# Brush Creek Schools

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Schools in Brush Creek Township when the township was formed included:

1. Dry Run

2. Oswego

3. Upper Rarden

4. Jones

5. Hoffer Hill

6. Lower Rarden

7. East Mt Joy

8. Upper Rocky Fork

9. Mount Hope

10. Dunlap

11. West Mt. Joy

12. Otway

13. Lower Rocky Fork



**School Transportation in 1912** 

## Foot Bridge

- Norvel Davis says this foot bridge crossed Brush Creek at the mouth of Bloody Run.
- That seems redundant because it is so close to the Covered bridge, but Smith Road did not exit between the Wamsleyville Road (Covered Bridge/SR 348) and this location.

# Townships Split

In 1891, Brush Creek Township was split into two parts and Rarden Township was formed. Schools in Rarden Township were: Rarden Village, Dunlap, Hoffer Hill, Dry Fork, (Lower Dry Fork), Thompson (Upper Dry Fork), McBride, O' Bryant, Hackworth Hill, Mount Joy, and Union Hill.

#### Stayed in Brush Creek

Otway Lower Otway

Oswego (Tick Ridge) Jones Corner

Upper Rocky Fork Lower Rocky Fork

Big Spruce Mount Hope

Knoxel Hill Big Run

Jacobs Patterson

#### Youngs

Youngs is in Rarden Township.

Depending on where but the children lived they attended Rarden or Otway high School.

We have the Youngs pictures in both places.

#### Dry Run - Youngs - District #1

The school was first located on the east end of Dry Run Cemetery. The land had been set aside by Thomas Rarden for burial purposes. The school was first moved down the hill across from the church then later it was moved to a plot next to and east of the present Baptist Church. Later it was moved across the road and became a private residence. This picture shows the location of the school when it was located in the cemetery.









Church at Youngs, Ohio 1910 - 1915

### Dry Run School – 1917 Anna Walsh - Teacher

Ida Hoffer, Minnie Hoffer, Clara White, Ruth White, Myrtle White, Gladys Copas, Garnet Snook, Mildred Liston, Everett Thompson, Jacob White, Harry White, Francis White, Fred Maddy, Otis Maddy, Melba Moore, Harold Liston, Willie Snook, Clinton Snook, Russell Thatcher, Nelson Thatcher, Willard Maddy, Denver Maddy, Willie Moore, Roy Osborne, Ray Osborne, Willey Osborne.

### Dry Run School – 1917 Clara Davis - Teacher

Clara White, Ruth White, Myrtle White, Harry White, Jacob White, Francis White, Gladys Copas, Everett Thompson, Fred Maddy, Otis Maddy, Melva Moore, Minnie Hoffer, Ida Hoffer, Willie Snook, Clinton Snook, Effie Cordell, Golda Cordell, Delbert Cordell, Willard Maddy, Denver Maddy, Ray Osborne, Ray Osborne, Garnet Snook, Elsie Wilson, Thelma Moore.



# Foot of Cemetery Hill

This is across the road from the church.

Georgia Furr says that the school was brought out of the cemetery and put here first – then moved across the road next to the church.





