Rarden Schools

Rarden Township Schools

The early schools in Rarden Township included: Rarden Village Thompson

Hoffer Hill

Dunlap

O'Bryant Mount Joy Thompson Lower Dry Fork McBride Hackworth Hill Union Hill

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.





BRUSH CREEK TWP. DISTRICT NO. 1 YOUNGS, OHIO





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

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Dry Run Cemetery toward the church

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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)



Same location in 2007

This is the school

One church gone. One church moved by flood. One school moved by man.



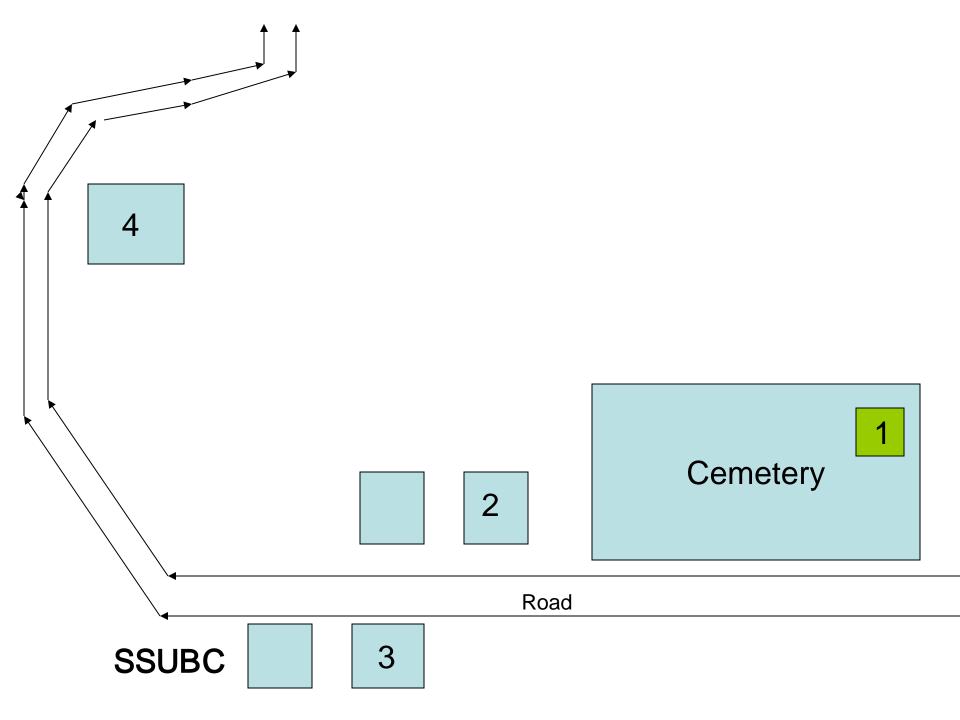
Moving of the Church

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. Norman Cox fixed it.

Moving of the school

- 1. East end of the cemetery.
- 2. Bottom of the hill across from church.
- 3. Across 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.

Jack 'n' Tina Powell for awhile. Roger & Mary (Powell) Weakley in 2008.

Looking toward the church



Rarden Village

The first school was built of logs on lot 7 in 1840. It was on the back part of the lot where the fire station stands. We have no pictures. Help!

Rarden

What happened to the log school is uncertain. It was replaced by a frame school (probably bigger) that was built on the same location. (lot 7) This frame school burned in 1886. Still no pictures. Help!



School was back here

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This is the vacant lot across SR 73 from Blackburn's Store. The Fire Station is to the right. It is the location of The Redman's Hall The hall was a two-storey building that was used as a school while the Brick school was being built. Grades 1 and 2 on the stage. 3-4-5 in the center. 6-7-8 near the back door. High School was upstairs. Irene.

During Construction

Across SR 73 from The Redmen's Hall was the original location of the Rarden Nazarene Church. In the 30's some outlying schools were closed. The brick school was crowded so the WPA built an addition to it (the west end). During construction, some grades attended school in either The Redmen's Hall or The Nazarene Church.



This is the Redmen's Hall.

Banna Kates and daughter Olive are in the foreground.

In the 1930' s



James W. Kates, Kyle "Daddy" Cooper, Hodley Thomas, Edgar Gardner Redmen's Hall and the Old City Hall are in the background



It's a parade – but for our purposes it's the buildings in the background. The barber shop is on the left and the Nazarene Church is on the right.



Children at The Nazarene Church – Looks like it's cold



Easter 1945 at the Old Nazarene Church

This was the barber shop. The Gardner's own it now. The Nazarene Church was on this corner.

