# Rush Township

# McDermott



# **Rush Township Schools**

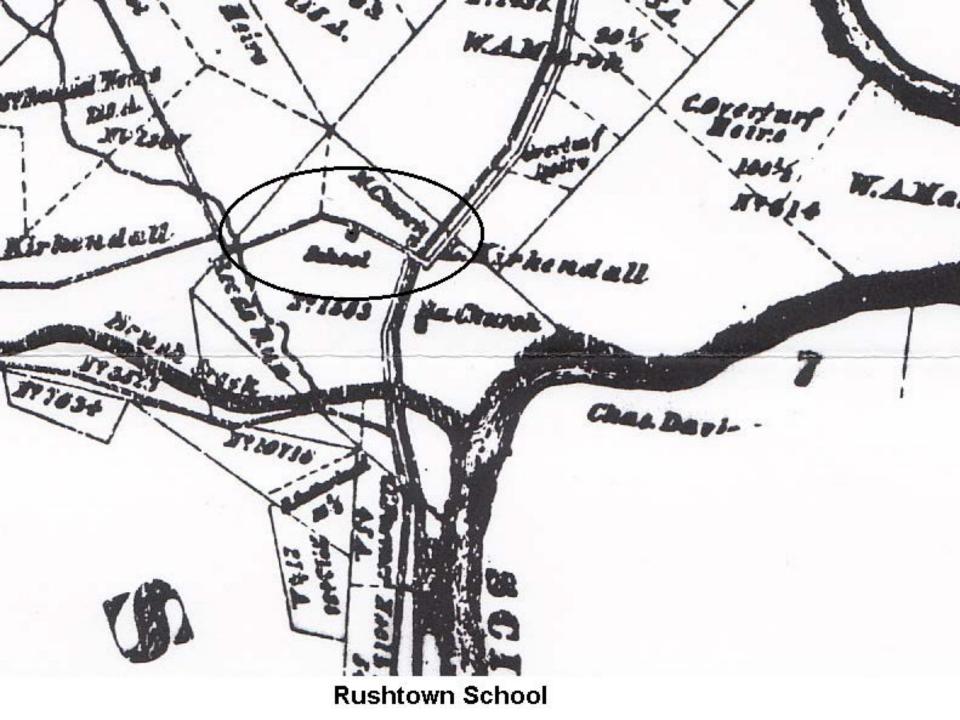
The early schools in Rush Township included Rushtown, Lower Duck Run (Owensville), Upper Duck Run (Hannah), McDermott, Lower Pond Creek, Upper Pond Creek, Kirkendall (Arnold?), and Dever Run (Doll). Pictures of the schools or locations of the schools are included along with a bit of history.

#### **Rushtown School**

Go to Rushtown Cemetery and find the pump. That's where the school was.

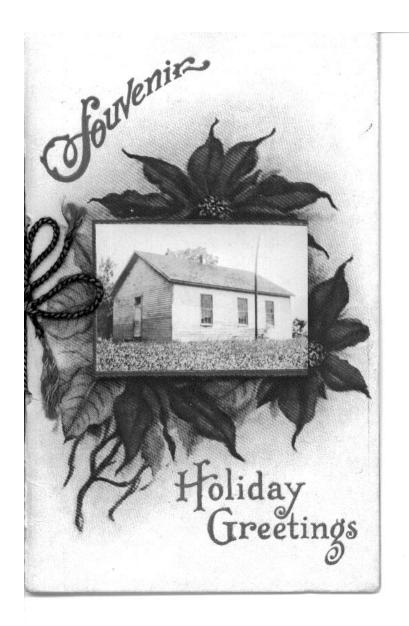
The Holiday Souvenir is from the Betty Jean Cox collection.





### Souvenir

Some teachers gave their students souvenirs at Christmas time or at the end of the school term. The following four slides show the souvenir given by Alma Yeager to her students in 1919.





#### Rushtown School

A list of the pupils at Rushtown School. Mabel Crabtree married Joe Keller. Charles McDaniel is Ron Cox's great great uncle. (great grandfather's brother) Peter Brown's ancestors ran the mill. Clark Waller ran the quarry. Frank Rickey is Branch's father.