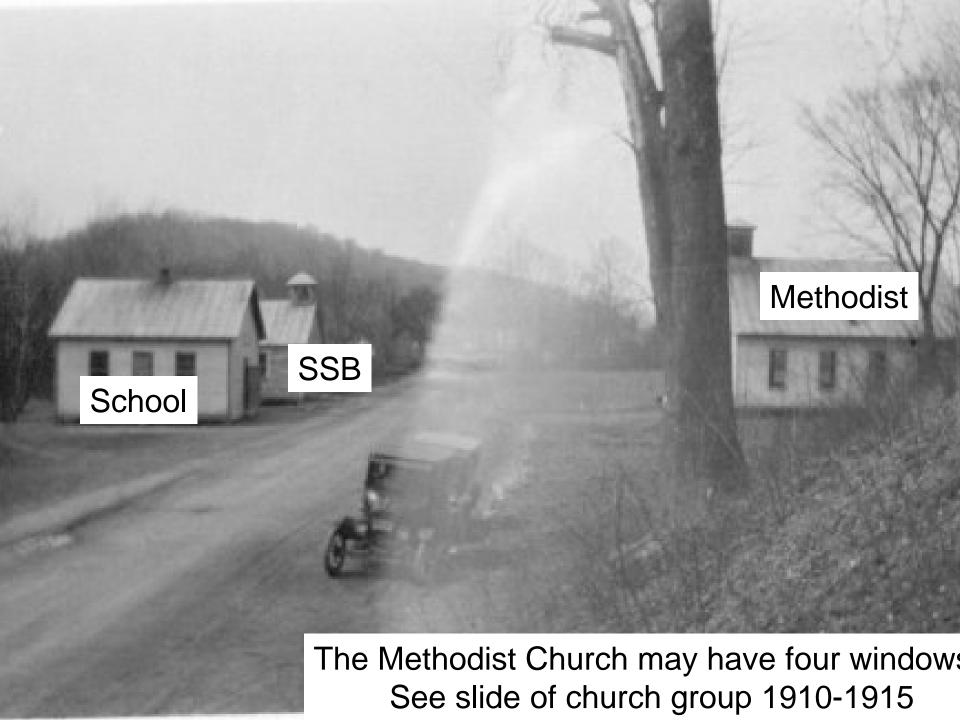




View of Youngs, OH in the 1920s, showing the old school house and two churches.

(looking West from Cemetery hill)











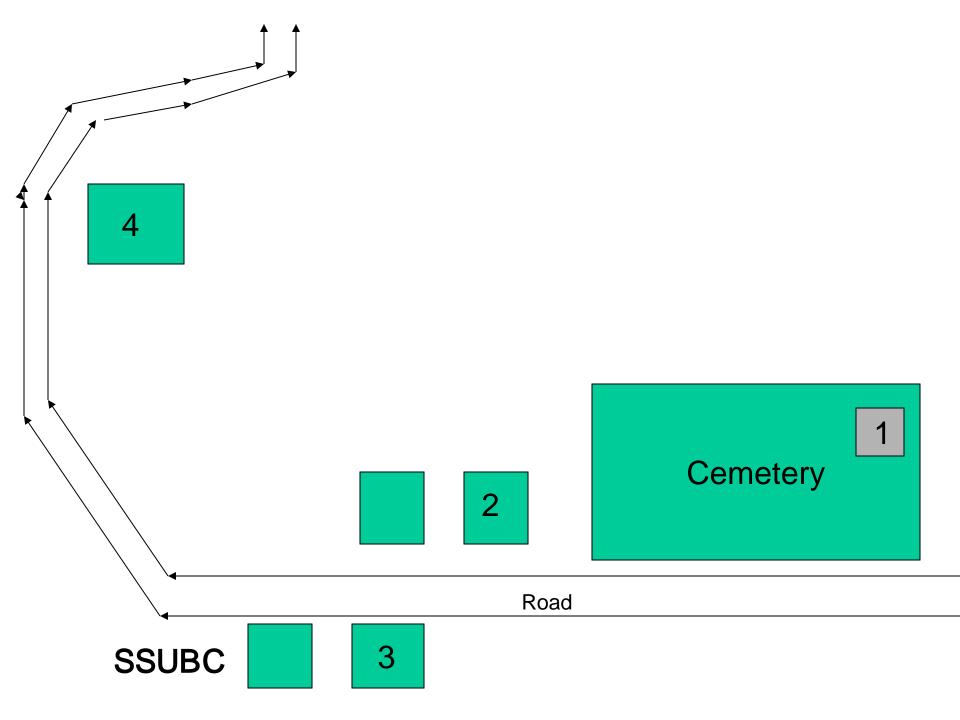
# Moving of the Church

The 1997 flood moved the Suphur Springs Baptist Church about 40 feet west and rotated it about 30 degrees counterclockwise.

The congregation decided the Lord had picked a good spot for the church so they built a foundation under the building and left it there.

# Moving of the school

- 1. East end of the cemetery.
- 2. Bottom of the hill across from church.
- 3. A cross road next to the church
- 4. Back across the road to present location.



### **Dry Run**

This is the Dry Run School in 2002.

Bernice O' Bryant attended school here in 1934 & 1935 for grades 1 & 2 when it was across the road by the church. She later lived here in this present location. She sold it to Georgia Chandler Furr, who lived here with her children in the 70's and 80's.





# Oswego – Tick Ridge

Oswego is near the intersection of Thompson Hill Road and Tick Ridge — Koenig Hill Road. It faced Thompson Hill Road. Carrie Ruthford lived there.





Oswego - Tick Ridge - Sign says Meek Penn Teacher - 1907 This is the Oswego Church near the Oswego Cemetery



Oswego - Date Unknown

### Oswego School – 1917 Deffie Holt - Teacher

Mary Faul, Adda Case, Pearl Morgan, Hazel Ingles, Daisy Ingles, Ethel Ingles, Ellen Oppy, A lice Darnell, Lena Eichenlaub, Helen Lauderback, Dora Roberson, Dorothy Kremin, Marie Cantrell, William Morgan, Lawrence Lewis, Arthur Lewis, Wilbur Lewis, Milton Ingles, Fred Eichenlaub, John Eichenlaub, William Eichenlaub, Clarence Roberson, James Oppy, Charley Darnell.