Same location – but taken from across SR 73

Rarden

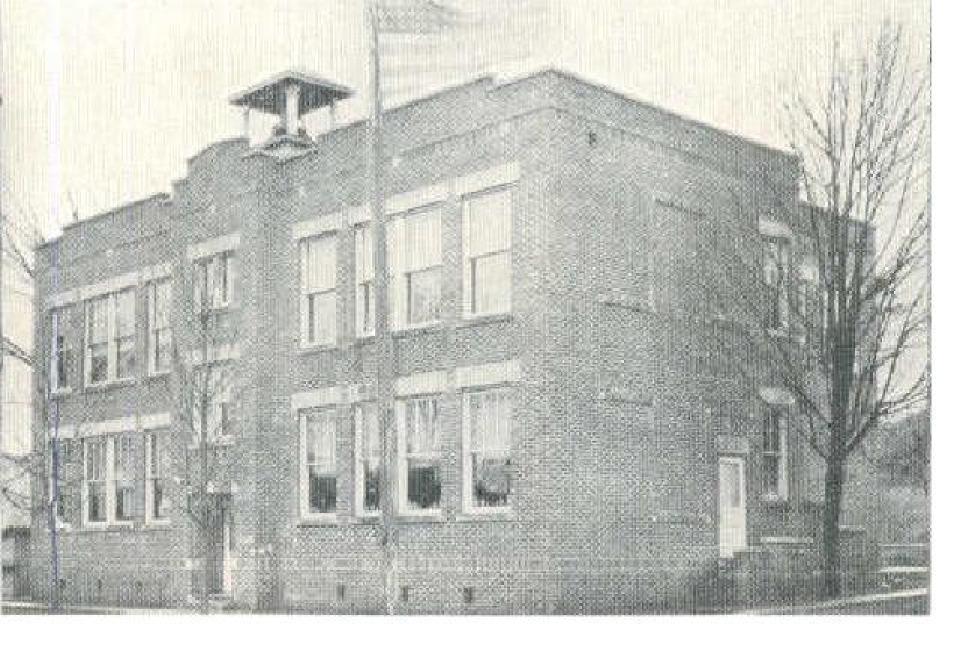
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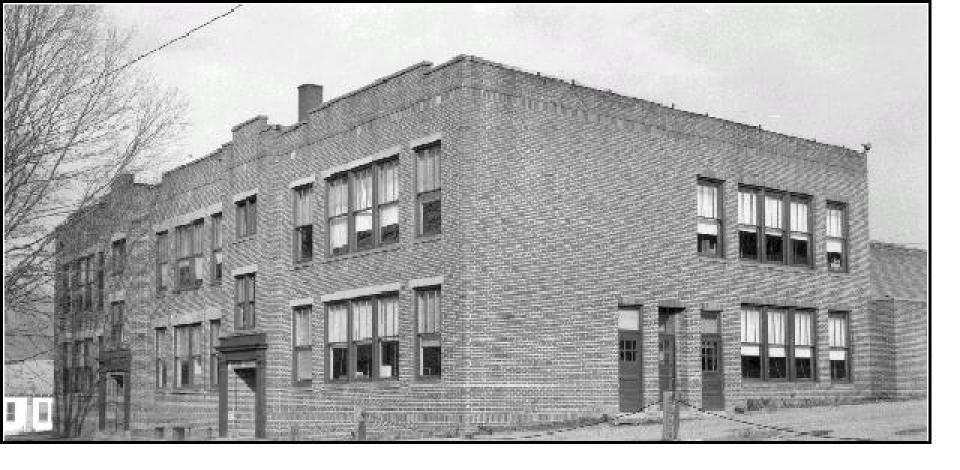
A picture post card of Rarden School in 1900. This picture is from the Anna Gardner collection.





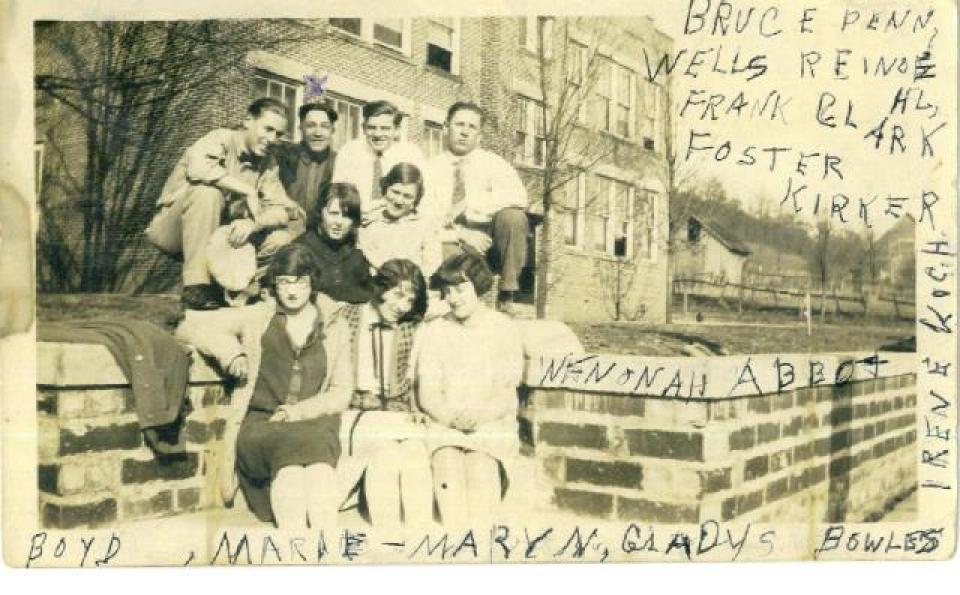


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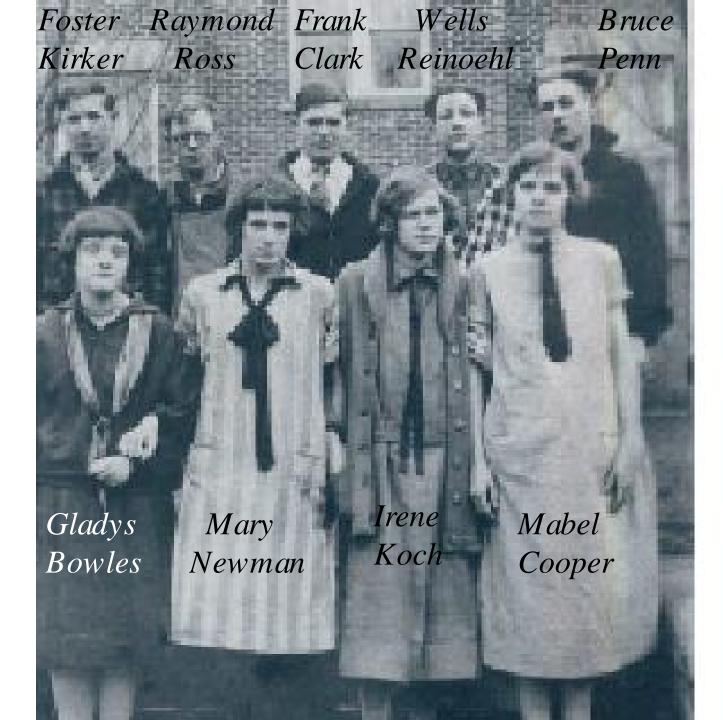