Rushtown School DISTRICT NO. 2 Rush Twp., Scioto Co., Ohio December 25, 1919



Alma B. Yeager, Teacher

School Board Peter Brown Frank Rickey Charles Nunley William Vandvort Clark Waller

#### PUPILS

Merril Shively Charles McDaniel Jake Marsh Clyde Cyrus Edgar Marsh Frank Marsh Edgar Shively Cecil Lenegar Bedford Shively Kenard Cyrus Vaughn Virgin Fred Nunley George Suthers Rathryn Marsh Nellie Thomas Martha Jane Virgin Lorain Shively Rachel Crahfree Mildred Grabtree Rosa Thomas Helen Virgin Mamie Cyrus Murgaret Crabtree Beatrice Kirkendall Agnes Cyrus Viola Throckmorton Thelma Nunley Mabel Crabtree Blanche Nunley Grace McDaniel



#### Rushtown School 1930-1931

#### RUSHTOWN SCHOOL, 1930 or 1931

Back Row, L to R

Wells Vaughters, Russell Logan, John Wiget, Thelma Stephenson, Mrs. Henry Hamer, Helen Kirkendall, Ruth Wiget, Jesse Free, Albert Carver, Archie Wilson, George Eichenlaub.

Second Row, L to R. Wells Kirkendall, Eileen Smalley, Pauline Smalley, Ruth McClary, Eileen Kirkendall, Maxine McDaniel, Annalou Crabtree, Stella Adkins, Nancy Eichenlaub, Mary Logan, \_\_\_\_\_, Louise Logan, Rosie Eichenlaub, Zelma Kirkendall.

Front Row, L to R Buz Strickland, William Thompson, Gerald Kirkendall, Adrian Kirkendall, Chester Wilson, Clifton Kirkendall, Joseph M. Peebles, Junior Kirkendall, Francis Stephenson, J.W. Crabtree, John Logan.

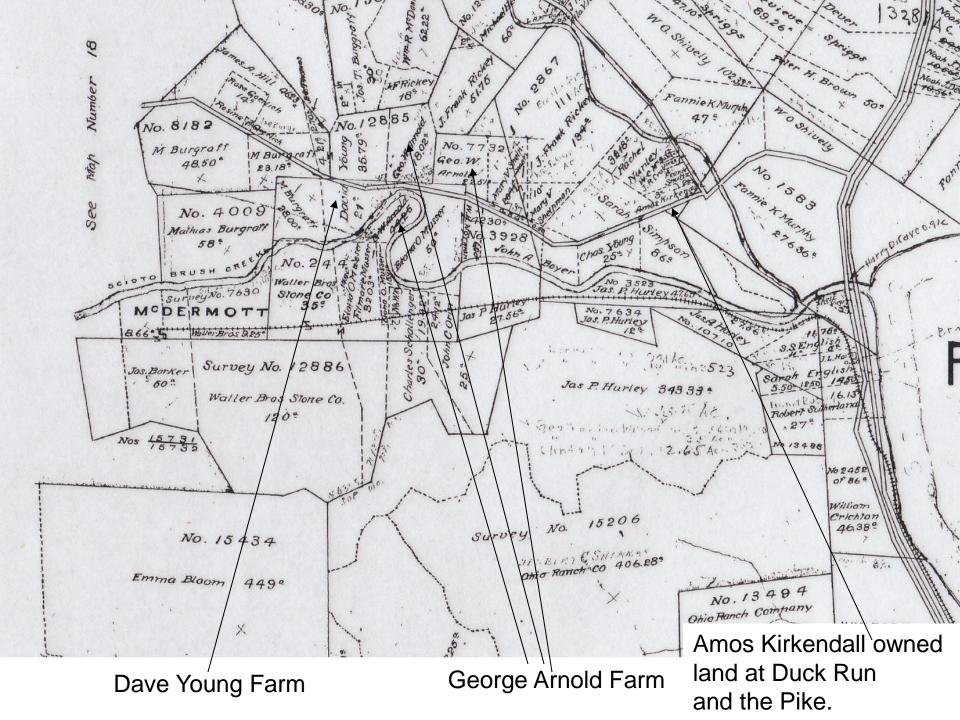
# The Arnold School

- From Evans page 401
- A suspension foot bridge constructed across Brush Creek near the Arnold School House for school purposes in 1884 at an expense of \$495.
- James M. Russell was the contractor.
- The bridge was 312 feet long and 4 feet wide

# Bridge

The first suspension bridge was built over Brush Creek at the Arnold School House (later Dave Young Place) for school children use in 1884. Mike & Bill McDermott bought land in 1897.

From Scioto County & Pioneer Record of Southern Ohio



#### Residents

Robert and Rosemary (VanKirk) Crabtree lived here. Rosemary remembers that the doors had transom windows. Normal for a school but not for a home.







