

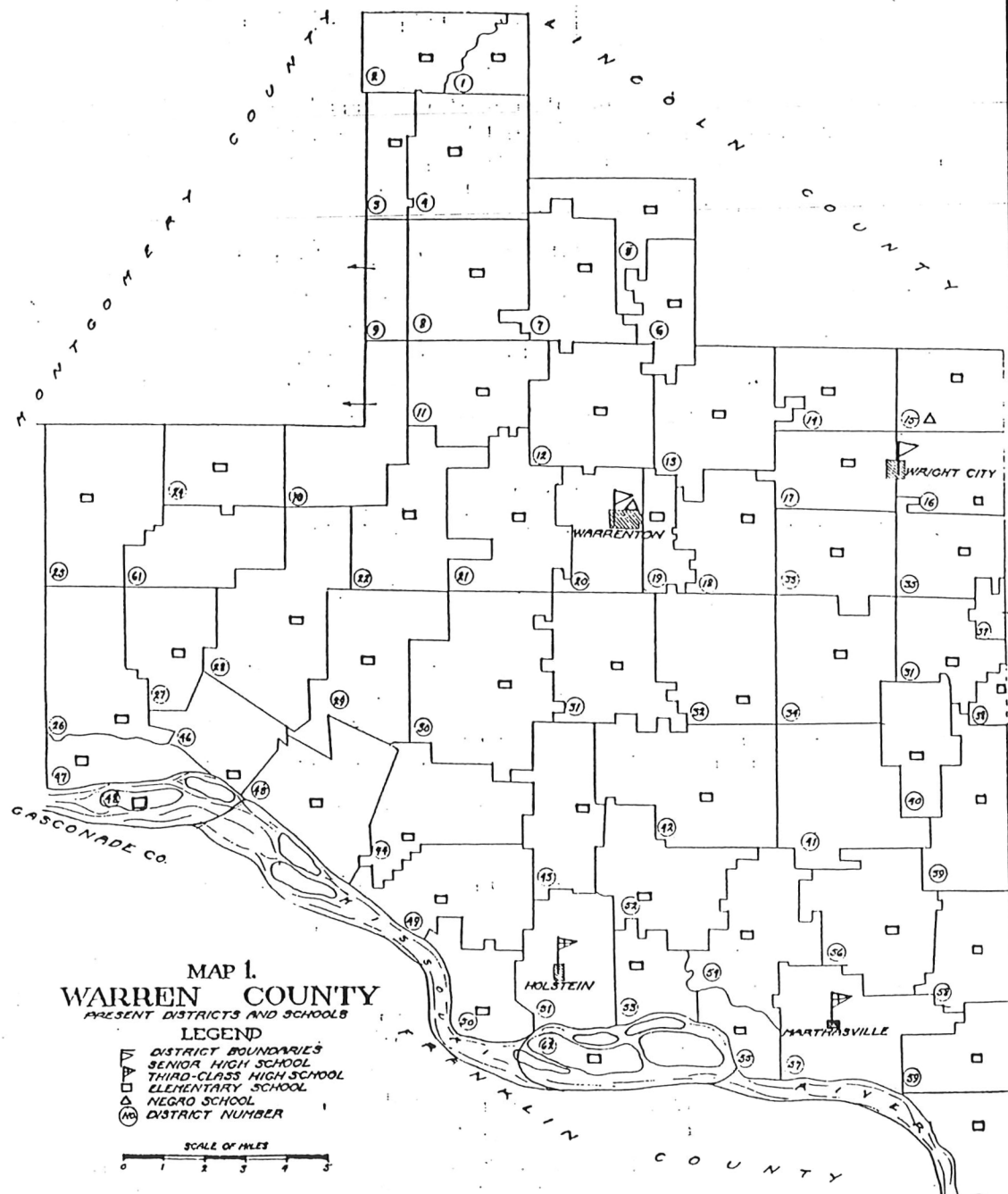
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An Administrative Survey of the

school education as the goal for every boy and girl have made little impression upon the organization of the schools. A local idea of democracy has kept the county divided into numerous small districts which are providing for the pupils within those districts a relatively poor training.

Warren County has 53 three-director districts which maintain one-room schools; 3 three-director districts which maintain three-teacher schools, 1 of which maintains a two-teacher elementary school and a third-class high school; and 3 six-director districts, 2 of which maintain central elementary schools and first-class high schools, and 1 of which maintains a central elementary school and a second-class high school. There are 4 partial districts in the county which have their schools located in adjoining counties. These 4 districts are not considered in this survey.



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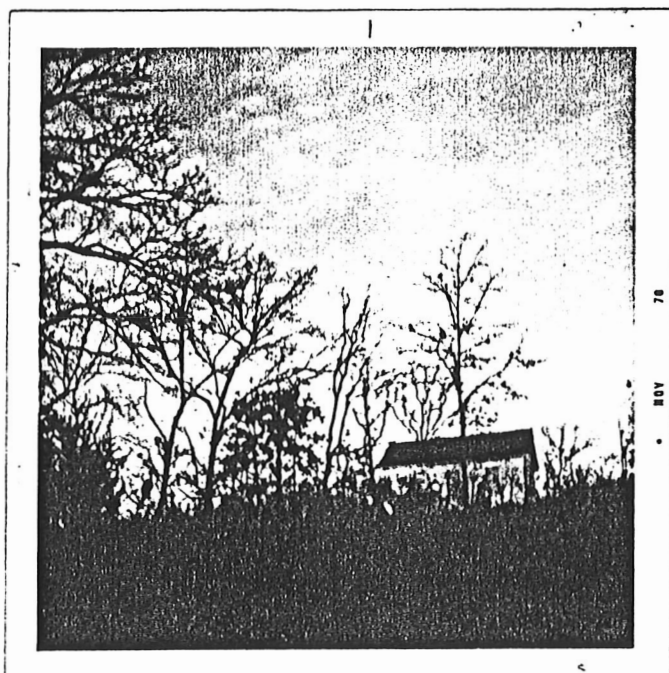
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GIBSON SCHOOL



District No. 15

Located in Hickory Grove
Township northeast of
Wright City on Stringtown
Road.

Land description 1 - 47 - 1

Picture taken by

Ira Witthaus

A log building was first erected in the district. This later burned. The site for a new school on Stringtown Road was acquired in January, 1888 from Henry Schwier.

The school closed in 1939 and the pupils were transported to Wright City. This was necessary as only a few families with children were living in the district. As this is written the building is still standing having been made into a dwelling.

List of Teachers:

Lottie Boland

Frank Krez

Bessie Pinta

Owen Bennet ?

Forest Giles

Patty Lucy

John Scheer

Bessie Hunn

Anna Vieth 1910-11

Eugenia Blattner

John Hoech 1912-13

Paul Vieth 1913-14; 14-15

A. C. Huck 1915-16; 16-17

Irene Koeneke 1917-18

Anna Klustermeyer 1918-19

GIBSON School

1919-20

1920-21

Lillie L. Ball

1921-22

Olinda Sabbert

1922-23 1 yr.

Mary Frances TURNER 1923-24

Thelma Gilmore

1924-25

" "

1925-26

Bessie Hunn

1926-27

Pauline Martin

1927-28

Bessie Hunn

1928-29; 29-30; 30-31

Victor Wehmeyer

1931-32

1932-33

Laura Backs

1933-34

Edna Jaspering

1934-35

1935-36

1936-37

Virgie Twiehaus

1937-38

Beulah Kehr - Ray Evans

1938-39

Choteal Ridley }
Ida O. Page } 1945-46

Closed 1949

Napoleon Tucker 1947-48

Following is a transaction recorded in
Warren County Recorder's Office:

Charles H. Edwards deeded 1 acre of land on 9-9-99

to J. H. Schemmer, Peter Bruning and T. T. Metcalf

District 1, Twp. 47, Range 1 W.

Other teachers

Mary F. Turner

Lillie Ball

Augusta Johnson

Partial list of Directors:

Julius E. Poeppelmeyer

Otto Schemmer

J. H. Bruning

Wm. Wisbrock, cl.

Steven Tillinger

Florenz Godt

Clarence Schaper

Emil Miller

Gibson school is located on "J" Road about 1 mile from the town of Wright City. It was the black school until 1962 when integration took place. At that time the school was closed. The children went to Wright City and the teacher was not integrated. That teacher was Betty Washington Brown, who was fortunate enough to be hired at Wentzville the same year to become the 1st black teacher there.

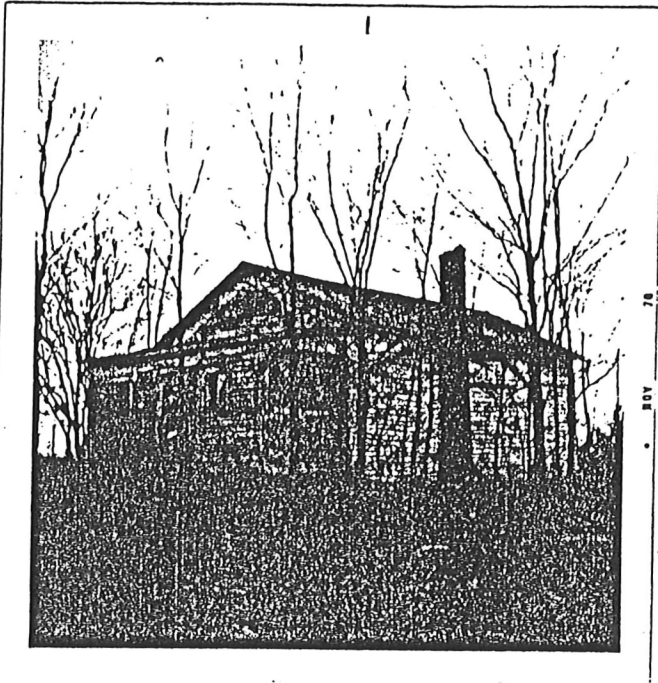
Some of the former teachers were Mrs. Crumes, Mrs. Collic Sydney, Miss Gladys Shelton, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Zollar.

In 1954 there were 8 grade levels in 2 classrooms. In 1958 the 7th and 8th grades were moved to the Wright City School. The teacher left at Gibson had 6 grade levels.

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LOCUST GROVE SCHOOL



District No. 17

Located one mile west
of Wright City on I-70.