# Oswego School – 1918 Emma Morgan - Teacher

Alice Free, Barbara Free, Mary Faul, Dorothy Kremin, Alma Davis, Alice Davis, Lillie Thompson, Daisy Ingles, Hazel Ingles, Ethel Ingles, Pearl Morgan, Dora Robinson, Lena Eichenlaub, Lawrence Lewis, Arthur Lewis, Willie Lewis, Denver Thompson, Milton Ingles, Gordon Free, Stanley Hudson, Frank Hudson, Clarence Robinson, Jacob Eichenlaub.

## **Grocery Store**

After the school was closed (1935) Art Koenig ran a grocery store in this building.

The children went to Otway.



#### Oswego - 2002

In this recent picture, the tulip in the truck tire (straight out from the door) marks the back right corner of the building. The lines show a possible outline of the floor.



#### Jones School

Jones School was in the sharp turn on SR 348 near Beech Fork Road.

A cross from the Yellowbird Farm.

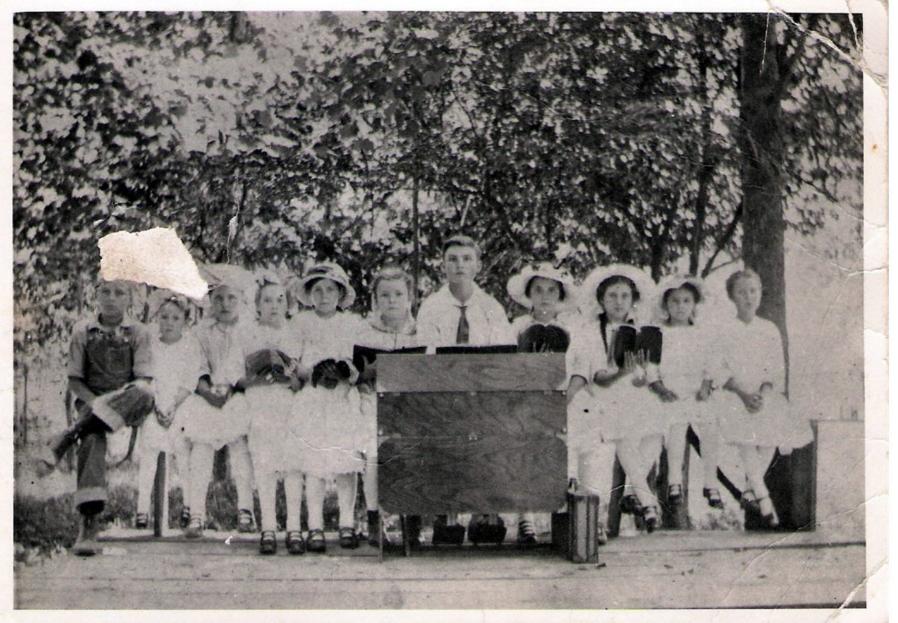
Russell Christian taught there.

Paul (Bud) Jones went to school there.





Jones One Room School -- Sunday Recital 1912



Oliver, Mary, & Edith McCall, Berie W, Pearl Jones, Mamie & Aaron Adkins, Daisy, Opal, & Orpha McCall, Mary Jones

# The Names: Oliver McCall, Mary McCall, Edith McCall Berie W Jones, Pearl Jones Mamie Adkins, Aaron Adkins Daisy McCall Opal McCall Orhpa McCall Mary Jones





Jones School

#### **Jones School**

The material that Betty Ivers Lathrop had about the Jones School has been donated to the Adams County Historical Society. It's in the Heritage Room. Go to West Union and see it.

## Upper Rocky Fork

This building is still standing. It was called Berea School in 1918. For many years it was used by the Log Cabin Grange in the Berea Community on Rocky Fork Road. Cleo Ralstin attended school here for the first six grades. Bob Ivers was one of the teachers. They studied gravity together.

#### **School Fire on Rocky**

One pupil (Warren Evans) just crowded and pushed until he forced the children out, just in time, before it all fell in.

The next year 1888, another schoolhouse was built still further up the creek, close by where now stands the Berea Chapel built in 1892.

This schoolhouse is now the property of the Log Cabin Grange No. 2610.

## **Bennie Worthington**

Lee Howard writes:

... I still own the land where the old original Log School House stood.

This location is known as Oil Spring. It is now owned by Bennie Weatherington.

The school was somewhere on this land, probably just to the left of the house.



Old Original Log School House (about 1875) was here

## Mouth of Big Run

Lee Howard writes:

... The Little Red School House (as it was called) had been built a little further up the creek at the mouth of Big Run.

This school burned while school was in session.





School may have been where the four pine trees are.





#### Additions 1

The front (different roof line) was added in the forties. The back (see the line between the second and third windows) was partitioned off (or added) in the fifties.







