

Mrs. Fred M. Hurd, the former Belle Smith, taught at the Turner School in 1913 and she told me that she was paid \$45.00 per month and boarded at the Forest Rice's place and paid them \$12.00 per month for her board.

It seems as if around the 1920's many of the country schools changed names and the Turner School was no different. They changed their name to the Neale School in honor of Mr. Neale who was then Portage County Superintendent of schools.

Warranty Deed 205, page 528, in the Portage County Court House, dated October 18, 1952. Robert A. Nowak purchased from the Trustees of School District No. 5, the Neale School property. This has since been converted into a home and is a permanent dwelling place.

#### DISTRICT NUMBER 6, BARR SCHOOL



This is the original Barr School house.

Luke D. Scott bought this old school building on June 26, 1897, for \$23.00.

He moved it to his farm, better known as the Henry Stinson farm. Here it has been used for many years as a hog house.

This farm now belongs to Gordon Bell.

In 1896 a new brick school house was build by Charles M. Radley. The labor cost paid to C. W. Radley was \$488.22.

Sometime shortly after World War I the name was changed from Barr School to Lincoln School.

The picture on the left is the way the Lincoln school house looked in 1982, when this picture was taken. The belfrey and bell are gone, there are large holes in the front door and the windows are out. A sad sight for the once proud school house that it was.



#### SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (BARR) (LINCOLN)

The location of the school house is in the northeast corner of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 19.

I was told by Mr. Leonard Morgan that the bricks that were used to build the new school house in 1896 were bricks that came from the old Clarence Collier farm back in the northeast corner next to where Mr. Lowell Thompson lives today, 1984.

In the old treasurer's book for School District No. 6, Order No. 17, dated October 19, 1896, paid E. E. Chamberlain \$94.25 for bricks. Now the question is, did Mr. Chamberlain have the kiln to make the bricks.

Order No. 18, was to Shearer and Jardine, \$200.00 for lumber.

Order No. 19, was to C. W. and G. T. Radley for building and finishing the school house. These costs totalled the \$488.22. However, there were many other costs involved according to the treasurer's records, such as:

Oct. 2, 1896	Mr. West, hauling brick & lumber	\$ 9.80
Oct. 2, 1896	Will Barr, hauling brick	\$ 6.74
Oct. 3, 1896	W. E. Sanders, hauling brick	\$10.65
Oct. 7, 1896	Wm. McIntyre, hauling brick	\$ 6.94
Oct. 10, 1896	Walter Kent, hauling shingles	\$ 2.25
Oct. 12, 1896	John Casey, hauling lumber & stone	\$ 6.25
Oct. 14, 1896	W. H. Tunks, hauling brick	\$ 3.99
Oct. 15, 1896	J. C. F. Fletcher, hauling lumber and lime	\$10.00
Oct. 19, 1896	Wm. McIntyre, hauling stone	\$ 2.00
Nov. 2, 1896	Frank Morgan, hauling brick	\$ 2.75
Nov. 9, 1896	Frank Casey, hauling lumber	\$ 2.50
Nov. 14, 1896	Clarence Collier, hauling brick	\$ 2.20
Nov. 14, 1896	G. G. Hawes, hauling brick	\$ 3.50
Nov. 14, 1896	H. W. Rosche, weights for windows	\$ 2.40
Nov. 14, 1896	G. G. Hawes, serving on the committee	\$ 3.00
Nov. 14, 1896	J. C. F. Fletcher, hauling materials and serving on the committee	\$11.03
Nov. 14, 1896	W. H. Tunks, serving on the committee	\$ 2.00
Oct. 28, 1892	Packard & Smith, tubular well	\$98.50

In a composition written by Miss Elinor Vaughn, a student at the Lincoln School, and in it she mentioned that sometime between 1918 and 1920 the Barr School was renamed the Lincoln School.

She also mentioned that in some old records that there was a record of a teacher's contract to Hannah Sutherland, the late Hannah Taylor, to teach for 4 months, beginning May 1, 1859.

#### DISTRICT TREASURER'S BOOK NO. 6

Starting in 1868

<u>Name of Teacher</u>	<u>Date of Check</u>	<u>Amount of Check</u>
Louisa Harris	Dec. 21, 1868	\$ 10.00
Louisa Harris	Feb. 26, 1869	\$ 90.00
Ann Eliza McCallen	June 19, 1869	\$ 36.00
Ann Eliza McCallen	July 30, 1869	\$ 36.00
Ann Eliza McCallen	Dec. 20, 1869	\$ 20.00
Ann Eliza McCallen	Mar. 3, 1870	\$ 84.00
Martha King	May 31, 1870	\$ 20.00
Martha King	July 30, 1870	\$ 52.00