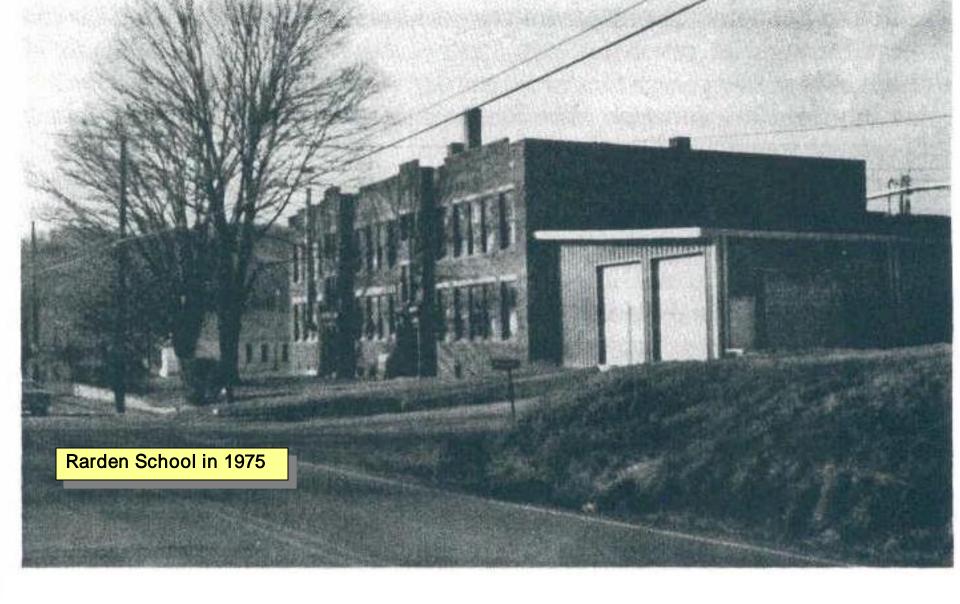
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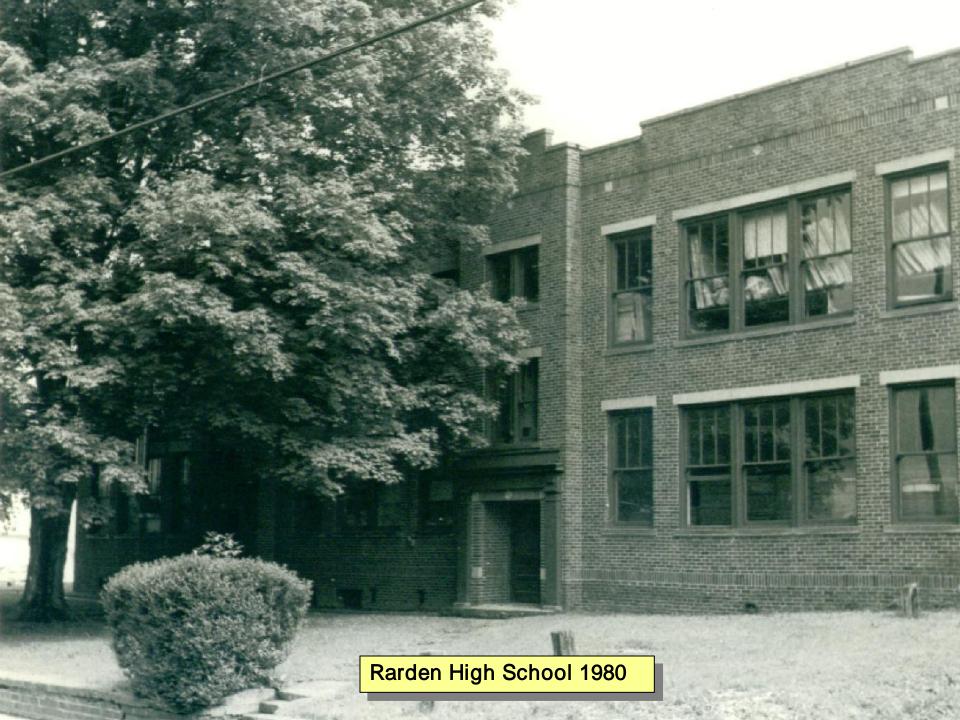
Nice Front Grounds



Check out the School - It's before the addition







Close Rarden

Clippings from the Portsmouth Times fall of 1967.



MOTHERS MARCH. The merger of Rarden Elementary School with the Otway school, drew fire from parents of the Rarden community to day. Protesting mothers formed lines at exits, blocking school buses for nearly two hours. The sign-carrying mothers finally agreed to open their ranks, permitting the drivers to go through. They have promised similar action Thursday unless they reach an agreement with the Northwest Local School District board members, (Times photo by Billy Graham.)

Rarden Pupils Moved

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A personal Note

Gene Emnett was principal at Otway. Dean McClay was principal at Rarden (for 1 day). When Rarden closed, Dean became the science teacher for grades 5-6-7-8. Berlyn Thompson had English. John McClay had history. Gilbert Fouch had math. At mid-year Gene became the Federal Coordinator, Dean became the principal and Jake Orlett was hired as the science teacher at Otway.