#### Sold

The Log Cabin Grange disbanded and the building was sold. It had to be sold to a Grange member. Louise Richard Webb bought it for \$1000 in 2001. She has converted it into a community center. You can rent it for a song.

#### **Covered Dish**

November 21, 2002. Thanksgiving Dinner. Opening night at the new Berea Community Center. New siding. Neat and clean inside. The pumpkin pie was great — you missed it.



Stella Rachford Seaman and Bertha McFarlane Newman at the Upper Rocky – Log Cabin Thanksgiving Dinner - 11-21-02















#### Students and teachers

#### **Roy Junior Richard:**

Started in 1932 - grades 1-2-3-4.

School closed - went to Blue Creek.

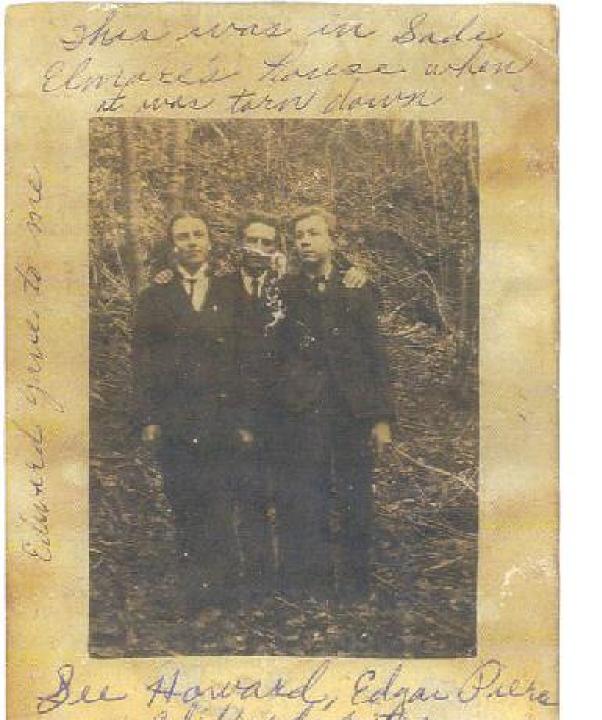
#### **Louise Webb:**

Taught by Lee Howard in grades 1-2-3.

Taught by Bob Ivers in grades 4-5.

Taught by Lee Howard in grade 6.

Then off to Otway.



Lee Howard
taught at
Spruce,
Upper Rocky,
Lower Rocky.

Edgar Pierce (Ernie's Grandpa)

Clifford Fite

#### Big Spruce

Some records at the Educational Service Center (County Office) refer to a school called Spruce or Spruce Run. We think this is Big Spruce School and it's on Big Spruce Road. Oppy Hill intersects Big Spruce at George Thurman's. The building was to the left – toward Little Bear Creek Road. This is how it looked in *Spring* 2002.

#### Spruce School 1917 Lee Howard - Teacher

Inez Oppy, Lillie O' harrah, Hazel Smith, Edna Roush, Mary Howard, Edra Brooks, Dessie Brooks, Doras Oppy, Olive Irwin, Nettie Taylor, May Smith, Clara Kidder, Reid Howard, Wesley Smith, Willie O' harrah, Archie Roush, George Speck, Delbert Cook, Johnny Cupp, Jessie Cupp, George Taylor, Estel Thompson, Nettie Taylor, Earl Taylor, Alva O' harrah, Estel Brooks, Otto Kidder, George O' harrah, Freddie Speck, Charles Cupp, Irvin Smith, Teddy Speck, Ora Hackworth, Denver Hackworth

## Spruce School – 1918 Mary Davis - Teacher

Hazel Smith, Inez Oppy, Dessie Brooks, Lillie O' harrah, Dorris Curry, Dorris Oppy, Edna Oppy, Edra Brooks, Daisy Unger, Olive Irvin, Edna Roush, Clara Kidder, George Speck, Archie Roush, Willie O' harrah, Wesley Smith, Johnny Cupp, Jesse Cupp, Estel Thompson, Otto Kidder.





# Note from Amelia Daulton

Located on Big Spruce Pord near the foot of Oppy Hill. This building was used for Church Services and is no longer in existence. william Edward Stump would the a good reference This suchool the last year of its history. The. Tother teachers ! 1. -

## On Thurman's Property

George Thurman now owns the property.

Gary Stump says his father Ed Stump went to school here.

Gary Stump may have pictures.

#### Lower Rocky Fork

Lower Rocky was about 100 yards downstream (north) from the intersection of Big Spruce Road and Rocky Fork Road. When Upper Rocky was called Berea this was called Rocky School.



## Some people

Far left: Faye and Lula Lawson

Faye married Joe Kratzer.