<u>Name of Teacher</u>	<u>Date of Check</u>	<u>Amount of Check</u>
Martha King	Dec. 2, 1870	\$ 25.00
Martha King	Feb. 10, 1871	\$ 25.00
Martha King	Mar. 11, 1871	\$ 50.00
Martha King	June 6, 1871	\$ 25.00
Ann E. Smith	Dec. 19, 1871	\$ 28.00
Ann E. Smith	Mar. 11, 1872	\$ 65.00
Ann E. Smith	Apr. 15, 1872	\$ 35.00
Jane Robertson	July 1, 1872	\$ 35.00
Jane Robertson	Aug. 17, 1872	\$ 19.00
Jane Robertson	Mar. 20, 1873	\$120.00
Lillie Loomis	June 12, 1873	\$ 20.00
Lillie Loomis	July 1, 1873	\$ 24.00
Jane Robertson	Jan. 3, 1874	\$ 20.00
Jane Robertson	Mar. 21, 1874	\$124.00
Jane Robertson	May 26, 1874	\$ 25.00
Jane Robertson	Aug. 21, 1874	\$ 87.00
Alivia Emerson	Dec. 28, 1874	\$ 30.00
Alivia Emerson	Mar. 13, 1875	\$ 90.00
Annie Rait	June 3, 1875	\$ 20.00
Annie Rait	Aug. 7, 1875	\$ 52.00
William Burgoyne	Jan. 10, 1876	\$ 15.00
William Burgoyne	Feb. 10, 1876	\$ 9.00
William Burgoyne	Mar. 1, 1876	\$106.00
Emily Dopp	Aug. 15, 1876	\$ 50.00
Emily Dopp	No Dates	\$ 31.98
Emily Dopp	1877	\$ 18.02
Alfred Dopp	Feb. 24, 1877	\$ 98.00
Ida King	May 16, 1877	\$ 11.00
Ida King	June 8, 1877	\$ 11.00
Ida King	June 1877	\$ 11.00
Ida King	July 23, 1877	\$ 33.00
Ida King	Aug. 4, 1877	\$ 11.00
Emily A. Dopp	Feb. 28, 1878	\$100.00
Lucy Shoemaker	May 14, 1878	\$ 12.00
Lucy Shoemaker	June 28, 1878	\$ 42.00
Stanley Young	Feb. 14, 1879	\$ 85.50
Flora E. Harris	May 10, 1879	\$ 17.00
Flora E. Harris	July 12, 1879	\$ 42.50
Daniel E. Frost	Feb. 16, 1880	\$ 72.00
Kittie E. Fisher	June 23, 1880	\$ 10.00
Kittie E. Fisher	July 2, 1880	\$ 41.00
Kate E. Dopp	Feb. 24, 1881	\$ 80.50
Lucy Shoemaker	July 29, 1881	\$ 59.50
Elspa Dopp	Feb. 28, 1882	\$ 84.00
Kate E. Dopp	July 28, 1882	\$ 70.00
Lola Furlong	Dec. 20, 1882	\$ 5.00
Lola Furlong	Jan. 10, 1883	\$ 10.00
Lola Furlong	Feb. 6, 1883	\$ 48.00
Alice Sanders	June 10, 1883	\$ 15.00
Alice Sanders	July 21, 1883	\$ 55.00
Alice Sanders	Feb. 19, 1884	\$ 87.50
Alice Sanders	1884	\$ 10.00
Alice Sanders	July 18, 1884	\$ 60.00
Eva Strong	Dec. 11, 1884	\$ 25.00

<u>Name of Teacher</u>	<u>Date of Check</u>	<u>Amount of Check</u>
Eva Strong	Feb. 8, 1885	\$ 25.00
Eva Strong	Feb. 26, 1885	\$ 37.50
Eva Strong	June 5, 1885	\$ 20.00
Eva Strong	June 30, 1885	\$ 15.00
Mary McCrossen	Feb. 5, 1886	\$100.00
Anna Wagner	July 24, 1886	\$ 70.00
Gertie Hoaglin	Feb. 19, 1887	\$ 80.50
Gertie Hoaglin	May 14, 1887	\$ 20.00
Gertie Hoaglin	July 22, 1887	\$ 50.00
Gertie Hoaglin	Feb. 24, 1888	\$ 87.50
Clara Lombard	June 1, 1888	\$ 20.00
Clara Lombard	June 20, 1888	\$ 20.00
Clara Lombard	Aug. 10, 1888	\$ 30.00
Jennie Pomeroy	Dec. 20, 1888	\$ 20.00
Jennie Pomeroy	Mar. 1, 1889	\$ 67.50
Nettie Hoaglin	May 8, 1889	\$ 20.00
Nettie Hoaglin	July 15, 1889	\$ 50.00
Minnie Edminster	Dec. 20, 1889	\$ 23.00
Minnie Edminster	Feb. 5, 1890	\$ 57.50
Nettie Hoaglin	July 28, 1890	\$ 70.00
Jessie Barr	Feb. 11, 1891	\$ 87.50
Bertha Scott	July 17, 1891	\$ 70.00
Bertha Scott	Feb. 12, 1892	\$ 87.50
Jessie Barr	July 19, 1892	\$ 70.00
Walter Corrigan	Feb. 21, 1893	\$100.00
Annie D. Wright	July 15, 1893	\$ 70.00
Annie D. Wright	Dec. 14, 1893	\$ 26.00
Annie D Wright	Mar. 2, 1894	\$ 78.00
Annie D. Wright	May 26, 1894	\$ 40.00
Annie D. Wright	July 14, 1894	\$ 30.00
Aggie Leahy	Dec. 8, 1894	\$ 25.00
Aggie Leahy	Jan. 30, 1895	\$ 10.00
Aggie Leahy	Feb. 28, 1895	\$ 52.50
Aggie Leahy	Apr. 27, 1895	\$ 10.00
Aggie Leahy	May 27, 1895	\$ 25.00
Aggie Leahy	July 3, 1895	\$ 35.00
Emma Mehne	Feb. 19, 1896	\$100.00
Emma Mehne	July 10, 1896	\$ 80.50
Anna Ambrose	Dec. 21, 1896	\$ 25.00
Anna Ambrose	Mar. 16, 1897	\$ 50.00
Anna Ambrose	May 10, 1897	\$ 23.00
Anna Ambrose	June 22, 1897	\$ 10.00
Anna Ambrose	July 15, 1897	\$ 47.50
Grace E. Dopp	Dec. 10, 1897	\$ 23.00
Grace E. Dopp	Mar. 19, 1898	\$ 69.00
Grace E. Dopp	July 19, 1898	\$ 70.00
Jessie L. Barr	Mar. 2, 1899	\$112.00
Jessie L. Barr	July 23, 1899	\$ 87.50
Jessie L. Barr	Mar. 17, 1900	\$112.00
Mamie Leahy	June 8, 1900	\$ 25.00
Mamie Leahy	July 25, 1900	\$ 62.50
Clara Decker	Nov. 24, 1900	\$ 10.00
C. D. Decker	Feb. 21, 1901	\$ 65.00
Libbie Young	July 19, 1901	\$ 80.50
Bell Casey	Dec. 2, 1901	\$ 27.00