The Gym - Summer of 2002

Restore, Reuse, Recycle

New roof – new siding – keep the windows restore the doors – Clean up the stage – It will be ready for a festival pretty soon.



New Siding



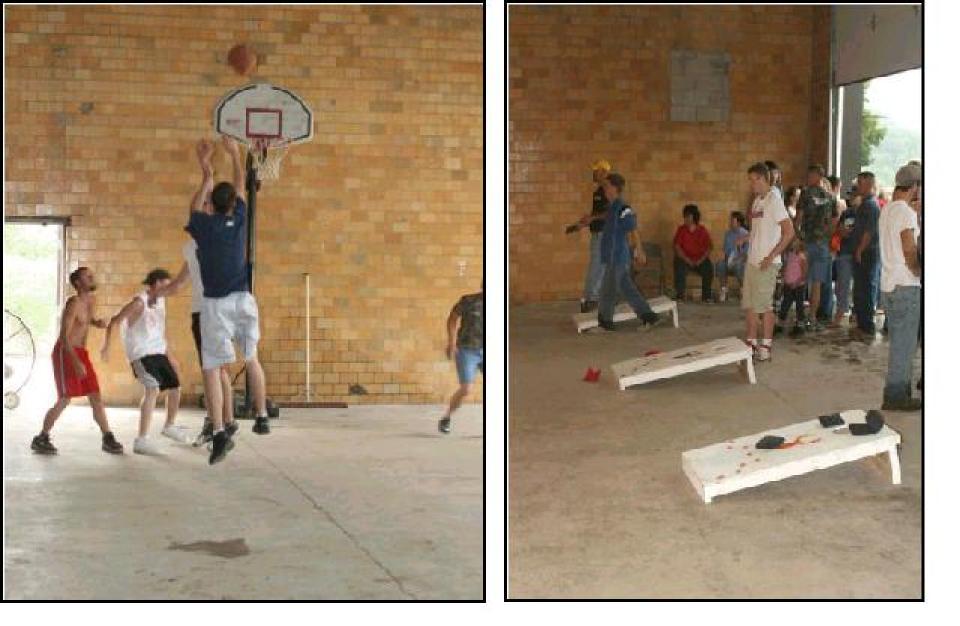












Basketball or Cornhole in the Gym





















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Dunlap

Alex Dunlap was granted land on the Adams County line by the United States. He sold it in 1845 to Solomon Newman, who sold it to Thomas Newman. In 1863, Thomas Newman sold it to the Board of Education. This property is adjacent to the John Thompson property on Dunlap Road. John Thompson is Berlyn's father.



Dunlap School on Dunlap Road in 1980









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On the Border

Scott Thompson says that Dunlap School was built on the Adams-Scioto County Line. The line runs right through the front door. It was built in that location so that the Adams County kids could "go to their school" and the Scioto County kids could too! True or not? Great Story!

Lower Dry Fork

I went for a ride one Friday afternoon on Dry Fork Road (going downhill). The most beautiful scenery I had seen in quite a while. I spotted a building that was the right size and shape for a one-roomer so I took a picture. It was getting late so I didn't stop to talk. I went home.

Looks right - but it never was a school

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Paul Alexander and his uncle built it

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A Sad Tale

Paul rented the house. The renter allowed CAO to winterize and insulate it. They sealed it up so tight that mold began to grow. It became unhealthy to live in it. Paul had the house torn town.



Lower Dry Fork

I went back to Dry Fork the next day and talked with Paul Alexander. When I asked if the above house had been a school, he said "No. My Uncle Clarence and I built that in the fifties. The school was on the other side of the road and across the creek, up the hill on the knoll and look for the rocks."

Paul Alexander's Home

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Dry Fork about 1900

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Dry Fork about 1900

- Back Row: Asa Mustard, Arthur Wharff, Roy Riley, Esta Thompson, Nona Houser, Edna Wharff, Essie O'Bryant, Dessie Day, Lacy Foster, Lydia Alexander, Mary Foster, Magnolia Carter, Rachel Smith, Bird Mustard (visitor), Thomas Jones (teacher).
- Front Row: Roby McAllister, Sumner O'Bryant, Lloyd Houser, Ray Alexander, Alpha Mustard, Edward Mustard, Icie Riley, Elta Foster, Tacy Mustard, Bertha Riley, Minnie Alexander, Minta Foster, Stella Mustard, Ora Creech, John Mustard, Herman Day, Bert Day, Roy Wallace

Upper Dry Fork aka Thompson School

Upper Dry Fork is on SR 772 where the highway, Rarden Creek Road and Dry Fork Road all meet. It's at Duke. Harmon Cemetery. Water tower. There's a sharp turn to the right. Martin McAllister says the building used to be on the other side of the road on the inside of the turn. His father, Gene Tunney McAllister went to school there.

Thompson School - 1980



Upper Dry Fork 2002

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From the cemetery side

From the Dry Fork side





McBride

McBride School is on SR 772. Sharma Hoffer lived there. It may have been called Upper Rarden. It's next door to the Joe Reynolds farm.



