One Room Schools

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The project began in 1980 when Dean McClay, who was the principal at Otway Elementary, and chairman of the " Fair Project" proposed that pictures of the existing One-Room Schools be taken and displayed at the Scioto County Fair to show " Where We Came From" .

Photographers

Phillip McClay (Dean McClay's son) and Martin McAllister (Tunney McAllister's son) took the 1980 pictures. (They probably skipped a couple school days to do it). Phillip and Martin were on the Lakota yearbook staff. They ran the darkroom and printed the pictures too.

Conditions long ago

In 1915 these rules of conduct were laid down for teachers.

1. You will not marry during the term of your contract.

2. Lady teachers will not keep company with men.

3. You must be home between the hours of 8 pm and 6 am unless you are attending a school event.

4. You may not loiter downtown in ice-cream parlors.

Conditions

5. You may not travel beyond the city limits unless you have the permission of the chairman of the school board.

6. You may not ride in a carriage or automobile with a man unless he's your father or brother.

7. You may not smoke cigarettes.

Conditions

8. You may not dress in bright colors.

9. You may under no circumstances dye your hair.

10. You must wear at least 2 petticoats

11. Your dresses may not be any shorter than 2 inches above the ankle.

To keep the school neat and clean you must:

1. *Sweep the floor once daily.*
2. *Scrub the floor at least once a week with hot soapy water.*
3. *Clean blackboards at least once a day.*
4. *Start the fire at 7 am so that the room will be warm by 8 am.*

Money

Ladies received 25 to 35 dollars per month.

Men received 35 to 55 dollars a month.

Pay was earned only during the months school was in session.

History of Lower Scioto Valley- 1883

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Rarden formed in 1891

Union

The first school-house in the present Union

Township was in what is known as the Horse-shoe Bend.

Rush

SCHOOLS.

The school districts of the new township of Rush, five in number, were organized Sept. 26, 1867.

Rush Township, like all the river townships, was early settled. The names of many who lived in the township when the county was first organized will be found in the old settlers' list. General Wm. Kendall and Samuel G. Jones, the former a miller and boat-builder in early days, and many others, all tell that the valleys of Scioto and Brush found early pioneers to stake their claims within the limits of Rush. The first steamboat built inland was built at the mouth of Brush Creek in 1818, by Wm. Kendall. The timber was superior, and it came down near to the river and through the channel of Brush Creek. The Utts and a few others came in 1797 and 1798. Many others came soon after, of whom are recalled Dan'l Kirkendall, George Herod, Thos. Jones, Thomas Arnold, Jas. Wallace, Wm. Russell, Mrs. Hester Brown and family and John Shultz. These are all old citizens. The old Pond School-house was supposed to have been erected in 1816 or 1818. In 1826 it was called the old school-house.

They don't name the five

1. Hanna
2. Owensville
3. Rushtown
4. Arnold
5. Pond Creek

Morgan

SCHOOLS.

The schools of Morgan Township are five in number, as follows: Sub-district No. 1, Bear Creek School; Sub-district No. 2, Simpson School; Sub-district No. 3, Upper Bear Creek School; Sub-district No. 4, The Mc-Collect School; Sub-district No. 5, Gordon School. The total number of scholars in the township in 1873, was 112. The number now on the school record for 1883, is 407, showing an increase in ten years of 295.

The Morgan School-house was built in 1830 and was one of the first, if not the first, regular school-house built in the township. It was located at the mouth of Slate Run, Mr. Abraham B. Beanes being its teacher. The next one was the Cutler School-house, which was erected in 1835. The first school in the township, in 1823, was kept in a little log school-house with greased paper for windows, and located near the mouth of Bear Creek. It had puncheon seats and floor; the teacher was A. Banes.

Later Locations

1. Bear Creek –   Mouth of Bear Creek
2. Simpson –   Worstel Addition
3. Upper Bear Creek –   Cramer Road
4. McCollect –   Pleasant Valley
5. Gordon –   Sedan?