Lula married Archie Jones. They had Clara who married Kepler Arnold.

Teacher: Don't know. It's Not Lee Howard.

Far Right: Floyd and Eddie Lawson

Floyd is the father of Brenda

Eddie is the father of George L. (Jake) Lawson and Carey Lawson



#### Students and teachers

Bertha McFarlane Newman attended school here for eight years. Then off to Otway for high school. Some of her teachers were Bertha White, Carrie Jones, Elizabeth Ralstin Jones.

#### Lower Rocky School

These buildings were on the Charles Koenig farm.

There were two buildings there.

One was larger than the other.

The big one was the school.

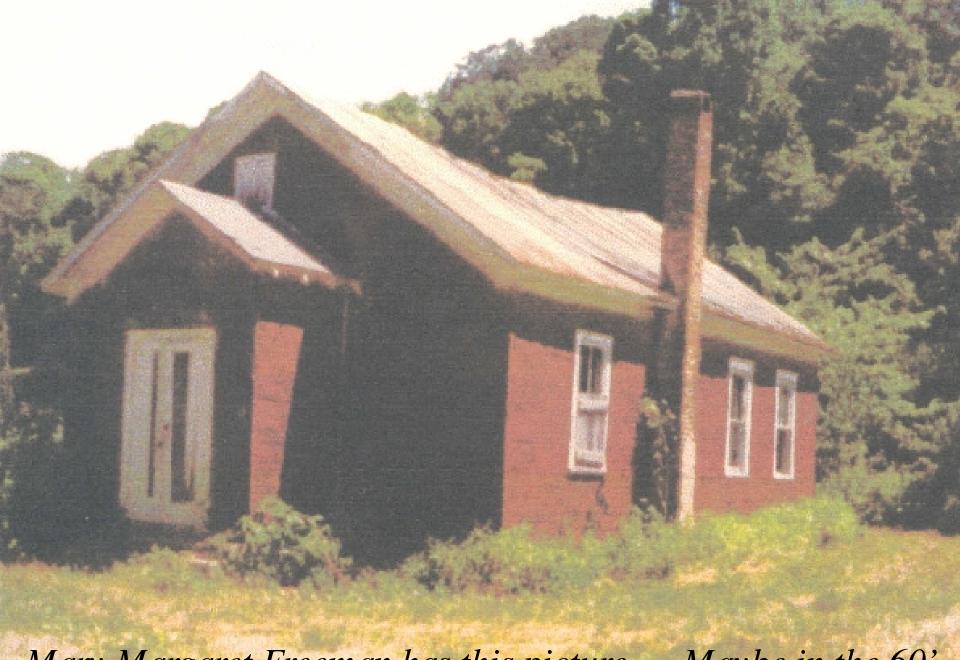
The small one was a voting precinct— it may have formerly been the school in Patterson Hollow or the Jacobs school.

The big building was used by Hill's Chapel after the school was closed in 1935.

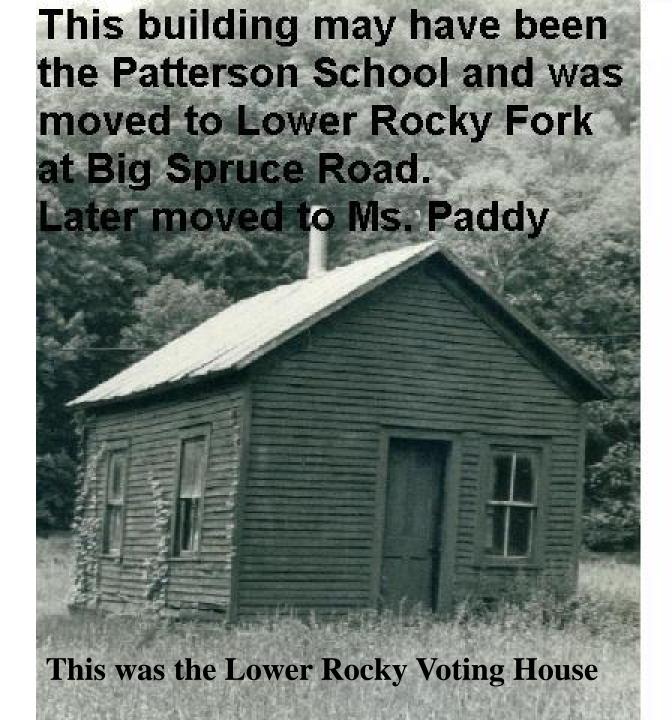


Lower Rocky School - February 1956 – Hill's Chapel





Mary Margaret Freeman has this picture — Maybe in the 60' Junior Richard lived here.



## Mt Hope

There have been two schools on Mt. Hope Road. The first school became the Hoople home and is still on the Hoople farm. The second is the building that has been restored. This structure has been in three locations. The first location was on the Smalley farm.