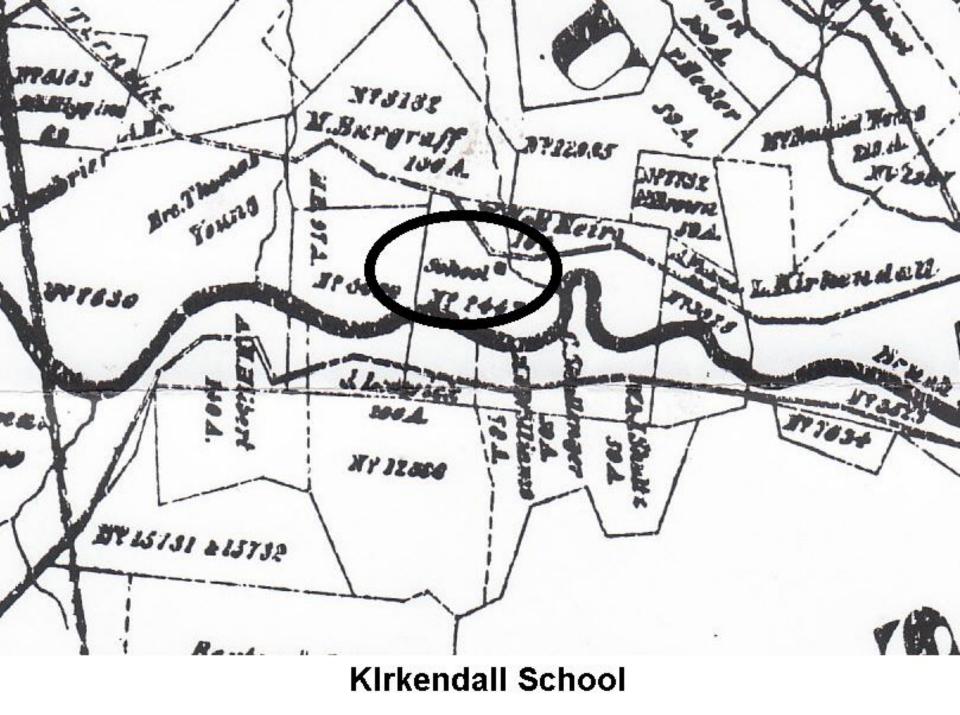


The Kirkendall School and the The Arnold School are in the same locale. Kirkendall may have opened after Arnold closed.



# Kirkendall School

Kirkendall School was on McDermott Pike on the Mose Shope farm at the foot of Burgraff Hill. The Beacon of Hope Church is on the property now.





#### **Kirkendall School**

#### Beacon of Hope Church

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### **Dever Run School**

The creek that runs down SR 348 hill toward Lucasville is Dever Run. Dever Run School was at the bottom of the hill on the south side. (The foot of Low Gap Hill). The building was moved to the Doll Farm in the 20's, and became known as the Doll Schoolhouse.

#### **Dever Run School - Before 1900**







### Moved

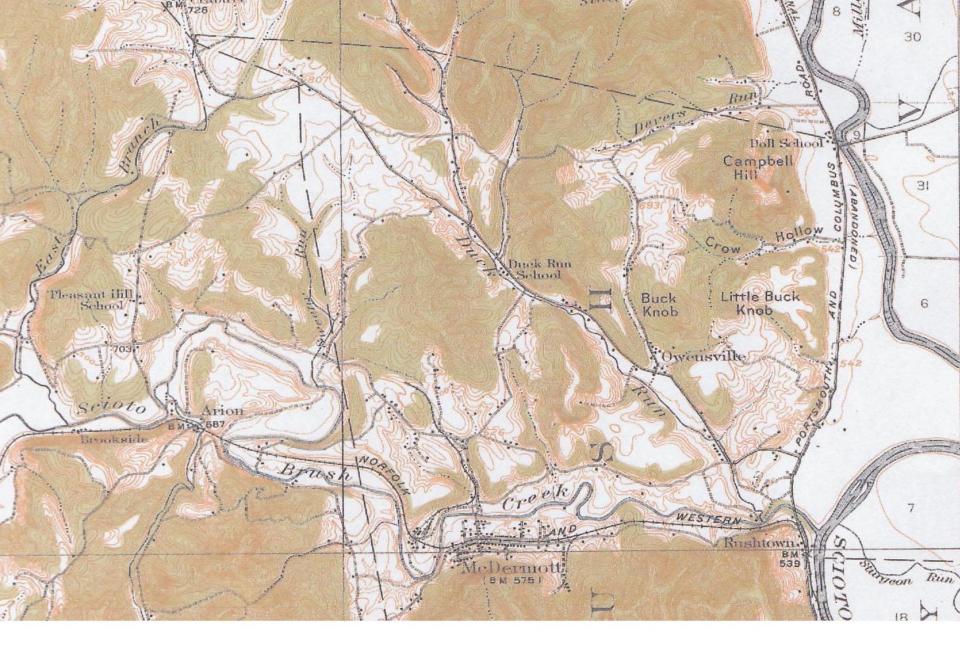
The building was moved because more people lived near the river and on Crowe Hollow than on Dever Run. Dever Run at the time was a dead-end road. When the building was moved, Rush Township and Valley Township agreed that the children would attend Valley Schools. (They still do.)