Photograph by Ira Witthaus

On February 19, 1853 a deed was made by S. T. McGinnis and Betty S. McGinnis to Hugh F. Lyons, Edward Pleasants and Robert H. Pendleton, trustees of Locust Grove School District, 1 acre in SE corner of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 17, Twp. 47N, R 1 W for school. If land is abandoned for school purposes, the land reverts to the trustees. Recorded 5-13-1853.

It is not known when the school was built or if the first one was a log building. The present building is still standing on I-70 and Bell Building Road. It is owned by an individual and is in a state of disrepair.

List of teachers:

Bertha Williams	1906-07; 07-08; 08-09
	1909-10
Maggie Bryan	1910-11
	1911-12
Katie Humber (Diekroeger)	1912-13; 13-14
John Jones	1914-15
D. O. Henry	1915-16
Verna Muench	1916-17
Walter Schaper	1917-18
Adelia Gerdeman	1918-19
	1919-20
Bunice Key (Turner)	1920-21; 21-22
Louise Hinnah	1922-23
Louise Meyer (Spencer)	1923-24; 24-25

Ellouise Poirot
Violet Logan
Gertrude Hagemeyer

Elouise Poirot
" "
Ellouise Poirot

Elizabeth Bockhorst
Della Thoroughman
Jewell Hannar
Nora Wildschuetz

School closed

1925-26; 26-27; 27-28; 28-29
1929-30
1930-31
1931-32
1932-33
1933-34
1934-35
1935-36
1936-37
1937-38
1938-39
1939-49
1949-50

Other teachers but dates
not known:

Mr. Baker
Bertha Preul
Carrie Williams
Nora Gibson
Mrs. Augusta Smith
Lottie Snell
Frank Slater
Wm. Kimbell
Hattie Thomas
Nora Wilson

Partial list of Directors:

Robert Twiehaus
Garrett Hasekamp
Robert Schmidt
Henry F. Gerdeman
Herman Hasekamp
William Steinmesh
Herman Franz
Roy Mooney
Edwin Howard

BASKET SUPPER 4-44 AT LOCUST GROVE

The Locust Grove school closed Monday with a basket supper. That evening parents and friends of God's Spring and Locust Grove districts joined together at 8 o'clock when and where several large tables were filled to overflowing with the best of good eats. The teacher treated the bunch to all the ice cream they could eat with some to take home. After supper the tables were cleared and the empty baskets taken care of.

Everyone comfortable, the teacher and pupils entertained with a short, but very enjoyable program. They were assisted by Donna Sue Mildred and Gloria Hukriede with several numbers, each of readings. At the close, prizes were awarded the children. Mrs. Hannar has been re-employed for her sixth term with a raise in salary, which speaks well of her as a teacher loved by all her pupils.—One Present.



LOCUST GROVE
School L
Oct 5 1936



Picture
taken by
the late
Miss Annie
Pringle

Located in Hickory Grove Twp. south and east of Wright City.

From Warren County Recorder's Office this information was found:
On June 2, 1852, Frederick Blattner and Amelia Blattner for the sum of \$4.00
deeded to Cyras Carter, Thomas H. Bolles, and Royal J. Kennedy, trustees of
School District No. 3 in Township 47, Range 1, West in Warren County, State of
Missouri and to their successors in office to be held in trust for the benefit
of said school district, a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being
situated (.50) One-half acre in the NW corner of SE quarter of Section 26, Twp.
47, R. 1W. This being later known as the Blattner School and being built just
off Troy-Washington Road about 3 miles south and east of Wright City, Missouri.

Partial list of Teachers:

Carrie Burns

Katie Blackwell

William Kemner

Edw. Gross

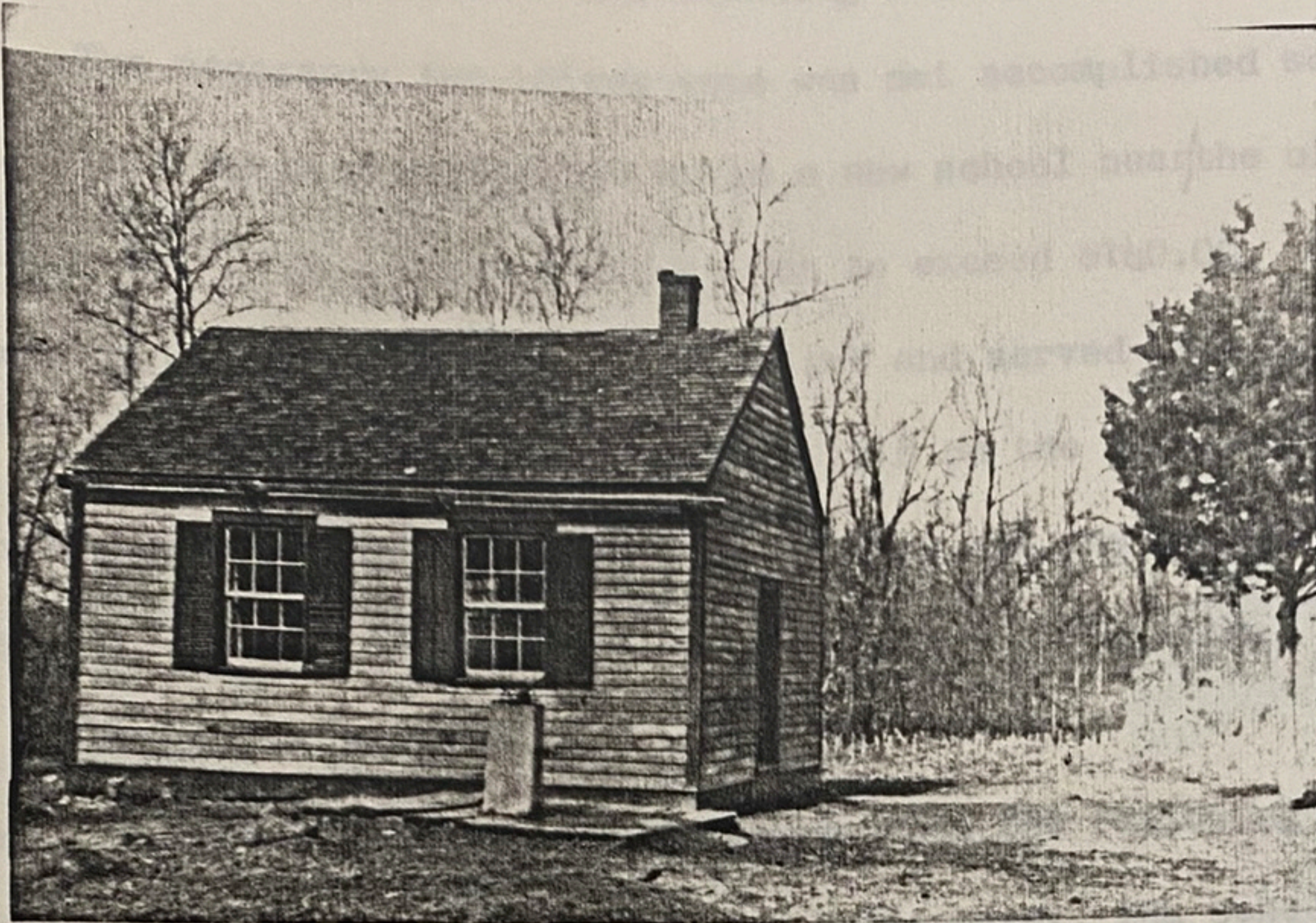
D. O. Henry

Sallie Pringle Williams

Anna Hoelscher	1913-14; 14-15
Adeline Schnadt Ahmann	1915-16; 16-17
Clarence Schnadt	<i>years unknown</i>
Lulu Wright	
Irene Schnarre Helmich	1917-18; 18-19
Grace Wegener Lhlert	
Annie Pringle	1922-23
Carl W. Starkey	1923-24; 24-25
Bessie Hunn	1925-26
Lydia Krueger Lee	1926-27
Fern Simmons	1927-28; 28-29
Edward Krueger	1929-30; 30-31; 31-32
Carrie Groeper	1932-33; 33-34
Cornelia Poirot	1934-35; 35-36
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Lucinda McElhiney	1938-39
Helen Thoroughman	1939-40; 40-41; 41-42
Martha Key	1942-43
Eleanor M. Lutz	1943-44
Helen Thoroughman	1944-45; 45-46; 46-47; 47-48; 48-49

This District was then consolidated with the Wright City School District.

TOQUEP
FOREST GROVE SCHOOL



District No. 41

Located south of
Wright City in
the southern edge
of Hickory Grove
Township

Photo courtesy of
Lillian Pauk.

School in photo

built in 1879 or 80.

This school district was organized in January 1859, and was known as district No. 4 in Hickory Grove Township No. 46, Range 1 West in Warren County.

The meeting was organized by appointing Henry Engeman as chairman and Thomas Wilkens as clerk.

A motion was made that a schoolhouse be built for the children in this district. Engeman and Wilkens agreed to donate $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of land each upon which this building was to be built, in 1860. The logs were to be hued and a good and sufficient schoolhouse, size 17 ft. by 18 ft. was agreed upon.

At the meeting of the legal voters held on Oct. 22, 1859, Garrett Schuster was appointed to purchase materials necessary for building such as nails, windows, stove and other necessary items. At this meeting it was also agreed upon that all who neglected to perform their proportion of labor in the erection of said schoolhouse then, and in that case, the person or persons so neglecting to perform their equal proportion as aforesaid, shall pay into the hands of the directors for the use of said district the sum of one dollar for each and every day which they have neglected to labor as aforesaid.

On March 25, 1878, a special meeting was held to consider a change of locality for a schoolhouse site since some of the patrons in the district were dissatisfied and wanted a new building and location.

The necessary two-thirds vote was not accomplished so no election was declared.

In 1879 it was voted to build a new school near the old location. The size was to be 18' x 20' and the cost not to exceed \$140.00. This building was constructed much better than the first and served it's purpose for sixty years.

A new schoolhouse was built in 1918 on the county road. The new site was in exchange of land by William Nistenderk and the school was used until 1948 when it was consolidated with Wright City R 2 District.