## **Hoople - Fornash**

Harry Hoople married Laura Alice Fornash. They lived in the Bond Hill section of Cincinnati. In 1885 they bought what would become the Hoople farm on Mt Hope Road. This property had a building on it that was being used as a school. This building was near the road with a cistern nearby for a water supply.



Harry S. Hoople Sr. & wife Laura (Fornash) Hoople

#### Harry S. Hoople and his wife Laura (Fornash) Hoople



There is a cistern beneath the fallen tree. The Old Mt Hope School was directly behind it.

#### Summer of 1902

In the summer of 1902 Harry, Laura and son George stayed on Mt. Hope in a tent. They made peach butter, put it on a jolt wagon, took it to Otway, shipped it to Cincinnati, where it was sold. Some time between 1902 and 1910 the school was moved to its present location and became the Hoople home.



Henry Fornash is the father of Laura Alice Hoople – wife of Harry Sr. – mother of George, Harry, and Souter Hoople – That's Mary Margaret















This is a view of a door to the new part of the building.

It had been a window in school house times.



## Mt. Hope

Harry and Laura moved the school building to its present location some time between 1902 and 1910. School was then conducted in the building on the Smalley Farm.



**Suter Hoople took this picture in 1914** 



Same picture – better quality – thanks to Bob Gardner



Mt. Hope School — shown in a photo taken in 1914 by Suter Hoople — was the ninth of a total of 13 one-room schools constructed in Brush Creek Township. Located on the Hoople farm about five miles from Otway, it was closed in 1932, and students bused to Otway. The structure was restored in 1986, and reunions are held there each year on the first Sunday of August, with dinner served in a nearby shelterhouse. The print is from Anna J. Gardner, president of the Mt. Hope board at Rarden.

### Second Location

The school was moved to the Smalley farm. Ray A mold says the school was where his driveway is now.





Mount Hope School - Sub District No. 9.
This was the second location of the school.
The door is on the left. Ray Arnold's House is on this location.

## A New Home

Harry & Suter Hoople donated 1 acre of land to Mt Hope One Room School Inc. Sam Fillmore and volunteers cut the building into four pieces and Ray Arnold moved to building to the present location. It was rotated it 90 degrees, repaired and painted. Clara A mold, Sam Fillmore, Irene Syroney and Ann Gardner have been instrumental in the restoration of the building. There is an " Open House" the last Sunday of August.







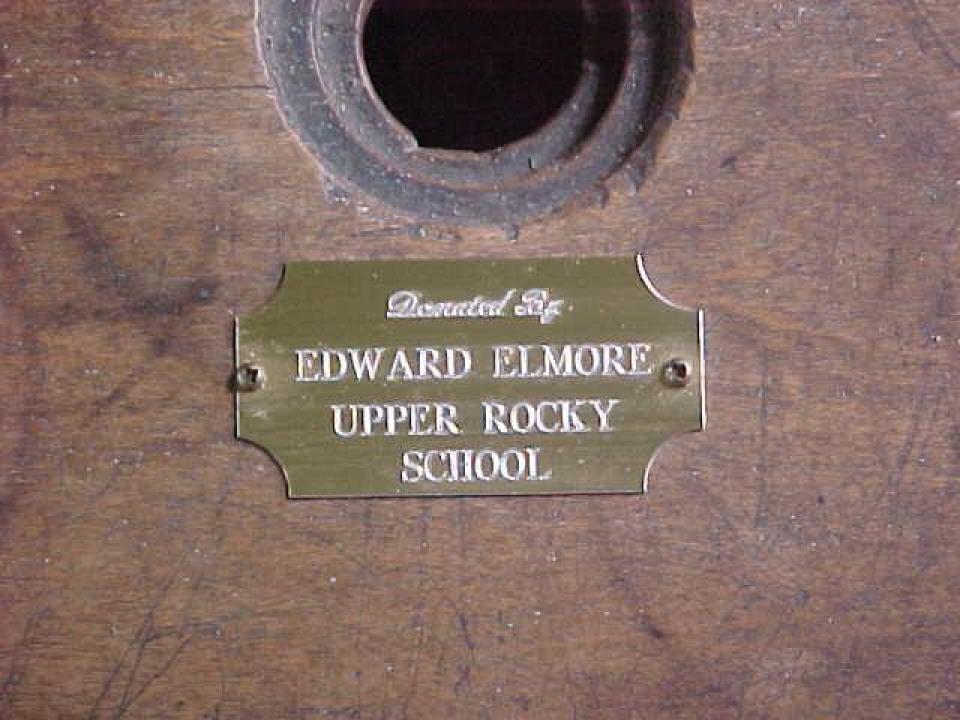


## The Only One

The Mt. Hope school is not the only one room school still standing but it is the only one in Scioto County that has been restored as a school with educational items on display. There are also restored schools in Adams, Clark, Geauga, Knox, Harrison, Noble, and Williams Counties.