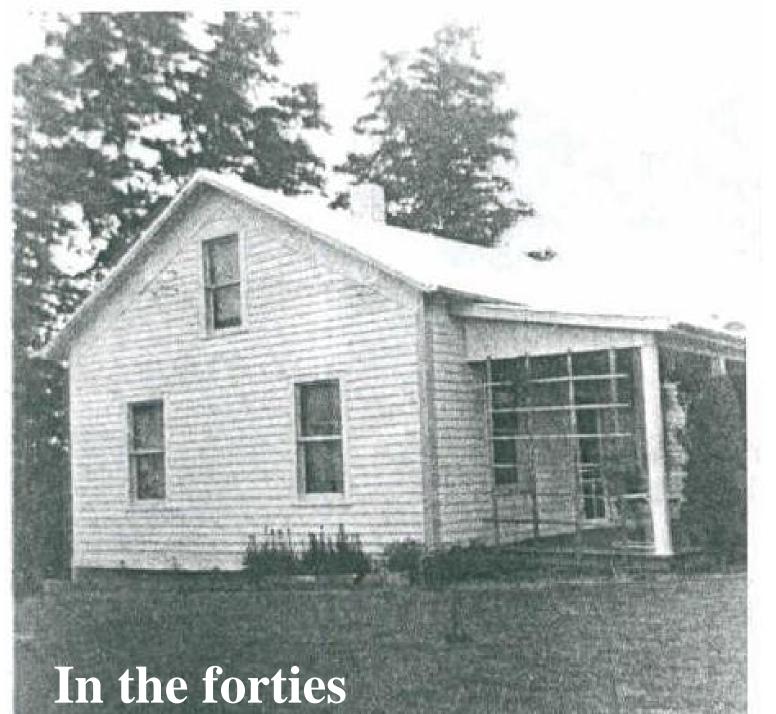
Aca Scott and his school bus at McBride School 1932



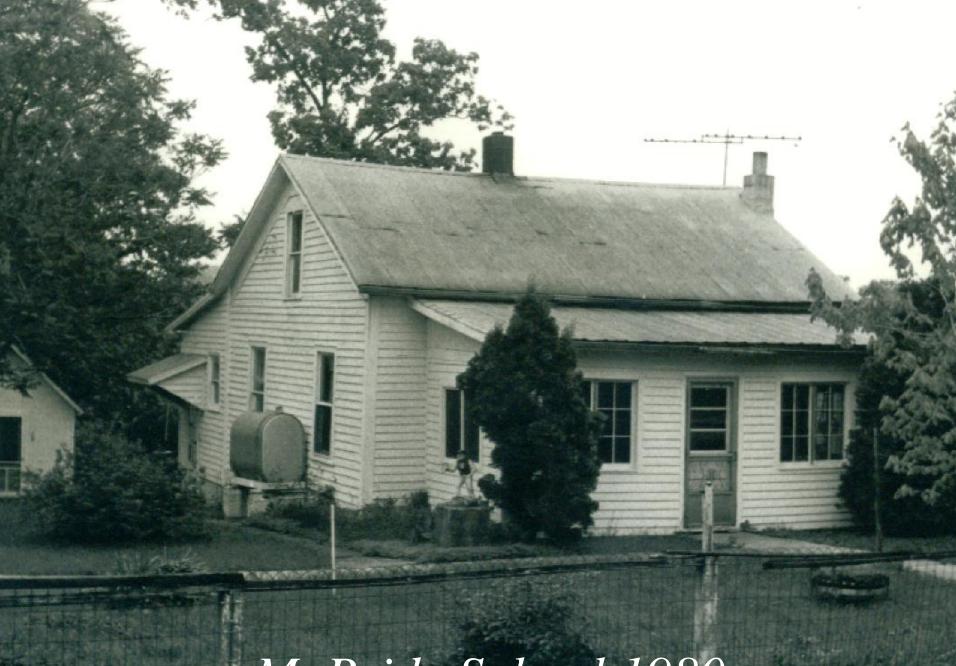
Same picture but some of the "bus" can be seen

Irene Says:

Hackworth Hill School and McBride School alternated operation. Each was open only half the school year. Irene Koch went back to school in the early thirties to get certified to teach. When she came back to teach at McBride – the school was closed and the children were transported to Rarden. So she "went to Kentucky and got married."







McBride School 1980



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McBride School

From Ruth Mecum's driveway



O'Bryant - Bull Hill Foster Hollow

This school was on the O'Bryant farm on the road some call Bull Hill, others, Foster Hollow. Fosters still live there.

The building was dismantled in 1984 by Dale and Terry Foster and the lumber was used by Dale to build a home for his mother-in-law.

Foster Hollow – O'Bryant School

Go up Rarden Creek Road to the intersection with Rarden Straight Fork Road (that is, go to the Paul Alexander Bridge).

Dale Foster lived on Rarden Creek Road. It's the fork to the right. Look for his mailbox.

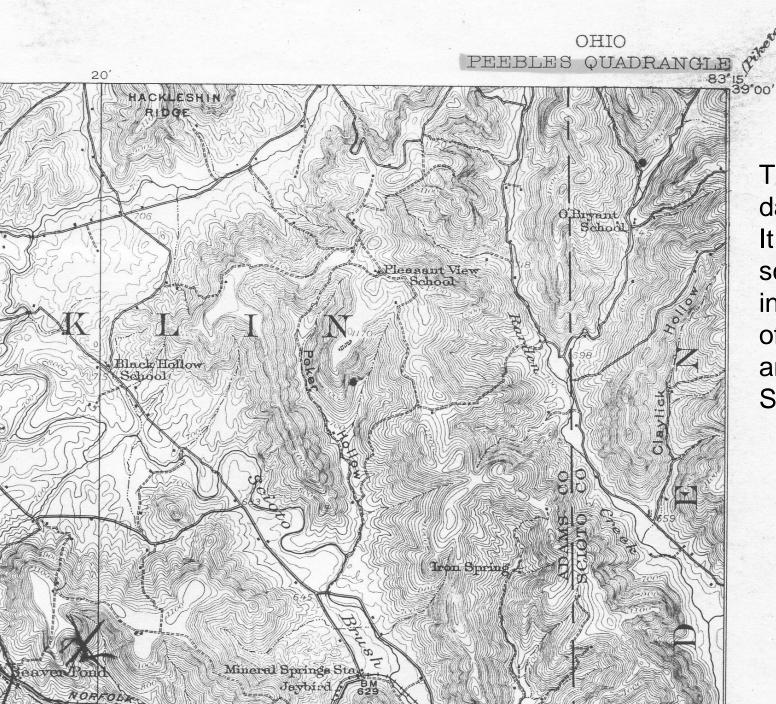
Take the other fork – go $\frac{1}{4}$ mile - turn right past Terry Foster's farm – go to the ford – park and walk or ford the creek – it's not far – field on the right – cross the creek – school faced west.