# Lucasville to Otway

- Go up Dever Run to Owensville Road
- Down Owensville Road to Duck Run
- Still called Duck Run Otway Road
- Became SR 348
- On to Otway
- Low Gap was cut in the 40's (WPA)

### **Doll Schoolhouse**

The School was on the Doll farm south on SR 104 about where the old Scioto River Bridge was. The piers are still in the river. The school was on the west side of SR 104





#### Doll School

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#### **Owners and Residents**

Ken Long bought it from the township. His niece Bea Long lived there with her 3 nieces Pat Altenburg Louise Benner Norma Nell Rockwell



Doll School – copied from the Lucasville Sesquicentennial Book



#### Doll Schoolhouse in 1980

Doll School at 10651 SR 104



#### Doll School in 2008

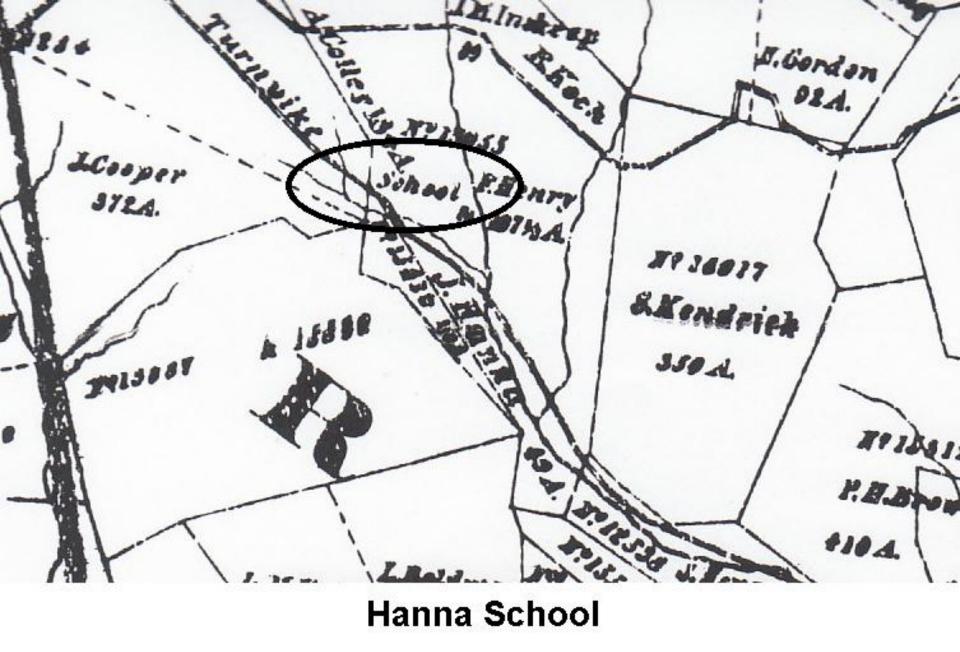
## Hanna

There is mention of a Hanna Post Office and Hanna School. It was at what is now 264 Inskeep Road.

Hubert Crabtree







#### Hubert Crabtree

The Hanna School was not moved it was sold.

Clell Hiles lived there for awhile, then his dad then a family named Hall.

The Duck Run School was built new.

### Hubert Crabtree

I was born in 1920. Started school in 1926. I remember walking out of Inskeep with Norman Crabtree, Leonard Slye, Strother Hiles and the DeLong boys – Ellis & Riley. I went to school 1 year in the frame building 5 years in the brick building and then to McDermott.

### Location

The brick school opened in the fall of 1927 The pictures dated before that (1925 &1927) are at the Duck Run frame school.

This is the Chester Goodwin Home on Duck Run. It was built as a Hotel by The Henry Family. The water supply was the Henry Springs. The building was used as a school for a short time