<u>Name of Teacher</u>	<u>Date of Check</u>	<u>Amount of Check</u>
Bell Casey	Jan. 17, 1902	\$ 40.00
Grace Dopp	Feb. 7, 1902	\$ 10.80
Bell Casey (3 days)	Mar. 13, 1902	\$ 4.05
Nellie Stinson (5 weeks)	Mar. 27, 1902	\$ 33.75
Emma Mathe	June 27, 1902	\$ 69.00
Bridget Barrett	Mar. 4, 1903	\$112.00
Lizzie Stinson	June 18, 1903	\$ 69.00
Lizzie Stinson	Mar. 18, 1904	\$126.00
Lizzie Stinson	June 29, 1904	\$ 79.50
Lizzie Stinson	Mar. 3, 1905	\$135.00
Clara Leahy	May 10, 1905	\$ 25.00
Clara Leahy	June 24, 1905	\$ 55.00
Clara Leahy	Nov. 27, 1905	\$ 25.00
Clara Leahy	Mar. 10, 1906	\$132.00
Clara Leahy	June 30, 1906	\$ 84.00
Grace Wood	Nov. 26, 1906	\$ 30.00
Grace Wood	Jan. 10, 1907	\$ 36.00
Grace Wood	Mar. 6, 1907	\$ 54.25
Minnie Rice	Mar. 21, 1907	\$ 24.00
Carrie Brandt	July 10, 1907	\$ 84.00
Carrie Brandt	Nov. 29, 1907	\$ 34.00
Carrie Brandt	Jan. 3, 1908	\$ 34.00
Carrie Brandt	Jan. 30, 1908	\$ 34.00
Carrie Brandt	Mar. 13, 1908	\$ 51.00
Carrie Brandt	May 22, 1908	\$ 60.00
Carrie Brandt	July 3, 1908	\$ 45.00
Nellie Morey	Mar. 3, 1909	\$ 87.50
Nellie Morey	May 8, 1909	\$ 33.00
Nellie Morey	Nov. 18, 1909	\$ 33.00
Nellie Morey	Dec. 31, 1909	\$ 35.00
Nellie Morey	July 16, 1909	\$ 82.00
Margaret Benson	Oct. 5, 1909	\$ 30.00
Margaret Benson	Dec. 10, 1909	\$ 33.00
Margaret Benson	Dec. 31, 1909	\$ 33.00
Margaret Benson	Mar. 10, 1910	\$ 66.00
Margaret Benson	June 29, 1910	\$ 90.00
Leland Scott	Sep. 17, 1910	\$ 30.00
Leland Scott	Nov. 27, 1910	\$ 30.00
Leland Scott	Dec. 21, 1910	\$ 35.00
Leland Scott	Nov. 27, 1910	\$ 30.00
Leland Scott	Feb. 9, 1911	\$ 15.00
Leland Scott	Feb. 22, 1911	\$ 5.00
Leland Scott	Mar. 9, 1911	\$ 50.00
Kathryn Leahy	June 29, 1911	\$ 35.00

Names of the teacher and they year that they taught:

Kathryn Leahy	1911	Myra Barnsdale	1928
Ora Hallowell	1912	Myra Barnsdale	1929
Clara Leahy	1912	Helen McTigue	1929
Clara Leahy	1913	Helen McTigue	1930
Clara Leahy	1914	Eva Hardell	1930
Minnie Rice	1914	Eva Hardell	1931
Minnie Rice	1915	Mary Peterson	1931
Maude Pier	1915	Mary Peterson	1932