Foster Hollow on Bull Hill Road – O'Bryant School



Possible play ground



This map is dated 1918. It shows the school at the intersection of Bull Hill and Rarden Straight Fork.

Old O'Bryant School



O'Bryant School or Bull Hill or Foster Hollow - 1980

The lumber came from the school

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Dale Foster's home is to the right.

2008 Mamaw died. Her house is gone.

Hoffer Hill

Hoffer Hill was District #5 in Brush Creek Township. This is a picture of the Hoffer Hill Church. The cistern in the foreground was the water supply for the school. The school was to the left of the church.



Hoffer Hill Church – school to the left

See the cistern – Imagine the school



Hoffer Hill

Check out that downspout that drains into a shelter. Probably covers the cistern that is still there. (same one?)

Mt. Joy

The man who settled this place was Thomas Mountjoy. The settlement is called Mt. Joy. The school was on the EAST side of Dodds Road next to but not on the old fairgrounds.



Same Tree

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See the cistern – maybe the water supply for the school. This is close to the road. The school was about 100 yards up Dodds Road. Continues till Feb. 14.

Lays Them Low With His Club

Teacher Pounds Unruly Pupils into Subjection

Three Times They Knock Him Down But Stove Wood Stick Does Business

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The Scioto County Agricultural society held its annual meeting at Mt. Joy Saturday afternoon. January 28, for the election of officers. The following were elected as the board of directors for two years: Lafayette Taylor, W. J. Shannon, D. T. Blackburn, W. A. McGeorge, J. N. McCann and J. M. Roney.

D. T. Blackburn was again effected president. J. N. McCann, vice president, and W. A. Me-George, secretary and treasurer.

The time for holding the fair this year was discussed but the matter was left open until the dates of the Scioto County Trotting association could be learned as there is no desire to conflict with them in anyway. .

A victim of paralysis, George

ed for him for the past three Mr. Wikoff was first a f months. stricken nearly three years ago the and since then he has been a helpcuti less invalid. A few days ago he suffered another stroke and on last Monday night came the third, is t since which he has been lying in was a comatose state a waiting the final He summons. His son and daughter, John W. Wikoff, of Cincinnati, litis and Mrs. J. R. Davis, of Hope. Ind., have been summoned to his WAS bedside. ivee

Fiendis's Suffering

is often caused by sores, ulcers and cancers. that cat away your skin. Wm. Pedell, of Flat Rock, Her Mich., says: "I have used Bucklen's Arnica Salve, for Ulcers, Sores and Concers. It is the best healing dressing I ever found. Soothes and heals cuts, hurns and scalds. 25c at the Fisher Streicht Pharmaev; guaranteed.



tur Sciotoville, Feb. 2.-James W. Noon, insurance agent, formerly, of this place, but now of Roches. ter, N. Y., was calling on friends here Wednesday.

Master Eugene Hacquard, who has been so seriously ill for the past week, is slowly recovering.

Robert Moore, the little son of Horace Moore, is quite sick with indigestion.

James McCov. of Jackson connty, was here selling washing ma-M. Wikoff, for 25 years a promin- chines Monday. He is so confident ent merchant and business man that the machine is all right that here, is lying pear death's door at he will do the week's washing for the home of his niece, Mrs. Ella any one that he thinks he can sell Po

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East Mt. Joy



East Mt. Joy - 1925 - R. K. Day teacher



1925 8th Grade Graduates of East Mt. Joy School, Ernest McChesney, Bessie Smith and Gene Enz.

Caption Says Bryan Day 1909 - at the Fair Grounds



Union Hill

Union Hill School is on Union Hill Road. George Matthews lives there. George and Arnold are brothers. Union Hill Road is the road you take to get around Rarden when the water is over SR 73. This school may have changed back and forth between Adams County and Scioto County. The records are sketchy.







Adams County

Union Hill is in Adams County but children from Scioto County attended school there because it was closer than any other school.

The George Matthews home was the school but it had been moved from its original location - also on Union Hill Road just past Rarden Straight Fork Road on the left.

This is the original location of Union Hill School – in Adams County.