List of teachers:

From 1882 to 1900 there is no records when the following teachers taught namely:

Dolly Martin, Lloyd Simpson, Madge Waltermeyer, Ida Scheer and Mrs. S. A. Smith.

Lawson Thoroughman	1860-61	Marie Cullom	1923-24; 24-25
John H. Williams	1863-64	Laura Ahmann	1925-26; 26-27
Samuel Deoor	1864-65	Gladys Berndt	1927-28
		Pauline Werges	1928-29
Angeline Williams	1866-67	Della Thoroughman	1929-30
John H. Williams	1867-68; 68-69	Helen Johnson	1930-31
Zackery Seiper	1869-70	Eulah Anderson	1931-32; 32-33
James F. Dyer	1870-71	Gladys Berndt	1933-34; 34-35
John H. Williams	1871-72	" "	1935-36; 36-37
	1872-73	Vera Hackman & Edna Jaspering	1937-38
John H. Williams	1873-74	Edna Jaspering	1938-39; 39-40
John S. McClenny	1874-75	Onieta Williams	1940-41
William H. Fields	1875-76	Lillian Pauk	1941-42
Thomas H. Bowles	1876-77	Melba Bockhorst	1942-43
Virginia C. Bowles	1877-78	Alma Wood	1943-44; 44-45
Jennie C. Bowles	1878-79; 79-80; 80-81; 81-82		

Teachers 1900 - 1948

Susie Thoroughman	1900-01; 01-12; 02-03; 03-04
Edwin Hillebrand	1904-05
Lottie Ryker	1905-06
Blanche Rhine	1906-07; 07-08
Margaret Connell	1908-09; 09-10
Lena Weltge	1910-11
Leona Skinner	1911-12
Florence Chrismer	1912-13
Laura Garrett	1913-14
Mae Wessel	1914-15
Annie Witthaus	1915-16
S. A. Smith	1916-17; 17-18; 18-19; 19-20
Eleanor McMasters	1920-21
S. A. Smith	1921-22
Edna Terry	1922-23

Pupils transported to Blattner School

	1945-46; 46-47
Della Thoroughman	1947-48

Additional Pictures of Forest Grove School

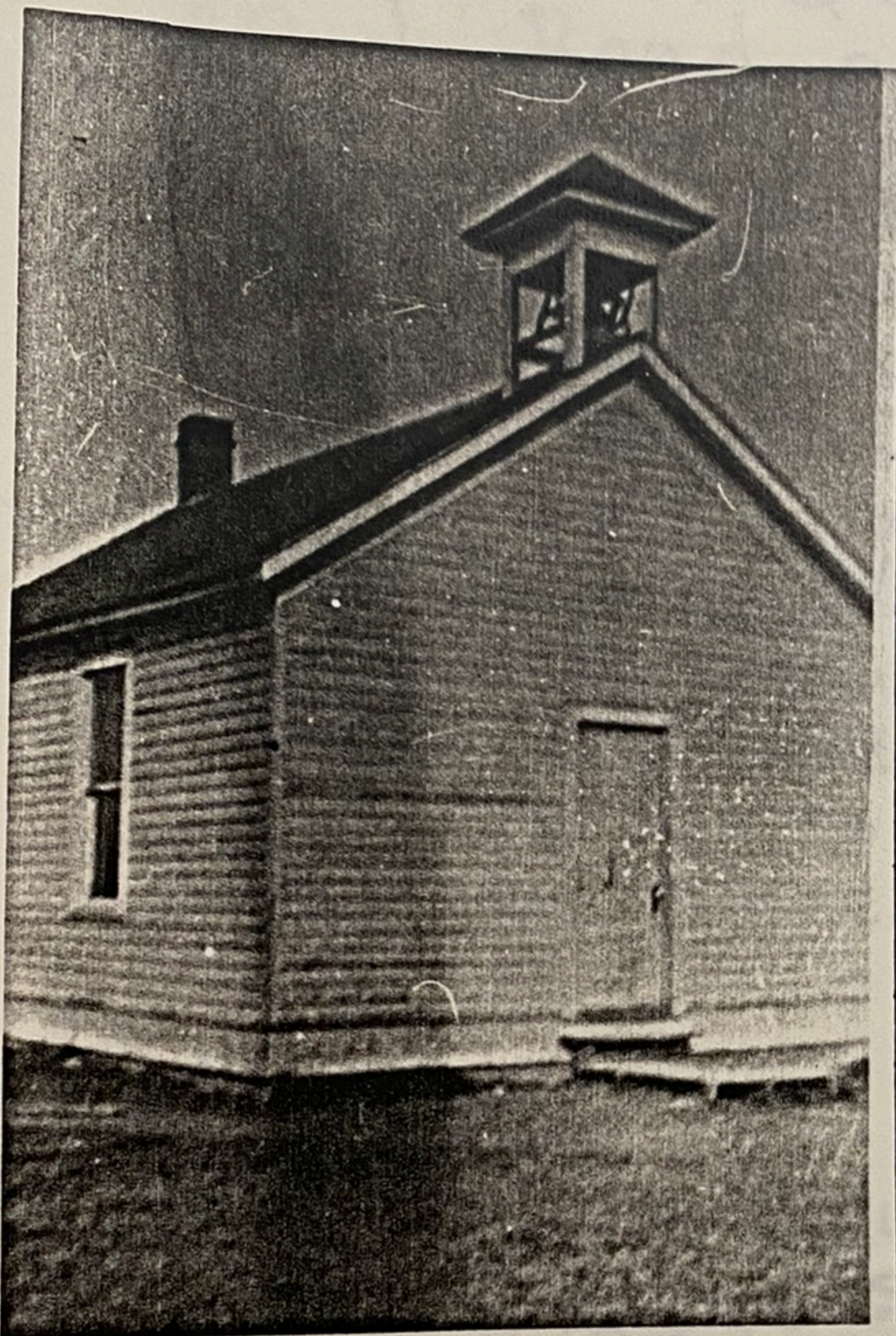
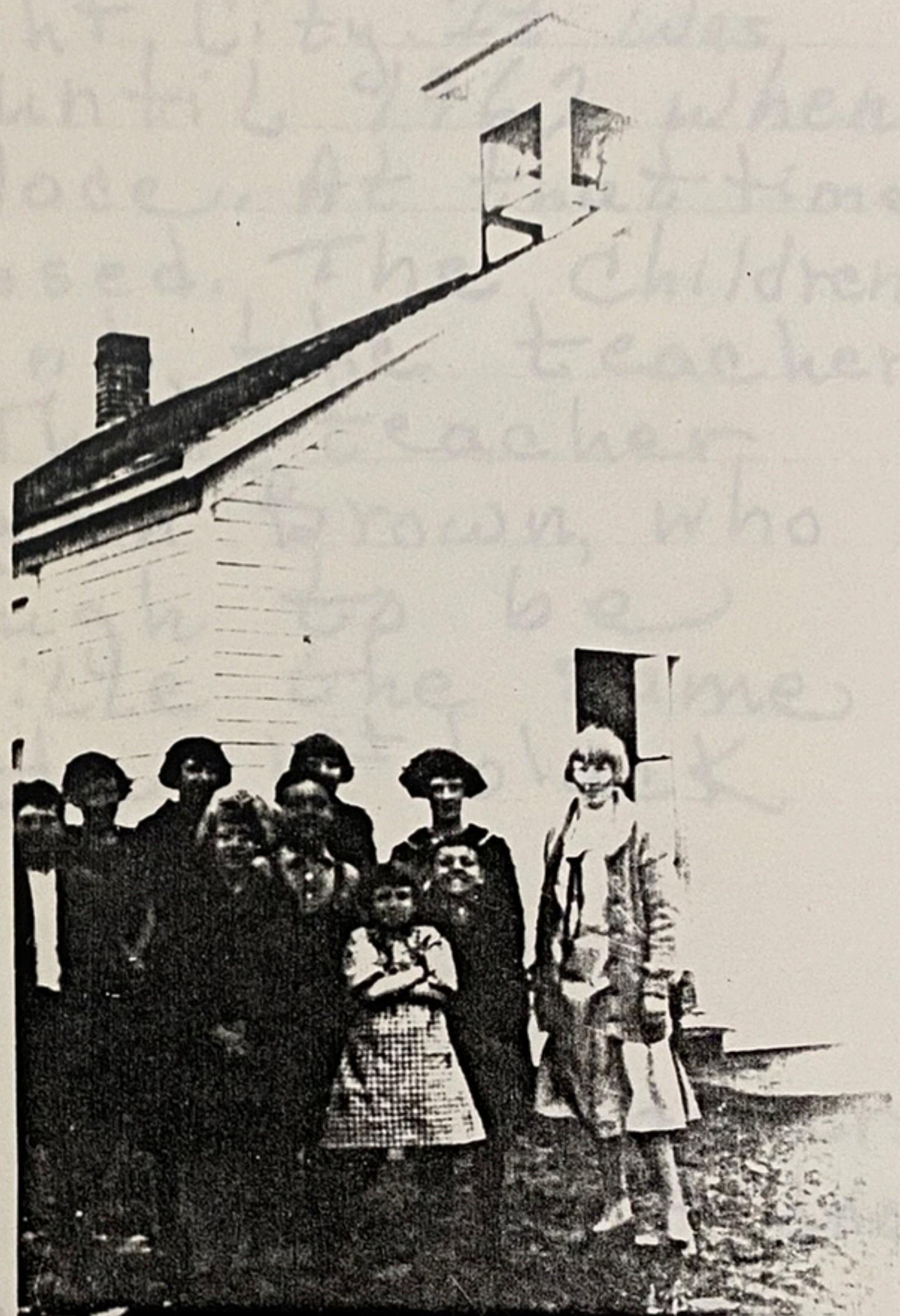


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Howard Sherman
Avanell Cox
Elsie Sherman
Helen Thoroughman
Milton Nissing
Avenell Cox
Lillian Thoroughman
Freddie Nissing
Edith Sherman
Laura Ahmann, teacher

ca 1925-7

GODT SPRINGS SCHOOL

Formerly called GILKEY School

This school, District No. 14, was located northwest of Wright City and north of Locust Grove District in Hickory Grove Township.

The first school in this district was known as the Gilkey School being located on Gilkey property. It was located on a hill and difficult to get to by wagon.