Maude Pier	1916	Mary Peterson	1933
Nellie Coulthurst	1916	Mary Peterson	1934
Nellie Coulthurst	1917	Mary Peterson	1935
Emily Wislinsky	1917	Mary Peterson	1936
Emily Wislinsky	1918	Mary Peterson	1937
Emily Wislinsky	1919	Mary Peterson	1938
Esther Nelson	1919	Mary Peterson	1939
Esther Nelson	1920	Helen Hetzel	1939
Mildred Cobb	1920	Helen Hetzel	1940
Mildred Cobb	1921	Ruth Hetzel	1942
Clara McGinley	1921	Ruth Hetzel	1943
Clara McGinley	1922	Ruth Hetzel	1944
Lela Williams	1922	Marie Adams	1944
Lela Williams	1923	Marie Adams	1945
Cora Strand	1923	Marie Boelter	1946
Cora Strand	1924	Elsie Dent	1946
Ella Bonke	1924	Elsie Dent	1947
Ella Bonke	1925	Elsie Dent	1948
Ella bonke	1926	Lois Czajkowski	1948
Katherine Doyle	1926	Lois Czajkowski	1949
Katherine Doyle	1927	Ada Mathe	1949

#### TOWN OF BELMONT

#### SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 (SEVEN)



This school house burned to the ground April 24, 1922. A special meeting was called to vote as to whether to rebuild or transfer to another district. The result was 35 for and one against rebuilding on the same site.

On June 16, 1922, a building committee was called and submitted their plans for a new school house 24 x 40, at an estimated cost of \$2,500.00. Many neighbors helped work on the

new school building. The first annual school meeting in the new school house was held July 2, 1923.

Warranty Deed, Volume 139, page 554, Portage County Court House.

THIS INDENTURE, Made the tenth day of October, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty one, between Patrick Stinson and Eliza Stinson, his wife, of the Town of Belmont, Portage County, State of Wisconsin, parties of the first part, and District Board of School District No. 7 (seven), in the Town of Belmont, Portage County, State of Wisconsin, parties of the second part.

WITNESSETH, That the said parties of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of ten dollars, to them in hand paid by the said parties of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby confessed and acknowledged have given, granted, bargain, sold, remise, release, alien, convey and confirm, unto the said parties of the second part, their heirs and assigns forever, all the following described



piece of land. Being a portion of the North East quarter of the North East quarter of Section (9) Nine, Town (21) Twenty One, North of range (10) East.

Commencing at the North East of aforesaid piece and running from thence South Eight (8) rods, then West (10) rods, thence North (8) rods, thence East (10) rods to place of beginning, being one half acre of land according to survey.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The said parties of the first part have here unto set their hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Charles W. Cronk xPatrick Stinson  
Mary Ann Dolling xEliza Stinson

#### STATE OF WISCONSIN

County of Portage BE IT REMEMBERED, That on the tenth day of October A.D. 1861 personally came before me the above named Patrick & Eliza Stinson, to me known to be the persons who executed the said deed, and acknowledged the same to be their free act and deed, for the use and purpose therein mentioned. Received for record, at 4 o'clock p.m. April 6th, 1867.

S. H. Sawyer, Register

Charles W. Cronk, Justice of the peace

The first record that I could find was a soiled loose page from a school district clerk's records, and this is how it reads:

The office of the treasurer of School District No. 7, of the Town of Belmont having become vacant and the District Board of said District having failed to fill such vacancy until the next annual meeting of said District.

Town Clerk Office Belmont  
Nov. 1st, 1866

S. H. Sawyer  
Town Clerk

The above appointment filed in the office of the District Clerk, Nov. 1st, 1866. P. P. Melendy, District Clerk

The district having become dissatisfied on the account of the clerk elected, not being in the state a year previous to the annual meeting, 1866, which only lacked from that time until November 17th, at which date the Town Clerk S. H. Sawyer appointed P. P. Melendy, Clerk of District No. 7 of the Town of Belmont until the next annual meeting.

At an annual meeting of the lawful voters of District No. 7, Town of Belmont, dated this 24th day of September, 1866.

Clerk present, meeting called to order.

Motion made and seconded that A. A. Scott be chairman, carried. The minutes of the meeting called for, read and approved of the previous meeting.

An informal ballot for clerk to be chosen for two years, result in nomination of P. P. Melendy, elected as clerk, and carried.

Ballot cast for Treasurer, resulted in Garter for three years. Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Motion made and seconded that we have seven months of school, four months in the winter and three months in the summer.

Motion made and seconded that we raise fifty dollars for teacher's wages. Carried.

Motion made and seconded that we raise twenty dollars for fuel. Carried.

Motion made and seconded that we raise ten dollars for incidental expenses. Carried.

Motion made and seconded that Mr. Garter purchase two books, one for the clerk and one for the treasurer.

Motion made and seconded that Mr. Garter be wood inspector so that the wood would be measured. Carried.

Motion made that we adjourn. Carried.

School District No. 7, Town of Belmont.