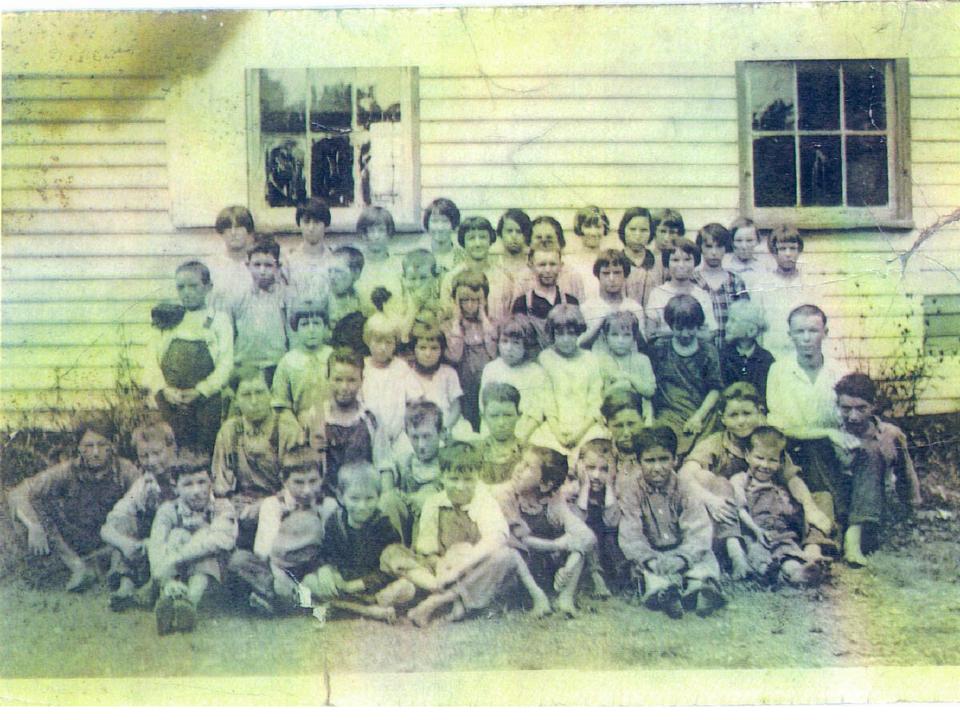
# Upper Duck Run

Nellie DeLong Hiles says the original wood frame school was 10 or 20 yards straight back from the cistern. Roy Rogers attended school in this building. The building in the background of the following class pictures is probably the school. Nellie was in the first first grade in 1927 – her daughter Sharon was in the last first grade in 1952.

The original school was beyond the cistern in the foreground.

## Upper Duck Run in the 20's

The following three pictures are hanging in the old school building, now used by the Rush Free Baptist Church. The handwritten names of the children follow and then the names are typed. Have fun figuring out which row is which.

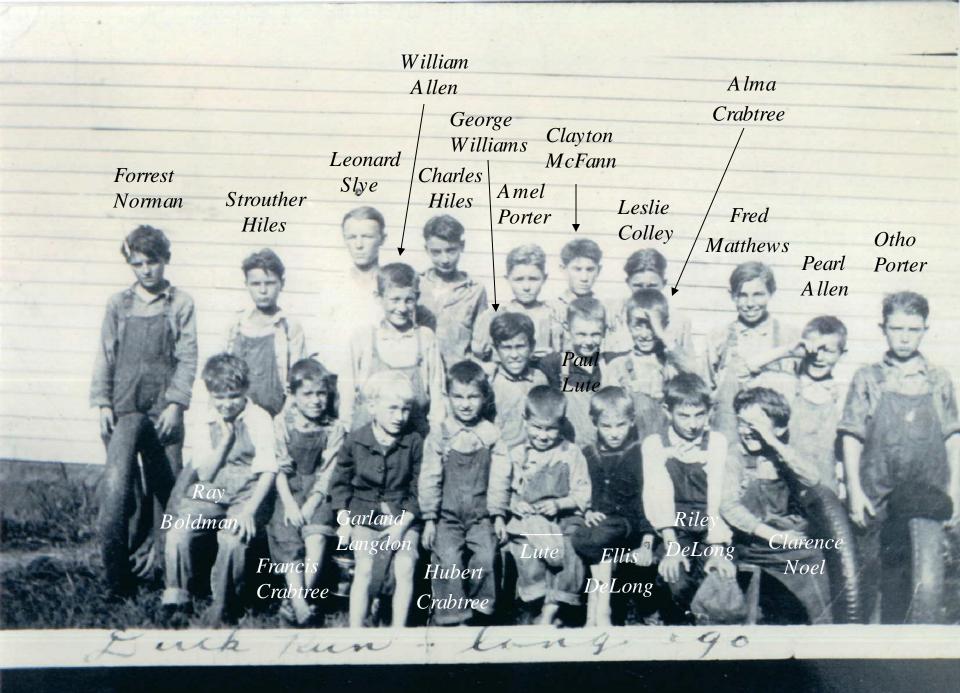


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# Upper Duck Run – 1925

- Back Row: Belle Allen, Jennie Slye, Esta Allen, Hollie Hall, \_\_\_\_\_ Hall, Sarah Ellen Crabtree, Ruth Crabtree, Hazel McFann, Louise Shelpman, Esther Smalley, Mildred Noel, Pearl Allen,
- Next Row: Beecher Henry, Bob Shelpman, Alma Crabtree, Shorty Noel, Paul Lute, Mary Hiles, Anna Colley, Kathleen Slye
- Sitting on a seat: Catherine Allen, Geneva Colley, Audrey Williams, Evelyn Williams, Audrey Noel, Mildred Abshire, Garland Langdon
- Next Row: Fred Matthews, Strouther Hiles, Pete Allen, Otho Porter, Pete Colley, Amel Porter, Roy Rogers, Charles Hiles, Forest Norman, Raymond Hiles, Fred Shelpman, Riley DeLong, Ellis DeLong, Ray Boldman, Francis Crabtree, Hubert Crabtree, George Williams, \_\_\_\_ Lute