At the annual school meeting in the spring of 1918 the members of the district voted to build a new schoolhouse and a site was selected on the main road across from Godt Springs. Therefore, it was renamed Godt Springs School. The new school was not completed by September for the opening of school so school was held for a few weeks in the Gilkey School. The new building was dedicated one day in October, 1918 with a basket dinner at the noon hour. A program was given by the pupils in the afternoon and a talk given by County Superintendent of Schools, F. W. Kehr.

In 1936 pupils were transported to the Locust Grove School. Later all were absorbed in the Warren County R 2 District in Wright City.

List of Teachers:

Benjamin Fieth	1900-01
Oscar Henry	1901-02; 02-03
Daisy Kent	1903-04; 04-05
Wm. Bauer	1905-06; 06-07
Lottie Snell	1907-08; 08-09
Tucker Turton	1909-10; 1910-11; 11-12
Irene Paul	1912-13
Iona Paul	1913-14
Walter Schaper	1914-15; 1915-16; 16-17
W. J. Oney	1917-18
Olinda Sabbert	1918-19
Lulu Wortman	1919-20
Lydia Krueger	1920-21; 21-22; 22-23; 23-24
Gladys Wright	1924-25
Lydia Krueger	1925-26
	1926-27
Bernice Huelsman	1927-28
Annabel Piorot	1928-29; 29-30; 30-31
	1931-32
	1932-33

Cornelia Poirot

1933-34

Partial list of Directors:

Garrett Hollmann
H. H. Ordelheide
Ralph Huber
Charles Sabbert
Herman Godt
August Niemann
Frank Tomek
Jesse Bruning
Edwin Ordelheide
Fritz Miller

Recorder's Office has this information:

S. J. McGinnis deeded one acre with this

description Sec. 5, Twp. 17, R 1.

Date Feb. 17, 1853.

This is believed to be an early school

which preceded the Gilkey School or perhaps

was the Gilkey School.

HUGHES SCHOOL

This school, District No. 16, was located in Hickory Grove Township west of Foristell.

The land for the Hughes School was given by Tom Hughes, which was a parcel of land in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 23, Twp. 47, R 1 W; and was situated about 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ miles west of the town of Foristell, Mo. in Warren County along U. S. Highway 40 (now I-70) and south of the Wabash Railroad track.

List of teachers:

Maggie Bryan, a number of years in the 1890's

Miss Olivia

Florence Diggs

Sallie Pringle Williams

Mr. Campbell

Nellie Logan 1912-13

M. Rogers 1913-14

Bunice Key 1914-15

Bertha Williams 1915-16

Iva Logan 1916-17

A. Sch. (unreadable) 1917-18

Eugenia Blattner 1918-19

1919-20

1920-21

1921-22

Lillie Ball 1922-23; 23-24; 25-26

1926-27

Mary Groce 1927-28

Hazel Depping Schmidt 1928-29

" " " 1929-30

Edna Jaspering Hoskins 1930-31

1902 Effie Parker

1903 Daisy Kenk

1904 Hallie Russell

1905 August Fox

1899 E. Pearl Ball

(Miss Floyd Logan and Verna Reimeier

Cunningham were also teachers, probably

in the 1920's.)

The school closed in 1931 and pupils (if any) transported to Wright City.

Theodore Jaspering bought the Hughes School building and moved it to his farm.

Partial list of Directors:

LIBERTY GROVE SCHOOL

District No. 39

This school was located south of Wright City in Hickory Grove Twp. next to the St. Charles County line. August Minning deeded a plot of ground for a schoolhouse site in June, 1870. This was thought to be the first school in the district.

School was held here until 1949 when pupils were transported to another district.

Partial list of Teachers:

Louisa Hinnah 1905-13
W. A. Henry 1912-13
Cora Lee Walton 1913-14
Marie Hill 1914-15
Louise Gerdeman 1915-16
Elizabeth Williams 1916-17; 17-18; 18-19
1919-20
1920-21
1921-22
Verna Riemeier 1922-23
1923-24
Cora Oetting 1924-25
1925-26
1926-27
Florence Wright 1927-28
Dora Dryden 1928-29
Florence Wright Knapheide 1929-30; 30-31
1931-32
1932-33
Mrs. Augusta Smith 1933-34

Partial list of Directors:

Arthur Welge
Forrest Logan
Enoch Nissing
H. G. Schnarre, cl.
W. Benus
George Schroer
Henry Paul, Cl.
George Paul
Clarence Welge

1934-35

1935-36

1936-37

Lucinda McElhiney

1937-38

Ruby Witte

1938-39

Onieta Williams

1939-40

1940-41

Kenneth Hedeman

1941-42

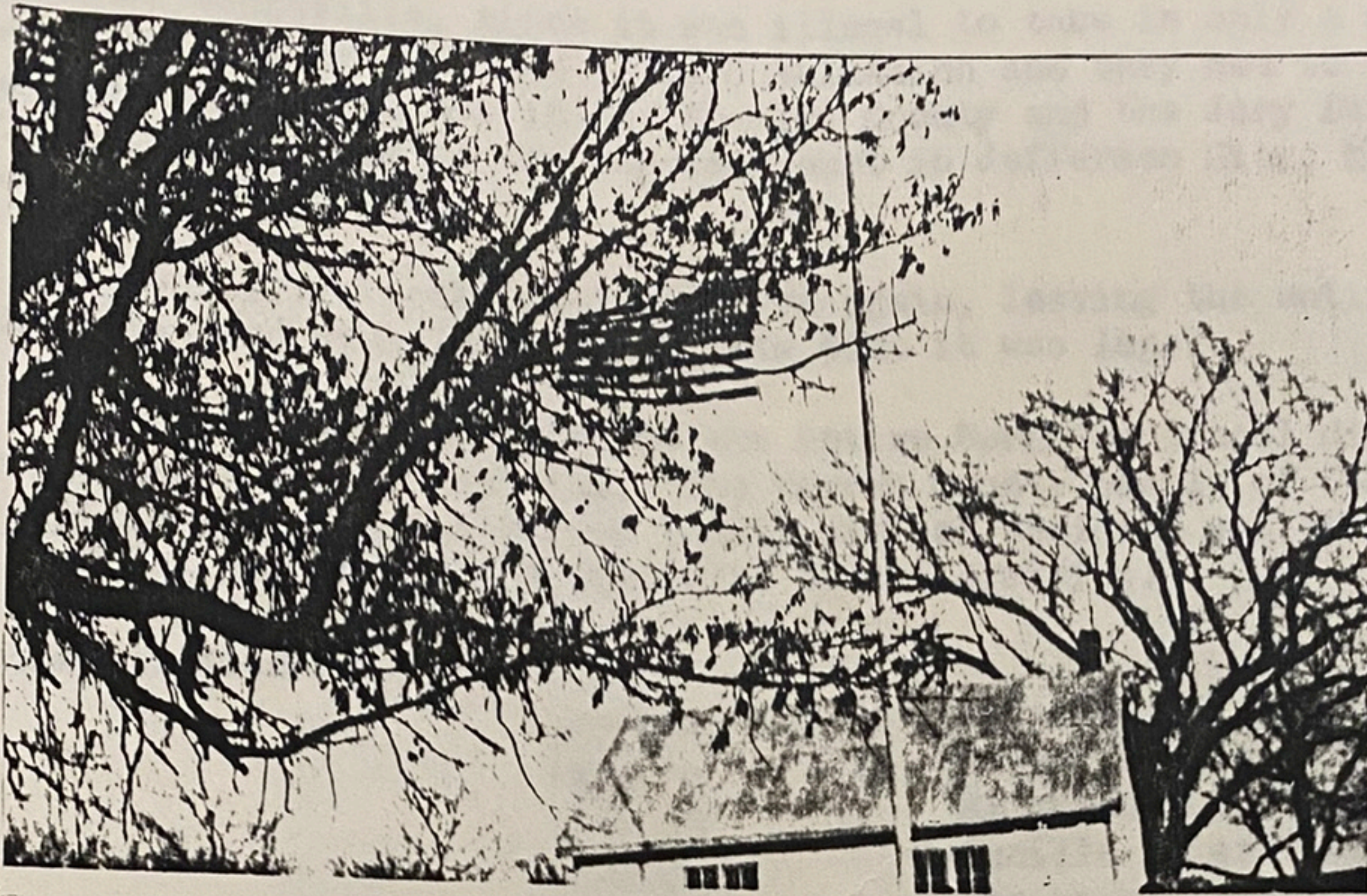
Florence Mordt

1942-43

Florence Mordt Simms

1943-44

MERIDIAN SCHOOL



District No. 37 & 47

Photo courtesy of
Miss Margaret Pringle

Information compiled
by Margaret Pringle

The Meridian School was built in 1875. The school districts in olden times were very large and inconvenient for some of the children to attend school. That is the reason Meridian School was formed - for the convenience of the children. Most of the Warren County part of the district came out of the Quincy School which was later the Oakdale School District; and most of the St. Charles County part came from the Meier School, which was later the Oakdale School. From time to time there has been a few other places taken in from other district. The school ground was donated to the district by George Kinney, who donated one acre of ground.

In St. Charles County Recorder's Office in Book 15, page 203 is found the following deed: On July 6, 1875 George W. Kinney and Mary L. Kinney, his wife of County of St. Charles in State of Missouri, have given for Erection of a Public Schoolhouse and the maintenance of a Public School to A. W. Green; A. P. Mills and G. W. Kinney, Directors of School District No. 5 in Sec. 6, Twp. 46, Range 1 East; of the county of Warren and St. Charles, or their successors the following described tract of land in St. Charles County, Missouri; a part of $N\frac{1}{2}$ of $W\frac{1}{2}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 6-46-1E of the 5th Principal Meridian Commencing at the point where the center of Boonslick Road now crosses the 5th Principal Meridian on county line between Warren and St. Charles Counties. Thence East at a right angle to said Meridian eighty yards. Thence North at a right angle parallel to Meridian line sixty yards. Thence West at a right angle to said Meridian line eighty yards to the said Meridian. Thence South on said Meridian line sixty yards to the place of beginning. The Meridian School was built on this one acre tract. The tornado of May 18, 1883, which destroyed a number of the homes in the area, also destroyed the school building. It was erected again that year on the same foundation and practically the same building as the original. Pauldingville was a small village at that time and quite a few pupils came from there.