Annual meeting called to order, September 28, 1868.

L. E. Buck acted as chairman of the meeting and was elected to a three year term as clerk.

On a motion it was voted to have six and one-half months of school, four months during the winter and two and one-half during the summer.

It was voted to raise \$140.00 for the teacher's salary.

Mrs. Fred Hurd told me that it was Mary Carpenter who suggested the name of Sunny View for the new school house in 1922.

At an annual school meeting July 8, 1929, it was voted to give Mr. Ed. D. Stinson \$50.00 for one-half acre on the north side of the present play grounds. The district was to build and maintain a good woven wire fence.

The School Board of District Number 7 saw the need for more land for play grounds for the children, and at the annual school meeting held July 8, 1929, it was voted to give Mr. Ed D. Stinson \$50.00 for one-half acre of land adjacent on the north side of the present school property.

I have been told that Mr. Ed D. Stinson reluctantly consented to sell the one-half acre of land adjacent to the present grounds described as: commencing at the southeast corner of the South East one quarter of the South East one quarter of Section 4. Township twenty one (21) North-Range ten (10) East, running thence North eight (8) rods, thence East ten (10) rods to the place of beginning. However, he added a couple of stipulations to this sale.

This all can be found in Quit Claim Deed Volume 139, page 552. Dated July 10, 1929, between Edward D. Stinson and Mary Stinson, his wife, and the School District #7, of the Town of Belmont, Portage County.

It is stipulated and agreed that the said second party shall build and maintain a fence around the property above described, and a barbed wire on top.

It is further stipulated and agreed that if the property herein described is not used for school house purposes and the conditions above described are not complied with, this property shall revert back to the grantors or their heirs or assigns.

However, Quit Claim Deed Volume 223, page 116, No. 236792:

THIS INDENTURE, Made by Joint School District No. 4, of the Village of Almond and the Townships of Almond, Belmont, Buena Vista and Lanark in Portage County, and the Townships of Oasis and Rose in

Waushara County, Wisconsin, a joint school district organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Wisconsin, grantor, hereby conveys and quit claims to RALPH J. NIMMER and FLORENCE NIMMER, husband and wife, as joint tenants, for the sum of \$1.00 and other good and valuable consideration, all of its undivided interest in and to the following tract of land in Portage County, State of Wisconsin:

The South Eight (8) rods of the East Ten (10) rods of the Southeast Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of the Southeast Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section Four (4), Township Number Twenty One (21) North, Range Number Ten (10) East.

(The execution and delivery of this deed was authorized by resolution duly adopted at the annual meeting of the above named Grantor held on the 25th day of July, 1960. It is understood between the parties hereto that the City of Waupaca, Wisconsin, is the owner of the undivided interest in and to the above described premises.)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Grantor has caused these presents to be signed by Harold Mehne, its Chairman, Ralph Tess, its Treasurer, and Leland L. Rendall, its Clerk, this 29th day of July, 1960.

SIGNED AND SEALED IN PRESENTS OF:

Howard Newby

Joyce Beulow

(This instrument drafted by L. W. Anderson, Waupaca, Wisconsin.)

STATE OF WISCONSIN )  
                              ) SS  
COUNTY OF PORTAGE )

JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 4 of Village of Almond and Towns of Almond, Belmont, Buena Vista and Lanark, Portage County, and Towns of Oasis and Rose in Wau-shara County, Wisconsin.

Harold Mehne, Chairman seal

Ralph Tess, Treasurer seal

Leland L. Randall, Clerk seal

The following Warranty Deed is for the original school property issued to the District Board of School District No. 7, by Patrick Stinson and his wife, Eliza Stinson, In Section 9, Town of Belmont, in 1861.

Warranty Deed Volume 223, Page 117, No. 236793

THIS INDENTURE, made by JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 of the Village of Almond and the Townships of Almond, Belmont, Buena Vista and Lanark in Portage County, and the Townships of Oasis and Rose in Wau-shara County, Wisconsin, a joint school district organized and existing under and by virtue of the law of the State of Wisconsin, grantor, hereby conveys and warrants to RALPH J. NIMMER and FLORENCE NIMMER, husband and wife, as joint tenants, for the sum of One (\$1.00) Dollar and other good and valuable consideration, all of its undivided interest in and to the following tract of land in Portage County, State of Wisconsin:

The North Eight (8) rods of the East Ten (10) rods of the North-east Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of the Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section Number Nine, Township Number Twenty One (21) North, Range Number Ten (10) East.

(The execution and delivery of this deed was authorized by resolution duly adopted at the annual meeting of above named Grantor held on the 25th day of July, 1960. It is understood between the parties hereto that the City of Waupaca, Wisconsin, is the owner of the remaining undivided interest in and to the above described premises.)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Grantor has caused these presents to be signed by Harold Mehne, its Chairman, Ralph Tess, its Treasurer, and Leland L. Rendall, its Clerk, this 29th day of July, 1960.

SIGNED AND SEALED IN PRESENTS OF:

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JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 of  
Towns of Almond, Belmont, Buena  
Vista, and Lanark, and the Vil-  
lage of Almond, Portage County,  
and Towns of Oasis and Rose,  
Waushara County, Wisconsin.