Brush Creek

SCHOOLS.

There are thirteen school districts in Brush Creek Township, numbered and named as follows: Sub-district No. 1, Dry Run School; Sub-district No. 2, Oswego School; Sub-district No. 3, Upper Rarden School; Sub-district No. 4, Jones School; Sub-district No. 5, Hoffer School; Sub-district No. 6, Lower Rarden School; Sub-district No. 7, East Mt. Joy School; Sub-district No. 8, Upper Rocky Fork; Sub-district No. 9, Mt. Hope School; Sub-district No. 10, Dunlap School; Sub-district No. 11, West Mt. Joy School; Sub-district No. 12, Otway School; Sub-district No. 13, Lower Rocky Fork School.

Later

1. Dry Run   Youngs
2. Oswego   Tick Ridge & Thompson Hill
3. Upper Rarden   O' Bryant
4. Jones   SR 348
5. Hoffer   Hoffer Hill
6. Lower Rarden   Dry Fork
7. East Mt. Joy   Mt Joy
8. Upper Rocky   Berea
9. Mt Hope   Mt Hope
10. Dunlap   Dunlap
11. West Mt Joy   McBride
12. Otway   Lower Otway
13. Lower Rocky   Rocky Fork & Big Spruce

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1. Pleasant Hill   Pleasant Hill
2. Arion   Brookside?
3. Lombardsville   Pine Flat
4. Pond Creek   Mershon
5. Henley   Bellomy
6. Comstock   Victory
7. Laurel Point   Horseshoe Bend

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1. *Pond Creek*   *Lower Pond Creek*
2. *Owensville*   *Duck Run & Owensville*
3. *Upper Pond Creek*   *Mouth of Pond Creek*
4. *Kirkendall*   *Mose Shope*
5. *Arnold*   *George Arnold Farm*
6. *Hannah*   *Inskeep*
7. *Dever's Run*   *Doll SR 104*

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1. East Mt Joy   Dodds Road

2. West Mt Joy   McBride

3. Rarden Creek   O' Bryant

4. Dunlap   Dunlap

5. Hoffer Hill   Hoffer Hill

6. Rarden   Rarden

7. SW of Mt Joy   Hackworth Hill

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1. 51 pupils   Bear Creek
2. 33 pupils   Simpson
3. 66 pupils   Cramer Road
4. 47 pupils   Pleasant Valley
5. 81 pupils   Sedan
6. 31 pupils   Big Run

From Nelson W. Evans – 1903

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There were eight schools remaining in Brush Creek Township after Rarden Township was formed in 1891.

They are not numbered or named in this book

Schools.

The first school house in the township stood one mile south of Otway where George Hazelbaker's dwelling now stands. It was a log house and was abondoned about 1830. Before the division of Brush Creek to create Rarden Township there were thirteen sub-districts. At present there are eight. A uniform salary of $30 per month is paid to the teachers. The term of school is five months in the year.

The first school in Otway was taught by James G. Freeman in 1870 in a small building owned by him. It later became sub-district No. 12, in Brush Creek Township and finally a special district in 1890. A new two room building was erected that year at a cost of $1,200. In 1900 another room was added. The teachers in 1902-3 and their salaries were R. K. Day, $45; Lora Spradling, $35; Mattie Boynton, $35.

GOING HOME FROM SCHOOL
OTWAY O

School Transportation in 1912

Footbridge

This footbridge crossed Brush Creek at the mouth of Bloody Run. It was the route to the quarry. What would become Smith Road did not exist. Later the slate bank was cut away and the road built and intersected the Wamsleyville Road south of the covered bridge.

GPS

You can get the GPS location of most of these schools by going to

http://www.topozone.com/states/Ohio.asp

Click on Scioto County

Click on Schools

You will get:

USGS Topo – Elevation – Latitude – Longitude

If you click on "Feature" you will get a topographic map.

Thanks For Watching!

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