The last day of school at Meridian was April 26, 1949. Miss Nora Wildschulz was the teacher at that time, having taught there five years.

In 1948 the Wentzville School Board voted consolidation and took all of St. Charles County Rural school districts in their area and that part of Meridian and Wide Awake that was in St. Charles County, leaving the Warren County part of Meridian and Wide Awake districts out. Ben Borgelt, Ray Burnham and Benus Ruffkahr drew up a petition and secured a lawyer from Sturgeon, Mo. and filed suit

against Wentzville, since it was illegal to take in only a part of the district. They only had \$37,000 valuation and they had to \$50,000 valuation. The trial was in St. Charles County and the Jury favored Wentzville. They then took it to the Supreme Court in Jefferson City, Mo. The Judge declared it illegal.

Wentzville voted consolidation again, leaving the entire districts of Meridian and Wide Awake out. This time it was legal.

In 1954 Wentzville voted the entire Meridian School district into the Wentzville School district. The Warren County people of Meridian filed petitions to get the Warren County part of Meridian out of the Wentzville district and into the Wright City School district.

List of Teachers:

	1875-76	Edith Meier Boehmer	1927-28; 28-29
	1876-77	Ellouise Poirot	1929-30
	1877-78	Ellouise Poirot Hasekamp	1930-31; 31-32
	1878-79	Lucille Meier Theilman	1932-33
	1879-80	Bertha Williams	1933-34; 34-35; 35-36;
	1880-81	Ella Schierbaum	1936-37
	1881-82	Ella Schierbaum	1937-38
B. R. Porter	1882-83	Ellouise Hasekamp	1938-39; 39-40; 40-41
E. Watson	1883-84	" "	1941-42; 42-43
	1884-85	Dorothy Ruhl Oney	1943-44
Aurelia McDearmon	1885-86	Nora Wildschulz Harrison	1944-45; 45-46
Brice Edwards	1886-87; 87-88; 88-89	" " "	1946-47; 47-48; 48-49
Alice P. Holland	1889-90		
Lulu Brandes	1890-91		
Olivia Woods	1891-92		
Emily Green	1892-93		
Ada Houchins	1893-94		
Nora Hughes	1894-95		
Emily L. Smith	1895-96; 96-97		
Lucille Edwards	1897-98; 98-99		
Laura Pringle Pritchett	1899-1900; 00-01		
Aurelia Tucker ?	1901-02		
D. Weeks	1902-03		
Flora Woods	1903-04; 04-05		
Sallie Pringle Williams	1905-06		
Hallie L. Russell	1906-07		
Birdie Mobley	1907-08		
Alice Miller	1908-09; 09-10		
D. Oscar Henry	1910-11		
Robertson Williams	1911-12		
Hallie Russell	1912-13		
Hallie Russell Harbicht	1913-14		
Nellie Logan	1914-15		
Leona Skinner	1915-16; 16-17; 17-18		
Rosa Wingfield	1918-19		
Johanna Stroether	1919-20		
Lillie Ball	1920-21; 21-22		
Ida Czeschin McGee	1922-23		
Hazel Koster	1923-24		
Nell June Auckley	1924-25		
Lillian Holt	1925-26		
Nona Lane	1926-27		
Grace Chrismer			

Directors that served:

Austin W. Green
A. P. Mills
George W. Kinney
Fritz Neddemeyer
Newton Ryker
C. W. Hess
James Keigher
H. Perkins Pringle, Dir. & Clerk
Edwin Brandes
W. E. Schulz
Raymond Fry
B. J. Rufkahr
Dan Isch
T. W. Renick
August Truel
Elmer Welge, Dir. & Clerk
W. A. Lee
Mrs. Emily Eddens, Clk.
Lawrence Neddemeyer
Wm. Hasekamp
Wilford Schulz
George Swope, Clk.



MERIDIAN SCHOOL 1908-1909

top row

District No. 37 & 47

1 to R: Eugene Turton; Tucker Turton; Clarence Boll-
egar, Clyde Ryker, Florence Swope

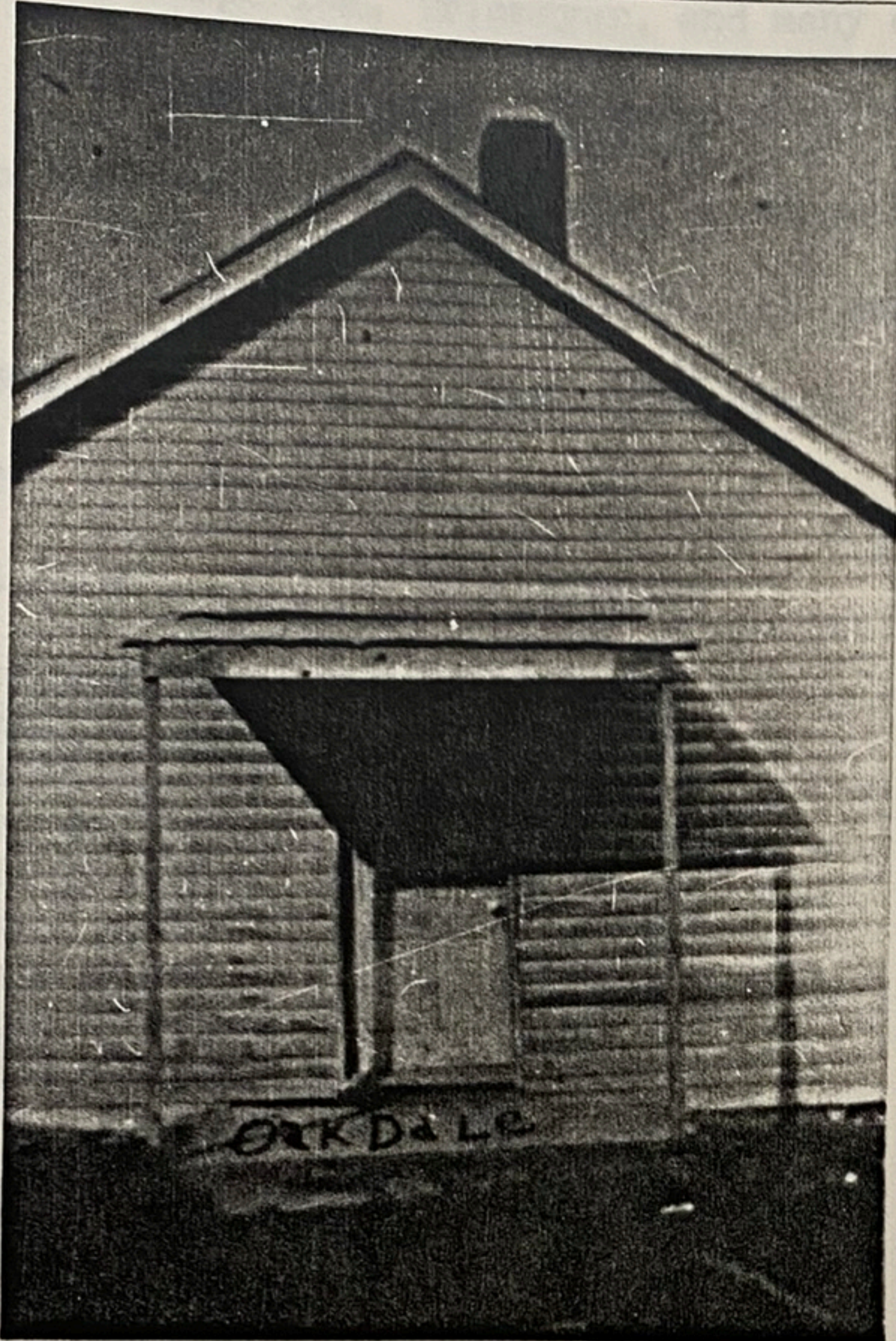
2nd R: Gertie Eddens, Jim Keigher, Clara Fuerman,
Salina Filling, Florence Chrismer, Mary Kei-
gher, Clara Filling, Stella Bollegar, D. Oscar
Henry (Teacher)

3rd R: Gilbert Bollegar, Vince Keigher, Tom Keigher,
Carl Hess, Guy Ryker, Wesley Filling, Louis
Filling, Ray Keigher, Walter Fuerman, Warren
Russell, Bryan Chrismer, Annie Pringle

4th R: Albert Filling, Henry Fuerman, Ollie Linroth,
Vest Chrismer, Leo Keigher, Grace Chrismer,
Oliver Hess, Wesley Neddemeyer, Bernice Ryker,
John Chrismer, Lyster Eddens, Arvid Linroth.

This picture donated by Harold Keigher

OAKDALE SCHOOL



District No. 36.

Located south of Blattner School District and south of Wright City in Hickory Grove Township.

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The original school in this district was called Quincy as it was located on Quincy land. In 1867, Mr. Henry Quincy purchased 200 acres from a Mr. Travis. Later he acquired another 40 acres adjoining to the west. The first school building was located in a field across from the Quincy home. The building as well as the seats and desks were built of logs.

A tornado destroyed the roof making it necessary to rebuild. The new building was a frame one-room with regulation school seats and desks. A wood heater was placed in the center of the room. The district was bounded on the north by the old Boone's Lick road, Wide-a-wake school district to the east, Tuque district to the south, and Gerdeman and Pitts districts to the west.

Some of the pioneer families whose children attended this school were:

Aistrop, Bishop, Northcutt, Maxwell, Davis, Paul, McCoy, Robinson, Eddins, Smith,

Wright, Ryker, Logan, Carter, Fricke, Held, Choate, Oney, Roloff, Lohmann, Bueker, Jaspering, Driemeyer, and many others.

The school building burned in 1928 and was rebuilt on the same location. From 1945 to 1948 pupils were transported to another district but with the help of County Superintendent of Schools, Edna Polster, it was reopened for three years. It was then permanently closed in 1953 and the district became part of R 2.