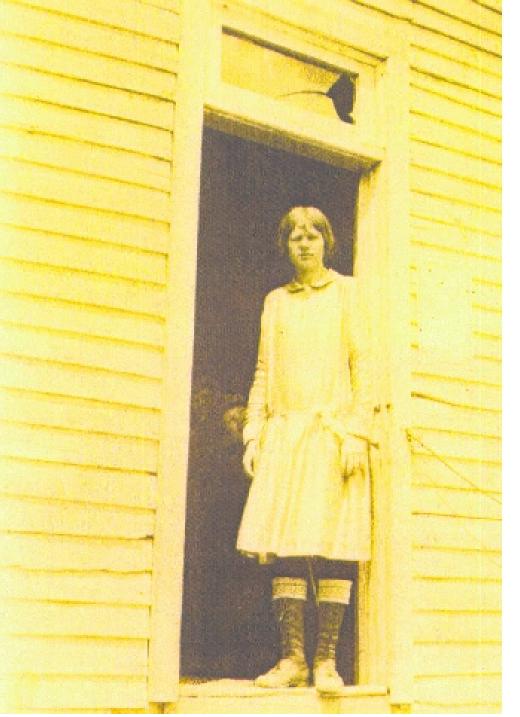
Union Hill from the other direction

Hackworth Hill

Hackworth Hill may have been called West Mt. Joy. The school was on Hackworth Hill Road at Riddlebarger Lane. (unmarked). There is a blue trailer there now.

Glenn Hall went to school there. Leo Blackburn taught there. Irene Koch Syroney taught here for three years.





This Is Irene Koch standing in the doorway of Hackworth Hill School



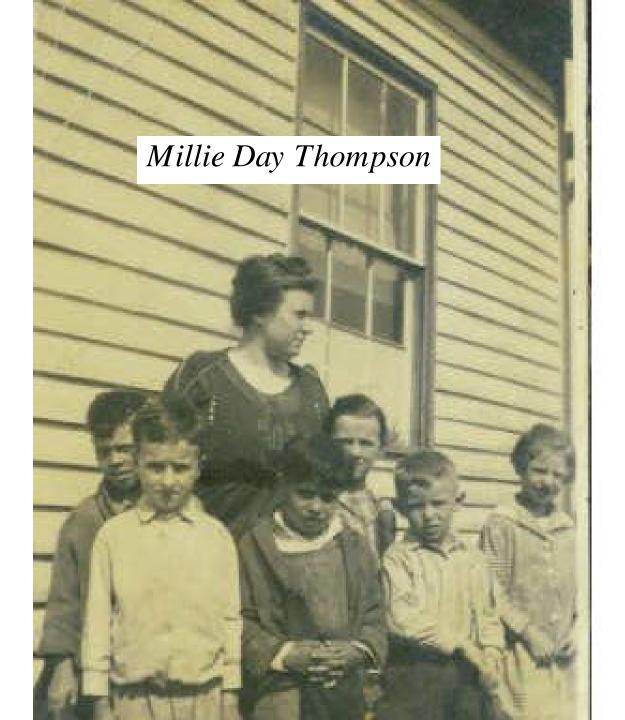
Hackworth Hill

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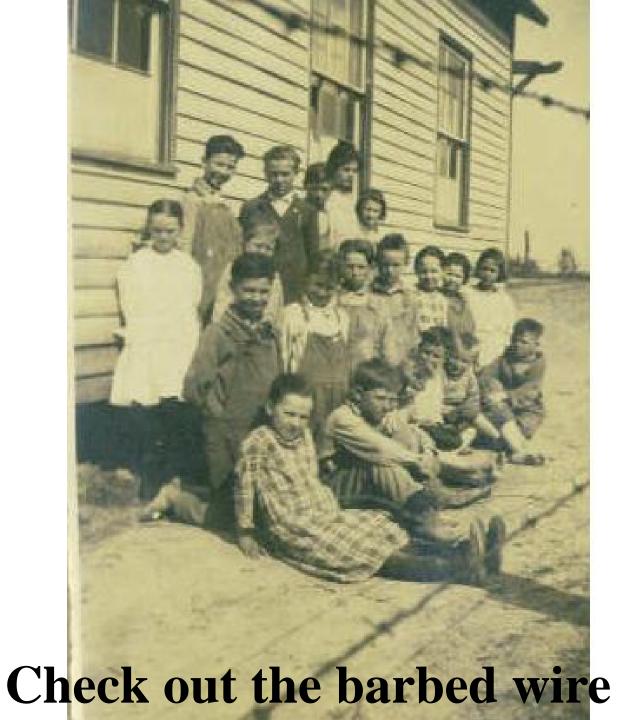












Millie Day Thompson, Elsie Reynolds Lee, Robert Kenton Day Robert and Millie are father and daughter. Millie Day married Artie Thompson, the brother of Ray Thompson the father of Leo Thompson The last principal of Rarden and the first principal of Northwest