Harold Mehne, Chairman, Ralph Tess, Treasure & Leland L. Rendall, Clerk.

#### SUNNY VIEW SCHOOL, TEACHER CONTRACTS

These were found in an old school clerk's record book. Now in the possession of the Waupaca Unified School District.

ELIZABETH SWAN,	for a 2½ month term, commencing April 20, 1868, at \$22.00 per month.
NETTIE EDWARDS,	for a 4 month term, at \$25.00 per month, commencing November 16, 1868.
NETTIE EDWARDS,	for a 2½ month term, at \$23.00 per month, commencing April 5, 1869.
F. A. FURLONG,	for a 3 month term, at \$25.00 per month, commencing December 29, 1869.
MARY GLEASON,	for a 3 month term, at \$20.00 per month, commencing April 25, 1870.
NETTIE EDWARDS,	for a 5 month term, at \$25.00 per month, commencing November 7, 1870.
MARIAH (Marie) CHAMBERLAIN,	for a 4 month term, at \$22.00 per month, commencing November 13, 1871.
EMMA WHIPPLE,	for a 3 month term, at \$22.00 per month, commencing May 14, 1872.
JANE YOUNG,	for a 4 month term, at \$26.00 per month, commencing November 11, 1872.
MARY RORABACHER,	for a 3 month term, at \$26.00 per month, commencing December 23, 1872.
ELLEN TUTTLE,	for a 3 month term, at \$26.00 per month, commencing April 28, 1873.
NELLIE BOWDEN,	for a 4 month term, at \$25.00 per month, commencing October 24, 1898.
ALMIRA RORABACHER,	for a 3 month term, at \$24.00 per month, commencing April 13, 1874.
ALMIRA RORABACHER,	for a 4 month term, at \$26.00 per month, commencing November 16, 1874.
ALMIRA RORABACHER,	for a 3 month term, at \$24.00 per month, commencing April 19, 1875.
JESSIE A. KOLLOCK,	for a 4 month term, at \$24.00 per month, commencing November 22, 1875.
AUGUST EEN,	for a 2 month term, at \$24.00 per month, commencing May 1, 1876.
AMELIA GOTHAM,	for a 4 month term, at \$24.00 per month, commencing November 21, 1876.
AMELIA GOTHAM,	for a 2 month term, at \$18.00 per month, commencing May 7, 1877.

LILLIAN KIMBALL,	for a term of 4 months, at \$21.00 per month, commencing November 12, 1877.
MAGGIE McMILLEN,	for a term of 3 months, at \$16.00 per month, commencing April 8, 1878.
LUCY SHOEMAKER,	for a 4 month term, at \$18.00 per month, commencing November 18, 1878.
LUCY SHOEMAKER,	for a 3 month term, at \$16.00 per month, commencing April 7, 1879.
FRANK RORABACHER,	for a 3 month term, at \$16.00 per month, commencing November 24, 1879.
ALICE SANDERS,	for a 3 month term, at \$14.00 per month, commencing April 12, 1880.
ALICE SANDERS,	for a 4 month term, at \$16.00 per month, commencing November 15, 1880.
ALICE SANDERS,	for a 3 month term, at \$14.00 per month, commencing May 2, 1881.
ELLEN TUTTLE,	for a 4 month term, at \$20.00 per month, commencing December 12, 1881.
ELLEN TUTTLE,	for a 3 month term, at \$18.00 per month, commencing April 17, 1882.
ELLEN TUTTLE,	for a 4 month term, at \$21.00 per month, commencing november 20, 1882.
CORA TURNER,	for a 3 month term, at \$18.00 per month, commencing April 16, 1883.
EMILY DOPP,	for a 4 month term, at \$26.00 per month, commencing November 14, 1883.

Other teachers and the years that they taught, but not their wages were given. The years for 1884, 1885, 1886 were missing.

Anna Wagner	1887	Florence Lea	1895
Clara Lombard	1887	Florence Lea	1896
Carrie McCrossen	1888	Bertha Smith	1897
Minnie Kinney	1888	Jennie Boreson	
Lizzie Boynton	1889	Celia Buck	
Nettie Hoaglin	1889	Nellie Bowden	1898
Irene Cobb	1890	Nellie Bowden	1899
Irene Cobb	1891	Bell Tracy	1899
Minnie Edminster	1892	Bell Tracy	1900
Minnie Edminster	1893	Edna Lemorand, Oct.	1900
M. Leahy	1893	Rachel Taylor, March	1901
Aggie Leahy	1893	Lizzie Stinson, Oct.	1901
Nellie Bowden	1894	Lizzie Stinson	1902
Nellie Bowden	1895		

Other teachers who taught throughout the years, but not in order.

Lydia Saxton	Alice Stoltenberg
Laura Brandt	Doris Turner
Bessie Sawyer	Mae Rath
Saddie Riley	Margaret Dopp
Pansy Demarest	Margaret Sorensen
Marie Radcliff	Margaret Bucknell
Bertha Bigby	Coral Atkinson
Bessie Parsons	Beverly Winkler
Maxine Russell,	the last teacher in 1959.