List of teachers:

Mr. Kite	1868-79
Jennie Jeans	1895-96
Robert Aistrop	
Amanda Brooks	
Pauline Hinnah	
Hattie Thomas	1901-02
Daisy Kent	1902-03
Clara Bryan	1903-04
Laura Pringle	1904-05
Sallie Pringle	
Elsie Painter	
Anna Henry	1910-11
Frances Fletemeyer	1911-12; 12-13
Irene Paul	1911-15
Oliver Brandt	1915-16
Nellie Logan	1916-17
Lula Wright	1917-18
Iona Paul	
Iva Logan	
Clara Borgelt	
Margaret Pringle	1923-24
Verna Rottman	1924-25
Fern Simmons	1925-26
	1926-27
C. W. Starkey	1927-28
Edward Krueger	1928-29
Theodore Gross	1929-30
Lillian Thoroughman	1930-31; 31-32; 32-33; 33-34
Charles Oney	1934-35; 35-36
Ida Mae Gross	1936-37
Marian Golterman	1937-38
Cornelius Held	1938-39; 39-40; 40-41; 41-42
Lillian Pauk	1942 to 1953 with the exception of three years when transported.

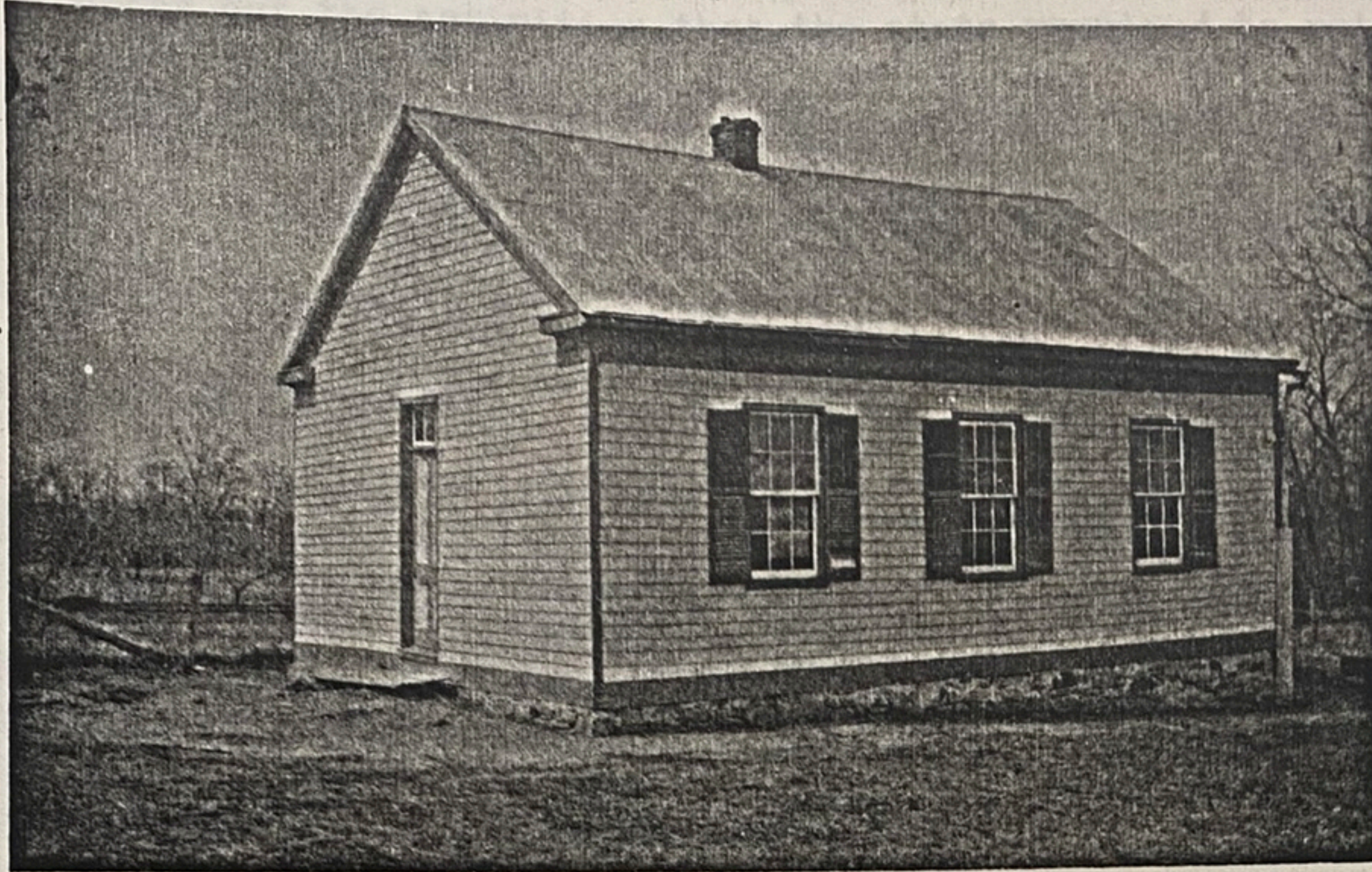
Partial list of Directors:

Eugene Davis
Daniel Bueker
C. W. Pringle, cl.
Cornelius Held
Frank Lohmann
Mrs. Frank Lohmann
J. E. Carter
Mrs. John Carter
J. B. Allen
Otto Held
F. G. Paul
W. H. Lorber
Ed. C. Oney
Clarence Driemeyer
J. C. Ryker
M. A. Bemis
Leo J. Kettman



This is the building that was built after the school burned in 1928.

PITTS SCHOOL



District No. 33
Located in Hickory
Grove Twp. on
Highway "M"
East of Truesdale.
Photo courtesy
of the late Lula
May Schulze

The abstract on this property indicates the original land grant to have been signed by President John Quincy Adams, on Dec. 1, 1825. Until Dec. 3, 1867, it had been owned by four families, and then transferred to the Board of Education of Twp. 47, Range 1 west, for a schoolhouse.

According to the abstract in Book No. 1, page 281, Records of Warren County the following is stated: on the abstract, Henry C. Nolting and Tosha Nolting, his wife, for consideration of \$20 on Dec. 3, 1867 sold one-half acre of ground in the SE quarter of the SW quarter of Section 29, Twp. 47, Range 1 West, commencing on the NE corner of the lands of John G. Schranz, thence N. 70 yds, then W. 35 yards, thence S. 70 yards, thence E 35 yards to the place of beginning, to the Twp. Board of Education of Twp. 47, R. 1, W and their successors in office for the benefit of said District No. 4, in said Twp., for a site of schoolhouse.

When the second school was built or what disposition was made of the first one is not known.

From 1941 to 1951 pupils from Upper Charrette School were transported to Pitts, so the district could meet the requirements for State Aid. Some children

were transported from Brandt District also.

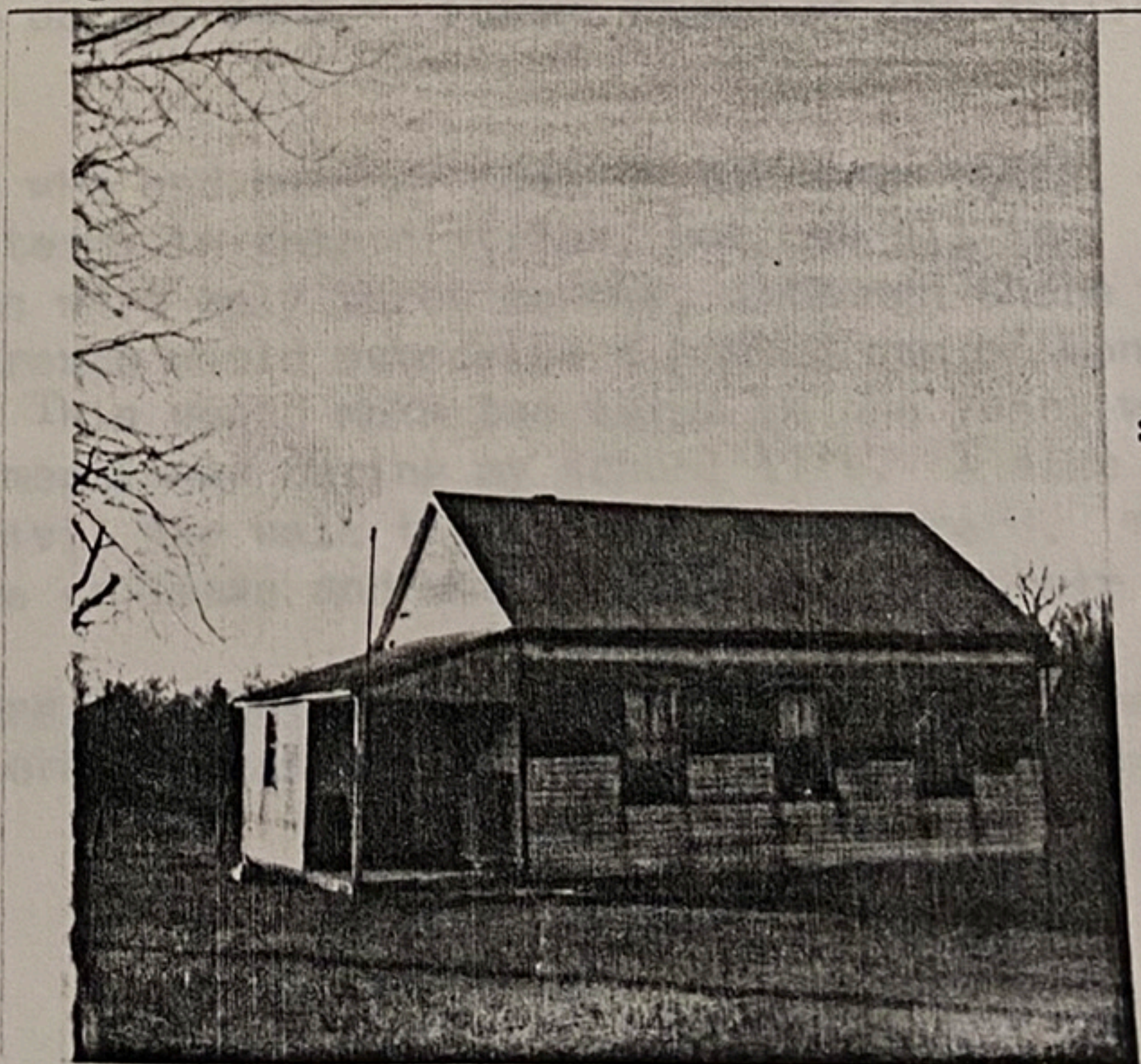
The parents were interested in keeping their district school, so they worked hard to carry out the activities that the state required to retain the classification. Programs were held once a year for a money making project. Basket dinners were held on the last day of school. Community meetings which were later organized into PTA meetings were held each month.