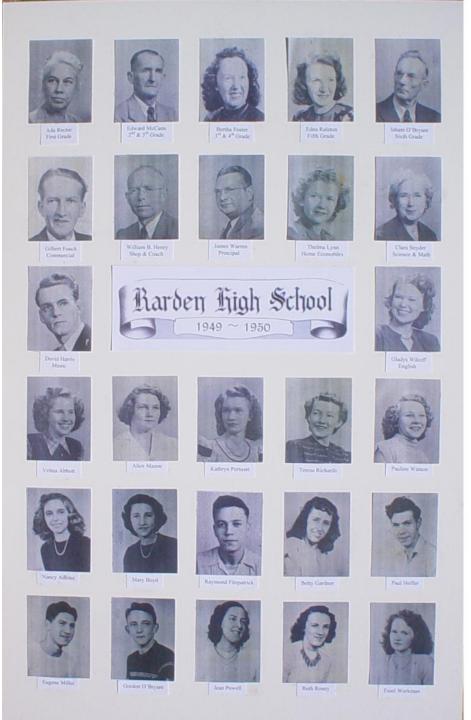


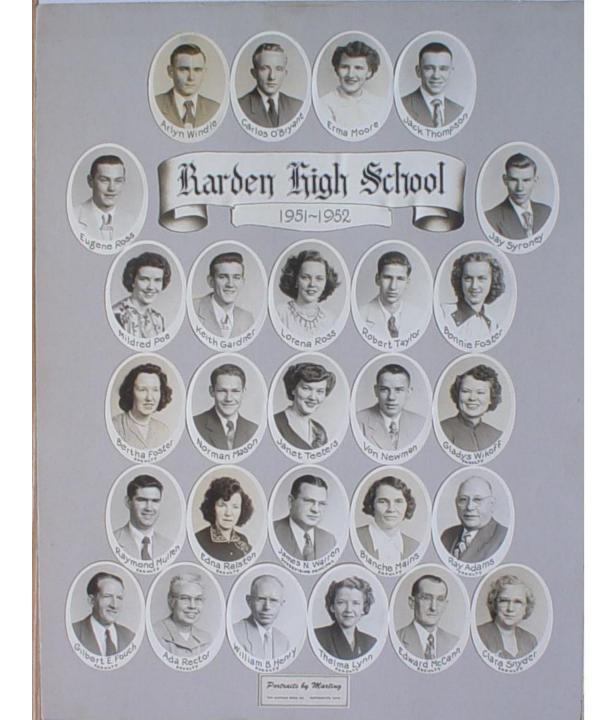
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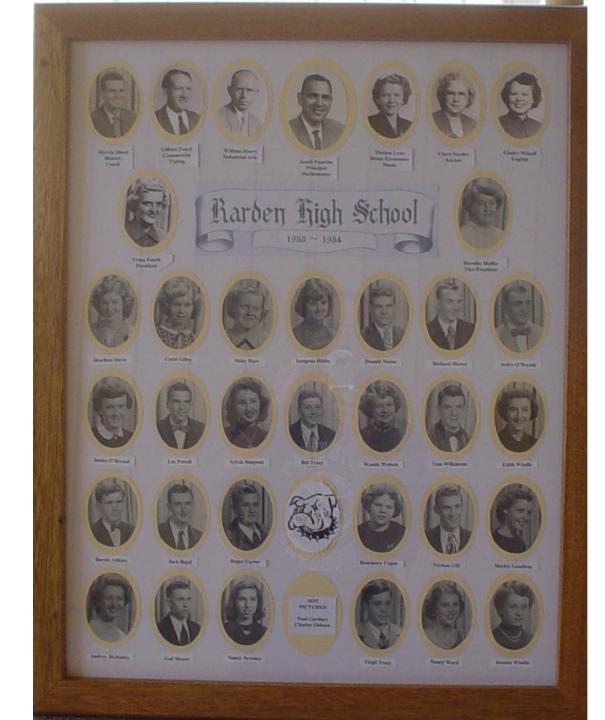
Shootin' marbles in the dirt

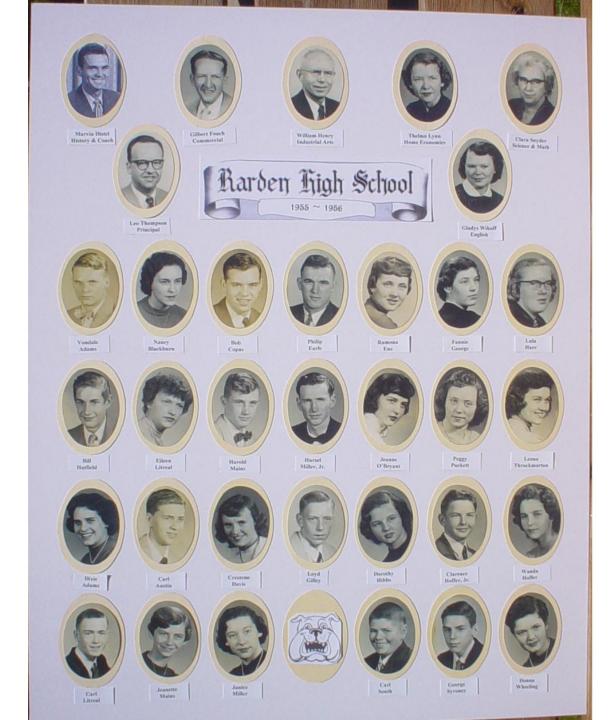


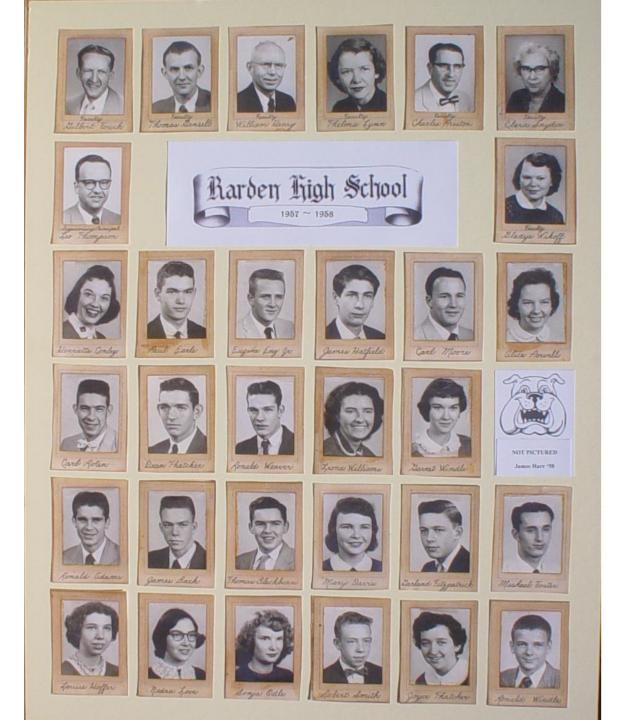
The last day at Hackworth Hill School











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