This is Clara Walsh Simon She married Ed Simon She was the second to last teacher at the Mt Hope School in 1926-1930

Her children are John Simon and Kathleen Simon Gemmer.

This picture is in the school.

Mary Ella Colvin was the last.



#### Students and Teachers of Mt. Hope School Sub. District No. 9 1899 - 1932

#### **TEACHERS**

Edna Brown	1899
Gilbert Dodds	1902 - 1903
Alice Coyle	1904
D. O. Grant	1905
Elizabeth Thomas	1906 - 1907
Ethel R. Lindsay	1908 - 1909
John R. Walsh	1909 - 1910

Frank Apel	1910 - 1911
Winifred Walsh	1911 - 1914
Helen Walsh	1914 - 1915
	1916 - 1917
Hazel Lemon	1915 - 1916
Mary Crowe	1917 - 1918
Lenora Boyd	1918 - 1919

Edna White	1919 - 1920
George Hilt	1921 - 1922
Kate Walsh	1922 - 1923
Margaret Davis (Hoople)	1923 - 1926
Clara Walsh	1926 - 1930
Mary Ella Colvin	1930 - 1931
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#### STUDENTS

Arthur Adams
Homer Adams
Howard Adams
Walter Adams
Annie Arnold
Effie Arnold
Frank Arnold
Kepler Arnold
Bill Colvin
Glenwood Cox
Margaret Cox
Ruby Cox
Ray Entler
Joe Galvin
Albert Groves
James Groves
Pearl Groves
Forrest Hilt
George Hoople
Harry Hoople
Sueter Hoople
Anita Jackson
Mary Likens
Edna Mann
Arthur McCarty
George McClarie
Peck McClarie
Harry McIntyre
Lillie McIntyre
Oscar McIntyre
Christina Payne
Geneva Payne

Lillian Payne

Agnes Powell Cathrine Powell Edith Powell **Ethel Powell** George Powell Ira Powell Lenora Powell Stella Powell Geneva Sanderson Lillian Sanderson Alexander Short Anderson Short Jake Short John Short Margaret Short Alton Smalley Corda Smalley Elsie Smalley George Smalley Goldie Smalley Perry Smalley Rhoda Smalley Walter Smalley Anise Spence Hartzel Spence Herschell Spence Dorthy Sprinkle Lyda Sprinkle Grace Steele Homer Steele Roy Steele Sammie Steele Bertha Taylor

Docie Taylor Iva Taylor Stella Taylor Zelnia Taylor Cecil Thatcher **Edward Thatcher** Geneva Thatcher Glenn Thatcher Harley Thatcher Jessie Thatcher Mariorie Thatcher Nelson Thatcher Paul Thatcher (?) Rancel Thatcher Russel Thatcher Warren Thatcher Avis Townsend Charles Townsend Woodrow Townsend Mary Whiteside Sebastian Whiteside Arthur Wiedenbein Bertha Wiedenbein Emma Wiedenbein Florence Wiedenbein Frank Wiedenbein Bert Yonker Frank Yonker Grace Yonker Sadie Yonker Joseph Younk

These names compiled by: Jessie Thatcher, Marjorie Thatcher, Geneva Thatcher, Edward Thatcher, and Arthur Wiedenbein.



## Smalley Farm

Ann Gardner's has research shows William and Anna Smalley donated land (.75 acres) for the school in 1881.

## Apples

A sign at the orchard states that the Hoople's have sold apples since 1885.



### Jacobs School

Jacobs School was at the south end of Brackenridge where Wickershams live. It was just across their bridge on the left.

Or just up the hill behind the pond across from Burt Henson. – Mary Lawson

This building was moved to the mouth of Rocky Fork Road at SR 348. Later the building was moved to Otway and became The Long House.

Stella Rachford Seaman







Intersection of Rocky Fork Road and SR 378. The school was up the hill.



**Lower Otway – The Long House** 

# **Knoxel Hill - Brackenridge**

Knoxel (Noxel) Hill or Brackenridge School was about halfway up the hill on Brackenridge Road. Most one room schools have seen better times. This one was rebuilt by the Morgans and is in great shape.