Partial list of teachers:

Andy	
Mr. Kemper	
Emma Bockhorst	1899-1900
	1900-01
Cornelia Gruenewald	1901-02; 02-03
Miss Hildebrant (Groeper)	
Edw. Gross	
Lula May Schulze	1908-09; 09-10; 10-11
	1911-12
Lena Weltge	1912-13
Irene E. Paul	1913-14
Lena Weltge	1914-15; 15-16; 16-17; 17-18
Lulu Wright	1918-19
	1919-20
	1920-21
	1921-22
Carl Starkey	1922-23
	1923-24
Rachel Godfrey	1924-25
	1925-26
Florence Mordt	1926-27
Cathern Garrett	1927-28
Gladys Berndt	1928-29; 29-30
Arthur Bockhorst	1930-31
Julius Wortman	1931-32
Annabel Poirrot	? 1932-33; 33-34; 34-35; 35-36; 36-37; 37-38, Annie Engel finished
Ida Marie Schnick Witthaus	Aug., 1938 to Dec., 1951 when children were transported to R 2 in Wright City.

Partial list of Directors:

H. Temming
Otto Lohman
H. Koopmann
John Pottebaum
Charles Schroer
Emil Bockhorst
Mrs. Wm. Wehrman, cl.
Frank Dillon
Mrs. Alvin Lohman



Taken by Ira Witthaus



Pitts School October 5, 1936

Back Row L-R

Emons Jaspering

Loyd Withrow

Boyd Withrow

Lillian Withrow

Melba Brockhorst

(Teacher) Annabel Hasekamp

Esther Strack

Middle Row L-R

Gladys Miller

Joy Withrow

Mary Withrow

Kenneth Gerdeman

Front Row L-R

Elger Brockhost

Joseph Dillion

Bob Geyer

Charles Geyer

ROCKY RIDGE SCHOOL



District No. 32

First known as
Schnick School.

Photo courtesy of
Mrs. W. T. Shelton

This school succeeded the earlier Schnick School, which was organized in 1856 southeast of Truesdale. No doubt it was named from a Schnick family. At that time a schoolhouse was erected on an acre of ground donated by Henry Bushmeyer and Alex Hammontree.

Philip Mabrey, the first teacher, was employed for \$24 a month. In the early years only two months of school were held each winter.

In 1858 a new log schoolhouse more centrally located, was built on an acre of ground donated by Conrad Oberlag. By 1876, four months of school were being held. After 1907 it was given the name Rocky Ridge School.

The log schoolhouse served until 1935 when a new frame building was erected on Schuetzen Ground Road. For several years in the 1940's the pupils were transported to another school district (Brandt) and later were absorbed in the R 3 district. The building was sold and is now a dwelling.

Except for the first teacher no record has been found of other teachers until 1912

List of teachers:

Philip Mabrey first teacher, probably 1856

Ella Huff (Uptegrove) also a Teacher. When?

Florence Carrico (Shelton)	1912-13
Minnie Wilson	1913-14
Ella Swartz	1914-15
Nellie Sappert	1915-16
Ben Franklin	1916-17
Edna Franklin	1917-18; 18-19
	1919-20
	1920-21
Annie Witthaus Wilmsmeyer	1921-22
Fern Good	1922-23
	1923-24
Kathleen Hoecker	1924-25
	1925-26
	1926-27
Elsie Pauk	1927-28
Edna Jaspering	1928-29
Lula Symes	1929-30
Herbert Gerdeman	1930-31
	1931-32
	1932-33
	1933-34
	1934-35
	1935-36
Lillian Thoroughman	1936-37
John Hagman	1937-38
Lillian Thoroughman Pauk	1938-39
Vallea Petersmeyer	1939-40
Lillian Thoroughman Pauk	1940-41
Transported to Brandt	1941-42
Lillian Begeman	1942-43
Isabelle Petersmeyer	1943-44
	1944-45

Transported

Partial list of Directors:

Louis Nistendirk
 Mrs. Louis Nistendirk
 Miss Lena Pottebaum
 Leslie Gibson
 John Pottebaum
 Gus Pauk
 F. Oberlag
 F. Determann
 Dick Humphreys
 Arthur Bauman

In July, 1951 building was sold including one acre of ground to Walter Wessendorf for \$1,000.00. Since then it has been made into a dwelling, having changed ownership several times.

TUQUE SCHOOL



District No. 40
Located south
of Wright City
in Hickory Grove
Township.

Tuque School was originally a log building in Hickory Grove Township. It was built at the edge of the district probably in the 1860's. Parents whose children had to walk a great distance were dissatisfied. John Painter, on whose land the school was located, then agreed to exchange land for a parcel more nearly central, and in 1903 the building was moved with a team of horses.

The schoolhouse for a time was used as a polling place for county elections. The last election held in Tuque Schoolhouse was in 1946.

During the 1937-38 term, pupils were transported to Wide Awake School. Then the school was reopened for two years. Ultimately this district became a part of R 2.

Teachers:

Susie Thoroughman 1899-1900; 1900-01; 01-02; 02-03

Elsie Painter

Gus B. Meyer 1910-11; 11-12

Cora L. Rohde 1912-13

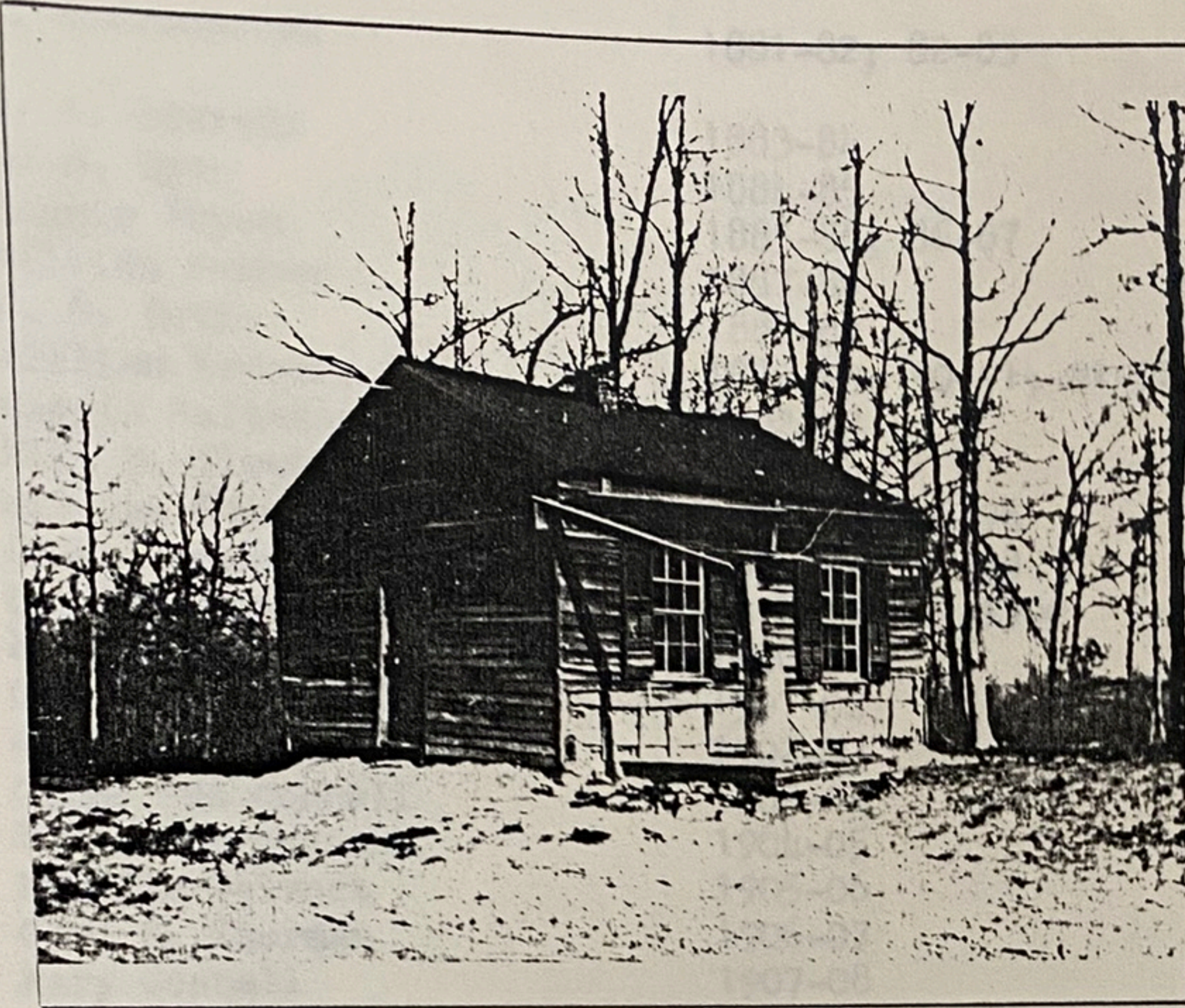
TUQUE SCHOOL

Sylvia C. Richardson	1913-14
Chester F. Ahmann	1914-15
Iona Paul	1915-16; 16-17
Iva Logan	1917-18
Iona Paul	1918-19
Irene Schnarre	1919-20
Edna Ruhwedel	1920-21; 21-22
Virginia Oney	1922-23
Marion Crouch	1923-24
Ella Swarts	1924-25
Lillian Arnold	1925-26
Eulalie Kehr	1926-27
Rosa Dryden (Mrs. Henry Painter)	1927-28; 28-29; 29-30
Della Thoroughman	1930-31; 31-32; 32-33; 33-34; 34-35; 35-36; 36-37
Helen Thoroughman	1937-38
Transported to Wide Awake School	1938-39 (Historical Book states 1937-38) that probably is an error.
Lillian Pauk	1939-40; 40-41

Mrs. Lillian Pauk was last teacher. The children were transported to Wide Awake the next year and following that to R 2 in Wright City.

Information from Mrs. Walter (Lillian) Pauk

UPPER CHARRETTE SCHOOL



District No. 34

Located south of
Wright City in Hickory
Grove Township.