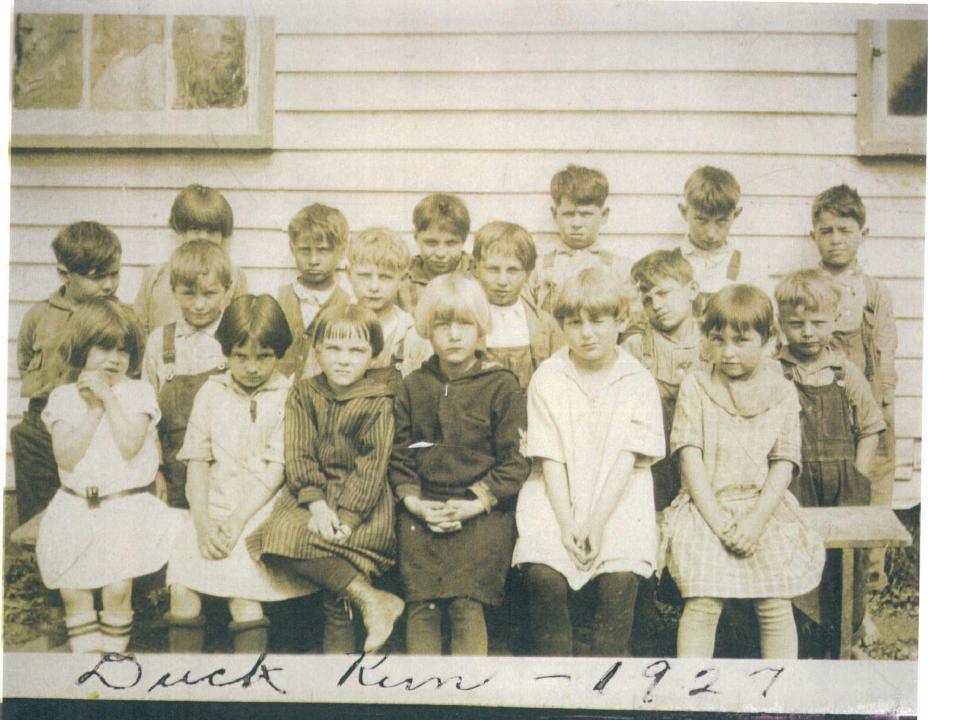


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## Upper Duck Run – 1926?

Back Row: Forest Norman, Strouther Hiles, Leonard Slye, Charles Hiles, Amel Porter, Clayton McFann. Leslie Colley, Fred Matthews

- Middle Row: (Pete) William Allen, George Williams, Paul Lute, Alma Crabtree, Pearl Allen, Otho Porter
- Front Row: Ray Boldman, Francis Crabtree, Garland Langdon, Hubert Crabtree, \_\_\_\_ Lute, Ellis DeLong, Riley DeLong, (Shorty) Clarence Noel





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## Upper Duck Run - 1927

- Back Row: Mildred Abshire, Norman Crabtree, Ray Boldman, Fred Shelpman, Riley Delong, Francis Crabtree
- Middle Row: Harold Boldman, Ellis DeLong, Marion Hiles, Bernard Crabtree, Hubert Crabtree, Frank Hiles
- Front Row: Charlene Shelpman, Geneva Colley, Audrey Guilkey, Katherine Allen, Evelyn Cox, Irene Rose
- In the window: Forest Norman, Roy Rogers, Charles Hiles

# Upper Duck Run

Upper Duck Run was opened in 1927 and closed as a school in 1952. Ted Strickland attended school here. The Rush Free Baptist Church now owns the building.

Pat Boldman Lynn started school here. After about a month the school was closed and the children were taken to McDermott.