The Sunny View School closed in May of 1959 when it became a part of the Waupaca Unified School District.

The Sunny View School house was sold to Ralph J. and Florence Nimmer and converted into a dwelling.



#### SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 (PICKEREL LAKE)

THIS INDENTURE, Made the thirteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty seven, between David R. Taylor and Marilla, his wife, parties of the first part and School District Number 8, party of the second part.

WITNESSETH, That the said parties of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of sixteen (16) dollars and no hundredeths, to them in hand paid, by the parties of the second part, in receipt whereof is hereby confessed and acknowledged have given, granted, bargained, sold, remised, released, alien, convey and confirm unto said parties of the second part his heirs and assigns forever all that piece or parcel of land described as follows to-wit:

Commencing at the quarter stake on the southeast corner of the southeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 5, T no. 21 north of range 10 east, thence north on the line (14) fourteen rods, thence west (11  $\frac{3}{7}$ ) eleven and three sevenths rods, thence south to the line between sections five and eight, thence east on a line to the place of beginning. The same contains one acre of land according to survey.

IN WITNESS THEREOF.

J. S. Turner  
Henry Turner

S. H. Sawyer, Register  
Warranty Deeds, Book Q, page 404.

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THIS INDENTURE, made this 19th day of October in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and twenty two between Charles E. Cobb and Mabel Cobb (his wife) of Portage County Wisconsin, parties of the first part, and School District No. Eight (8) Belmont and Lanark, Portage County, Wisconsin, parties of the second part.



For the sum of One Hundred Dollars for the following parcel of land, commencing at the southeast corner of the southeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section No. Five (5), Township No. twenty one (21) North of Range ten (10) East, thence north fourteen (14) rods to the place of beginning, thence north two (2) rods along the quarter line, thence west parallel with the section line twenty (20) rods, thence south parallel with the quarter line sixteen (16) rods to the section line, thence east along the section line eight and four sevenths ( $8 \frac{4}{7}$ ) rods, thence north parallel with the quarter line fourteen (14) rods, thence east eleven and three sevenths ( $11 \frac{3}{7}$ ) rods to the place of beginning.

This extended the school property to the north and to the west of the original grounds. This has all been set out to pine trees and it would be hard to locate just where the school house sat.

#### LEDGER OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8

Mrs. Bernhard (Donna) Rickel was able to supply me with the earliest school record books that seem to be available. From these I was able to extract some interesting accounts. (Record of annual school meetings.)

At the Annual School Meeting held July 7, 1890, Albert Taylor was chosen as chairman. The Treasurer's report as of June 30, 1890, showed a balance of \$86.81.

It was voted on to have seven months of school, four months winter and three months summer.

At the Annual School Meeting held July 5, 1892, called for the purpose of contracting with the lowest bidder to build the wood shed. It was to be a building 12 x 16 feet with 8 ft. sides. Irvin Smith's \$35.00 bid was the lowest. He was to complete the building by December 15, 1892.

In 1892, \$4.00 was spent for building a new school yard fence.

In 1897, a new stove was purchased for \$14.00 and the old one was sold for \$2.00

At the Annual School Meeting held July 5, 1898, a motion was made and carried to build a platform in front of the school house four feet wide the full width of the school house. This was to go to the lowest bidder.

It is not known what the pupils did for their drinking water prior to 1907, as there was no pump on the school grounds until 1924.

At the Annual School Meeting held July 1, 1907, a motion was made and seconded to give William Ward \$5.00 for water. This was the first mention of ever paying anyone for water, but it was voted each year from 1907 to 1923 to pay \$5.00 per year for water.

The William Ward farm was only a few rods north of the school house on the east side of the road. This was later the Clyde Adams place. These buildings have all been removed and no sign of their former location exists today, for it is all absorbed into the James Burns and Sons farm operation.

The pupils were divided into pairs and given a schedule when it was their turn to carry the water from the Ward place.

At the Annual School Meeting held July 6, 1907, a motion was moved and supported to build 12 feet onto the school house. It was amended to build 14 feet, motion carried. The cost was \$275.00, paid October 8, 1908.

A notice in the minutes, dated October 30, 1909. It was a complaint entered by P. N. Brandt that Mrs. Earnest Taylor's boys were not attending school. The Clerk notified the Taylors that they must attend school at once.

At the Annual School Meeting held July 3, 1911, a motion was made and seconded to build a new chimney and lined with tile. The motion was carried. A check was written August 30, 1911, for \$10.27.

On August 27, 1913, a check was made out for new seats for the school house.

On June 1, 1914, the school house was painted.

At the Annual School Meeting held June 7, 1915, a motion was made and seconded and carried to build a fence around the school grounds. A motion was made and carried to move the stove to the back of the room.

In the Clerk's records, May 17, 1916, was the first date that wages were withheld for a pension fund. \$4.00 was subtracted from Lillieth Huntley's salary.

At the Annual School Meeting held July 8, 1919, a motion was made, seconded and carried to name our school the Pickerel Lake School.