Picture courtesy of
Mrs. Edmund Hollenbeck,
copied by David Davis

Quotations in write-up
are from Mrs. Hollenbeck

"The farm that the log school was built on was taken or bought from the government in the fall of 1839. There were no children at that time. In 1842 it changed hands, but still no children. Again in 1851 it changed hands to Eberhard Bohmer who had children. In 1881 it was sold to Fritz Dieckman. The last log school was built on the Dieckman farm @ the date unknown. Schools were built in those days where it was handiest to serve the people. The school district did not own the land the school stood on. The Dieckman heirs sold one acre of land for school district No. 34. This log school was later weather-boarded. A new frame school was erected in the early 1900's on the same spot as they used the same cistern."

There is proof that a small log school was built on 40 acres owned by H. Driemeyer. He owned this 40 acres in 1877. It could have been owned by another party before 1877.

All three schools served the same district. At one time this school was known as Gerdeman School. The reason is unknown as the school was never on their property. It was changed to Upper Charrette in 1888 on account of the Upper Charrette Creek which ran past the school property.

Teachers:

W. Karrenbrock	1881-82; 82-83
W. A. Edwards	1883-84
D. B. Dyer	1884-85
Maggie Bryan	1885-86; 86-87
William Kemner	1887-88
W. G. Davis	1888-89
William Kemner	1889-90; 90-91; 91-92
Maggie Waltemar	1892-93
Ella B. Flowerree	1893-94
William Kemner	1894-95; 95-96
Emma Bockhorst	1896-97; 97-98
Charles Thee	1898-99; 99-1900
Robert Aistrap	1900-01
Catherine Connell	1901-02
William Kemner	1902-03
Catherine Connell	1903-04
Susie Thoroughman	1904-05
Mabelle Calvert	1905-06
Cora E. Thurman	1906-07
Mary Connell	1907-08
Lena Weltge	1908-09; 09-10
	1910-11
	1911-12
	1912-13
Elizabeth Williams	1913-14
Laura Wilson	1914-15
Lydia Painter	1915-16
Lena Burgess	1916-17
	1917-18
Lulu Wright	1918-19
	1919-20
Edna Theerman	1920-21
	1921-22
Carrie Backs	1922-23
	1923-24
Laura Backs	1924-25
	1925-26
Anna Hollenbeck	1926-27
Leroy Groeper	1927-28
Verna Hasenjaeger	1928-29; 29-30; 30-31
	1931-32
Ida Marie Schnick	1932-33
Ida M. Schnick	1933-34
" "	1934-35
Lillian Begeman	1935-36
Lillian Begeman	1936-37; 37-38
Joseph Stevenson	1938-39; 39-40
Kenneth Hedeman	1940-41

In 1941 the pupils were transported to the Pitts School District until 1951 when the district became part of R. 2.

Partial list of Directors:

W. Hollenbeck
H. F. W. Nistendirck
F. Boekemeyer

Ed. W. Custer
Aug. J. Dobsch
John Bockhorst
Herman Hollenbeck

Wm. Scheibe
Henry A. Nickles
Edmund Hollenbeck



Located on St.
Charles- Warren Co.
borderline, south
of Wright City in
Hickory Grove Twp.

Photo courtesy of
Margaret Pringle

Wide Awake School was originally built in St. Charles County. In 1897 it was moved across the road into Warren County just west of the previous location on the farm of Thad Webb. It was moved one night across the road with a steam engine by Thad Webb and Crowe Painter into Warren County on Highway T. Billy Webb donated one acre of land in the SE corner of his farm. The Board of Directors at that time were Henry (Crowe) Painter, George McClure, and George Meier. W. H. Pritchett served as clerk. The first teacher in Warren County was Miss Hattie Lyte from Montgomery County, who taught two years at this school. The Board had hired Miss Lyte but she had a Certificate to teach in Warren County and the County Superintendent of St. Charles County would not endorse her certificate, so they moved the schoolhouse across the road to the above location in Warren County.

The Webb property was sold to David Wingfield, who is the present owner. When consolidation went into effect, the school building was sold to Raymond Requat in 1953. He then moved it to his farm. The land on which it stood went to David Wingfield. The school district number was changed from 33 to 38.

Teachers:

Marian Schnell	
Ivy Williams	
Lottie Ryker Pringle	
Lessie Turton Oney	
Cora McCoy Stroh	
Clara Ellerman Schweissguth	
Julius Wortman	
Mary Borgerding	
Carl Starkey	
Sarah Houchins (Smith)	1912-13 and other years
Nellie Juern (Smith)	1913-14
Rosa Wingfield	1914-15
Nell Connell	1915-16
Martha Jaspering (Groeper)	1916-17
Anna Henry Webb	1917-18
Martha Jaspering (Groeper)	1918-19
	1919-20
	1920-21
	1921-22
Georgia Schnick (Symes)	1922-23
	1923-24
Rosa Wingfield	1924-25
Gus Hoech	1925-26
Mary Roach	1926-27
Della Thoroughman	1927-28; 28-29
Fern Simmons	1929-30
Grover Mittler (Johnson)	1930-31
Myrtle Wulff (Wortman)	1931-32
	1932-33
Wesley Martin	1933-34
	1934-35
Carrie Groeper (Brinkman)	1935-36; 36-37
Lillian Thoroughman Pauk	1937-38; (38-39 Helen Thoroughman)
Lucinda McElhiney	1939-40
Della Thoroughman	1940-41
Melge Golterman	1941-42
Edna Hoskins	1942-43

Closed

Partial list of Directors:

Henry (Crowe) Painter
George McClure
George Meier
Wm. Pritchett, Clerk
Louis T. Rettke
John McCoy
Wm. Webb
Fritz Brakensiek
George Brakensiek
Charlie Wingfield
Milton Seaton
Victor Borgelt
John Goebel
Raymond Requat
Florence Duebbert
J. S. Wingfield
Arthur Null

WRIGHT CITY SCHOOL

This school was located in the town of Wright City in Hickory Grove Twp.

On September 30, 1878, the citizens of Wright City met at the schoolhouse for the purpose of purchasing two additional lots adjoining said property. This was to be used as a playground. Wright City School had its origin in a subscription school. The first public school was built in 1870 with Landon Rummons as the first teacher. He was a stern, honest, and upright man. During the Civil War at the Battle of Vicksburg, he lost his arm and was carried off the field by a good friend, Henry Painter.

In 1937 a new modern brick school was put in operation. It was built by WPA labor. Since that time extensive building has been done to accommodate the growing population.

1879-1880	Wm. Kent, Prin.	Annie Foor, primary teacher	
1880-1881	" "	Clara Bryan,	" "
1881-1882	" "	" "	" "
1882-1883	" "	" "	" "
1883-1884	L. D. Foster, Prin.	Fannie Kohler	" "
1884-1885	V. A. Hughes,	Clara Bryan	" "
Records from 1885 thru 1891 not located			
1892-1893	A. W. Johnson, Prin.	Ella B. Flowers, Primary teacher,	60 pupils
1893-1894	" "	" "	64 "
1894-1895	" "	" "	97 pupils, 18 colored
1895-1896	Louis Ingalls of Wyaconda, Mo. hired as Prin. for \$45.00 per month for 6 months of school. Jan. 31, 1896 extended school one month.		
1896-1897	A. W. Johnson, Prin. at \$45.00 per month, Miss Hattie Straube as ass't. Prin. at \$27.50 per month.		
1897-1898	J. G. Wessendorf, Prin.	\$40. Miss Annie Wessendorf, Primary	\$30.00.
1898-1899	" "	" "	F. W. Frick
1899-1900	No record of teachers. Seven months of school with 86 pupils, 9 colored.		
1900-1901	D. F. Garber, Prin. Miss Clara Bryan, Primary. Motion made and carried that contract be made with the teachers for 7 months with the understanding of having 8 months school providing funds are sufficient to maintain same and service rendered satisfactory.		
1901-1902	Miss Maggie Bryan, Prin.	Miss Clara Bryan, Primary	
1902-03	" "	" "	" "
1903-1904	" "	" "	" "
1904-1905	" "	Miss Birdie Mobley	" "
Records from 1905 thru 1908 not located.			
1909-1910	J. H. Stegen, Prin.	Ethel M. Looney, Primary	87 pupils
1910-1911	" "	Miss Bertha Williams	\$45.00 98 "
1911-1912	" "	" "	89 "
1912-1913	" "	" "	80 "
1913-1914	" "	Miss Mayme M. Steele	72 "
1914-1915	" "	" "	" "

Board of Directors:

W. B. Oglesby
F. Lierdke
C. C. Bird
J. O. Ball
T. J. Forip
F. Jacobs
Thomas Burton
Wm. Kemner
Wm. Kent
Fritz Nieburg
M. Bird
Henry Gerken
C. M. Bryan
J. V. Hayes
C. W. Miller

F. Ordelheide
T. J. Farris
H. Schaper
L. Rummons
Rev. Rieger
F. A. Warnhoff
George Heidtmann
George Blattner
F. W. Schnadt
J. H. Eversmeyer
A. B. Keadle, cl.
E. A. Fluesmeier
Wm. Heidtmann
Theo. Strathmann
Wm. Kenner, cl.

W. F. Schmidt
E. F. Ordelheide, cl.
J. H. Ronald
F. R. Ober
C. F. Strack, cl.
F. H. Mische
Wm. Nieburg
A. E. Blattner
Louis Symes
Wm. Krome
Tony Owens
Robert Struchtemeyer
Tom Smith
Louis H. Blattner, cl.

In 1877 a five months school was held.

In 1932 a non-resident fee of \$25.00 was charged per pupil

Cost of new building in 1937 was \$25,000.00

1938 teachers: Edward Krueger; Louise Clough; Virginia Krome; Mary Louise Stephens; Mrs. R. D. Wingate. Janitor, F. E. Lichte at \$40.00 per month for 11 months.

Information taken from W. C. school records
and compiled by Margaret Pringle.

Following is taken from an article in Warrenton Banner dated July 3, 1974.

Previous to the Civil War, the only school was at LOCUST GROVE, about a mile and a half west of the town. In 1865, a schoolhouse was erected in the town itself.



School Building, Wright City, Mo.

Picture donated by Mrs. James Bueneman, Wright City