#### **Upper Duck Run**

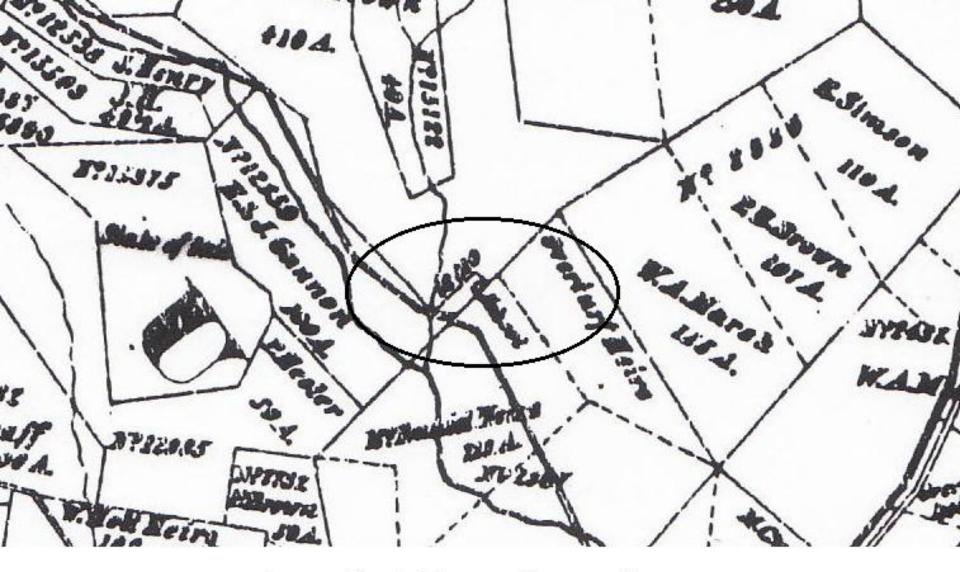


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## Lower Duck Run

The picture shows a cistern in the foreground. Stumpy Copp said the cistern supplied the water for the school which was about where the brush pile is. Also known as Owensville.



Lower Duck Run or Owensville

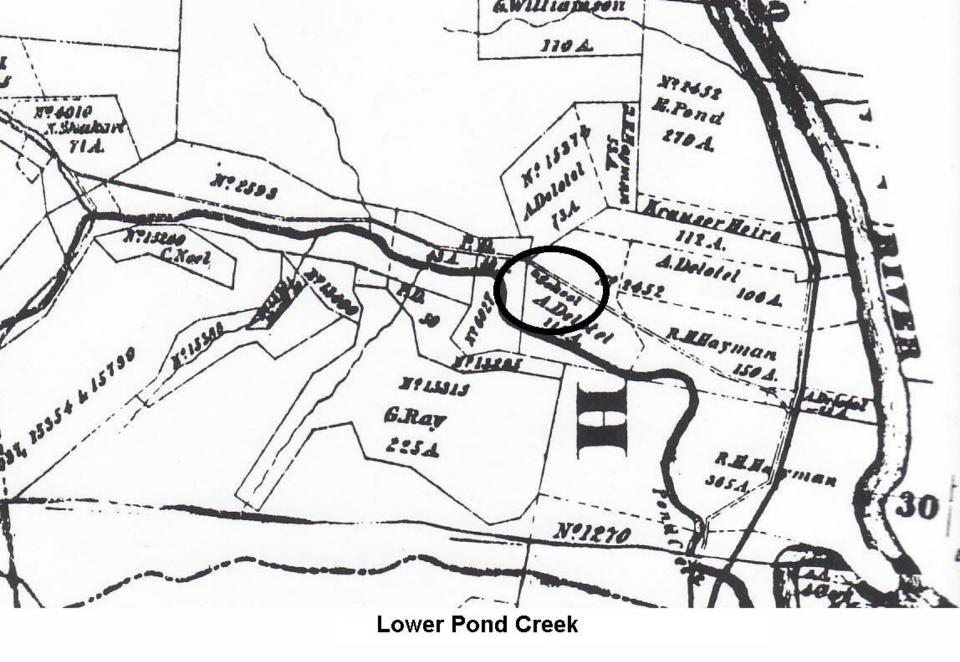
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#### Lower Pond Creek

Lower Pond Creek was on SR 73 across from Flowers 'N' More. The building was razed and burned in the fall of 2002. The address would be about 19260 SR 73.





#### Lower Pond Creek Windows have been added.

### Lower Pond Creek

All the Joe Orlett children – Mary, Joseph, Annie, John, Teresa, and Tony went to school here.

Mary Orlett - maybe Lower Pond Creek - 1904

Danny Montavon remembers a pump inside the building Gary McClary was the last person to live here.