Knoxel Hill – Brackenridge - 1980





### For Sale

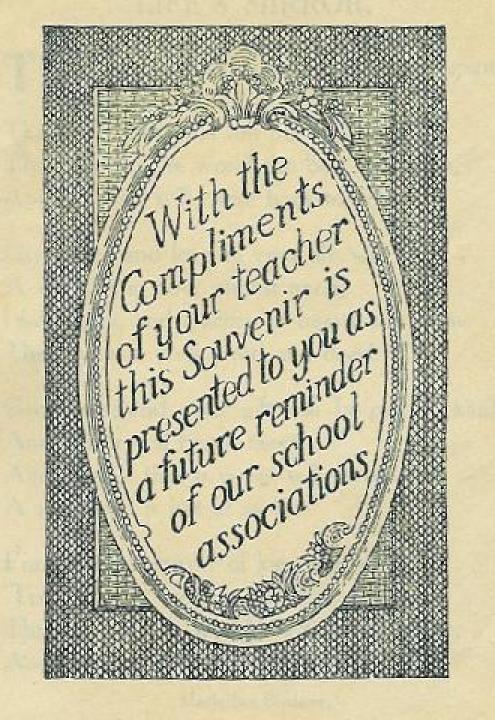
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# Old Brackenridge

Sarah L. (Lucy) Eichenlaub was the teacher at Brackenridge in 1914-1915. Here is the souvenir she gave her students.



Sarah L. Eichenbaul-teacher (Guoy) Noxsel Hill School,



#### LIFE'S MIRROR.

THERE are loyal hearts, there are spirits brave,

There are souls that are pure and true; Then give to the world the best you have, And the best will come back to you.

Give love, and love to your life will flow, A strength in your utmost need; Have faith, and a score of hearts will show Their faith in your word and deed.

Give truth, and your gift will be paid in kind, And honor will honor meet; And a smile that is sweet will surely find A smile that is just as sweet.

For life is the mirror of king and slave,
'Tis just what we are and do;
Then give to the world the best you have,
And the best will come back to you.

Madeline Bridges

## A PSALM OF LIFE

LONGFELLOW

Lives of great men all remind us

We can make our lives sublime,

And, departing, leave behind us

Footprints on the sands of time;

Footprints, that perhaps another,
Sailing o'er life's solemn main,
A forlorn and shipwrecked brother,
Seeing, shall take heart again.

Let us, then, be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor and to wait.

### Brackenridge School

District No. 5

### Brushcreek Township, Scioto County, Ghio

1914-1915

SARAH L. EICHENLAUB, Teacher

#### PUPILS

#### BOYS

Arthur Noxsel Chester Ivers
Thomas Ingles Ora Nicholas
Fred Eichenlaub Frank Koenig
John Ingles George Mains
Evert Ivers Charlie Koenig
Harley Ivers Herchel Wamsley

**GIRLS** 

Caroline Eichenlaub Carrie Noxsel
Frances Eichenlaub Alice Noxsel
Melia Noxsel Helen Ivers
Vernie Noxsel Ada Loevenguth

Stella Koenig

Kenton Lawson Everette Hill Joseph McIntyre William Wiedenbein William Eichenlaub

#### The Schoolhouse Flag.

N cities and in villages, in commy districts scattered wide.

Above the schoolhouse door it floats—a thing of beauty and of pride:

The poorest child, the richest heir this theirs in common to adore,

For 'tie their Hag that proudly floats the flag above the schoolhouse door.

What does it mean, O careless boy, O thoughtless girl at happy play?

Red for the blood your fathers shed on some faroff eventful day—

White for the loyalty and faith of countless women who forchore

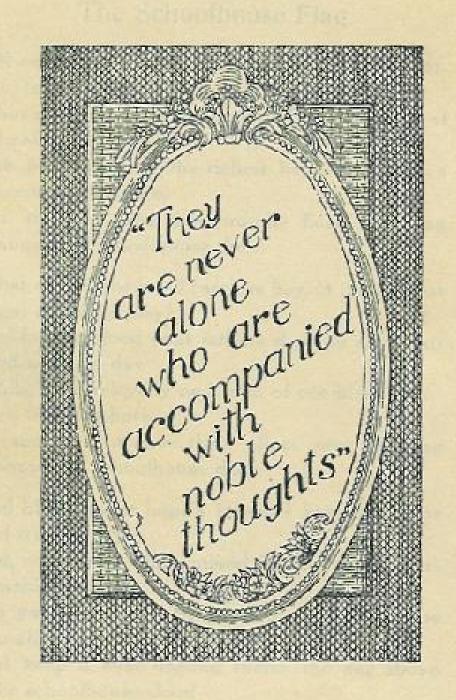
To mourn, but gave their all to save the flag above the schoolhouse door.

And blue-sweet hope's ethereal hus the color of true lovalty-

Red, white and blue, united in one grand, harmonious trinity!

'Tis yours to leve! 'tis yours to serve! 'tis yours to cherish evermore!

God keep it ever floating there—the flag above the schoolhouse door!



# Thanks For Watching!

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