At the Annual School Meeting held July 8, 1922, a motion was made and carried that the board be authorized to buy one acre of Land of Charles Cobb, said acre to be 2 rods on the north side of the school house and balance on the west end if possible. If not, to buy one acre on the west end. Price not to exceed \$100.00.

1923 was the first year for nine months of school.

At the Annual School Meeting held July 7, 1924, a motion was made, seconded and carried that the school board see what can be done about getting a pump in and have one put in if reasonable. Motion was carried.

A check was written November 5, 1924, to Hetzel Bros., for \$110.00 to cover the cost of the new pump.

#### TEACHERS FROM 1890 TO CLOSING 1951

<u>Teacher's Name</u>	<u>No. of Months</u>	<u>Commences</u>	<u>Wages per Month</u>
Lizzie Boynton	summer term	1890	
Hannah Tobin	4	Nov. 10, 1890	\$22.50
Third grade teaching certificate			
Hannah Tobin	3	Apr. 6, 1891	\$20.00
Hannah Tobin	4	Nov. 16, 1891	\$23.50
Lillian M. Dickinson	3	Apr. 18, 1892	\$19.00
Maggie F. Cooney	4	Nov. 21, 1892	\$23.00
Esther Hetzel	3	Apr. 10, 1893	\$18.00
Esther Hetzel	4	Nov. 6, 1893	\$26.00
Francis Jordon	3	Mar. 26, 1894	\$19.00
Grace Allen	3	Apr. 8, 1895	\$22.00
Oren Wood	4	Nov. 11, 1895	\$24.00
Nellie Bump	3	Apr. 13, 1896	\$18.00
Ellen Padden	4	Nov. 9, 1896	\$24.00
Martha J. Taylor	9 wks.	Dec. 28, 1896	Total \$48.00
Martha J. Taylor	3	Apr. 12, 1897	\$18.00
Wayne F. Cowan	4	Nov. 8, 1898	\$25.00
Grace Allen	3	Apr. 4, 1898	\$20.00
Grace Gilbertson	4	Nov. 7, 1898	\$25.00
Grace Gilbertson	3	Jan. 3, 1899	\$20.00

<u>Teacher's Name</u>	<u>No. of Months</u>	<u>Commences</u>	<u>Wages per Month</u>
Elizabeth Young	4	Nov. 6, 1899	\$26.00
Elizabeth Young	3	Apr. 2, 1900	\$20.00
Cora S. Hance	4	Nov. 5, 1900	\$26.00
Cora S. Hance	3	April 1, 1901	\$22.00
Bessie Maynard	4	Nov. 4, 1901	\$28.00
Mr. Drake	completed the 1902 year for Miss Maynard		
Amiedelle Whipple	3	Mar. 31, 1902	\$20.00
Amiedelle Whipple	5	Oct. 27, 1902	\$25.00
Nellie Sanders	3	April 6, 1903	\$22.00
Second grade teaching certificate			
Nellie Stinson	5	Nov. 2, 1903	\$28.00
Second grade teaching certificate			
Nellie M. Stinson	3	April, 1904	\$25.00
Nellie M. Stinson	5	Oct. 32, 1904	\$30.00
Susie B. Smith	3	Apr. 17, 1905	\$25.00
Ella Riley	5	Oct. 30, 1905-1906	\$35.00
Francis Dorsha	5	1906 - 1907	
Lillie Loomis		1907 - 1908	
Katherine Cobb		1908 - 1910	
Beatrice Benson		1910 - 1914	
Libby Leahy		1914	
Lillieth Huntley		1914 - 1915	\$50.00
Merle Adams		1916 - 1917	\$45.00
Merle Adams		1917 - 1918	\$45.00
Alice Berry		1918 - 1919	\$50.00
Alice Berry		1919	\$50.00
Mildred Mead		1919 - 1921	\$60.00
Olive Stratton		1921 - 1922	\$95.00
Ethel M. Bowers		1922 - 1924	\$95.00
Esther Nelson		1924 - 1925	\$90.25
Lucy Doyle		1925 - 1926	\$95.00
Ethel M. Bowers		1926 - 1927	\$95.00
Laura Hintz	2½	1927	\$96.90
Helen Rathke		1927 - 1928	\$102.00
Eva Hardell		1928 - 1929	\$102.00
Cora Washburn		1929 - 1933	\$102.50
Adelyn Stedman		1933 - 1936	
Doris Turner		1936 - 1940	
Margaret Grant		1940 - 1944	
Grace Behnke		1944 - 1947	
Esther Sheets		1947 - 1948	
Virginia Tess		1948 - 1949	
Marie Boelter		1949 - 1951	

The last check issued to any teacher was to Marie Boelter for \$135.32 for her last month as teacher of the Pickerel Lake School.

There was a special meeting held on Monday evening to vote on joining the Almond School District. In the fall of 1951 the pupils were bussed to the Almond School District.

After the school closed in 1951 the school house was sold to Anton Trzebiatowski and was moved to his farm in the Town of Lanark, just west of St. Patrick's Church where it was used as a poultry house. It still stands there in 1984. Clyde Atkinson bought the wood shed and moved it to Wild Rose where he converted it into a garage.

Thus ends the story of another country school.



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