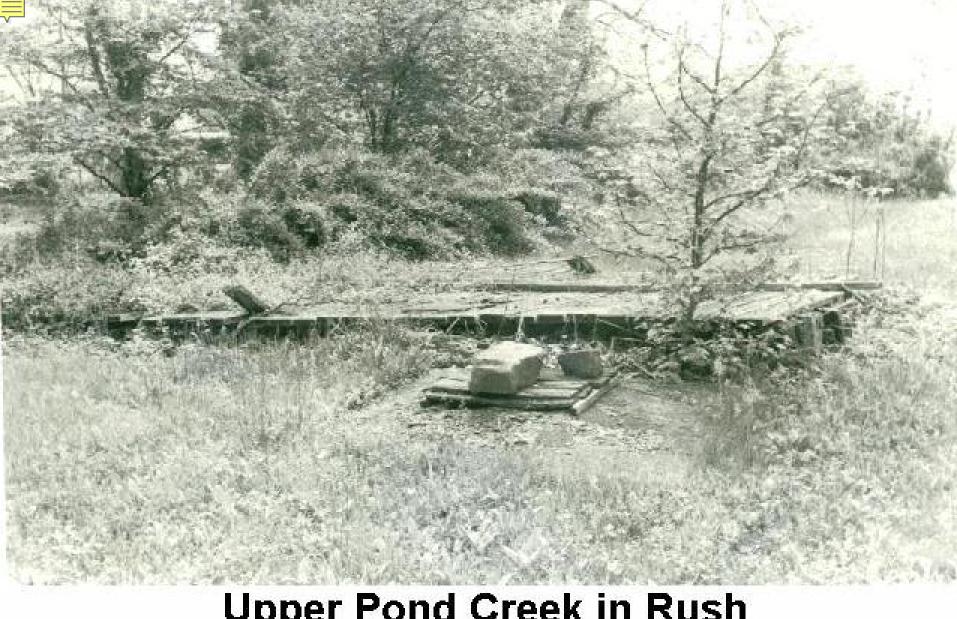
# Lower Pond Creek – Gone!

In mid-August 2002 Cynthia Matthews, who owns the farm with her sister FiFi, hired Dennis Crabtree to dig a hole, knock the schoolhouse down, shove it into the hole, burn it, and cover it up. This was done to the school, Duckwall's Tavern, and McGraw's Farmhouse along SR 73.

Lower Pond Creek - 2002

# **Upper Pond Creek**

Upper Pond Creek in Rush was on SR 73 between Victor Cremeans driveway and Dick Daniel's bridge. Rita Prose Montavon, who went to school there, says the rock in the foreground might mark the cistern that was the water supply for the school. If so, this is a picture of a bridge deck that had been over Jacqueys Run and the school was in the foreground.



#### **Upper Pond Creek in Rush**

Victor Cremeans house – school was to the right



#### Upper Pond Creek - March 1, 1895



## Students at Upper Pond Creek

The older Montavon children – Francis, Vincent, Rita (Dobbins), Marie (Redoutey), Edwin, Alberta (Brown), Virginia (McCall), and Genevieve (Burchett) went to school here.

The older Prose children Paul, Rita (Montavon), Charles, and Edward attended school here. Jovita (McBroom), went to the new school at Union.

# **Upper Pond Creek**

Genevieve Montavon Burchett was born in 1933. She started school at age six in the fall of 1939. There were two children in the first grade. Genevieve Montavon and William Delaney. That was the last year the school operated. When the school ceased to operate the building and land reverted to (or was bought by) the original landowners – the Montavons. Albert was living on the Montavon farm so he gained control of the property. He tore it town in the forties and some of the lumber was probably used somewhere on the farm. Ask Abby. The building was in the open area between Daniel's bridge and Cremeans' driveway.

Not much room but there were no gravel trucks in 1920

# McDermott Village

- 1910 Two Room burned
- Cherry Street
- Maple Street
- Two Room Ten Windows
- 1912 Stone
- 1923 Addition
- 1935 High School
- 1935 close all except Duck Run
- 1952 Primary



Another disastrous fire occur red in this county early Thursday morning when the two room --- frame school house located in the heart of McDermott caught fire from a defective flue and burned to the ground. Nothing di the contents was saved. - The-building-was -valued at \$2000 while the furniture and desks and equipment in the -school, are estimated at-from \$300 to \$500. Not a cent of insurance was carried on the building or contents.

Residents of McDermott were aroused from their slumbers about three o'clock Thursday -morning to find the village school house a mass of roaring flames.

When discovered the building was so far gone that no attempt was made to fight the fire and before the eyes of the astonished inhadiants within a short space. of time the building and its contents were completely destroyed. entailing a loss of \$2500.

Every piece of furniture and the desks in the building, also an of the books were included in the loss.

The fire was discovered about 2:45 by the train crew of freight No. 95 on the N. & W: With an incessant toot of the whistle - on the engine the crew woke up the inhabitants of the village only to find that the warning was too - late to save the building.

The fire is supposed to have originated from a defective flue Miss Grace Schoonover.

dismissed or about 4:30 Wednesday evening the teachers closed and locked the building, leaving a small fire, as was their custom. burning in the furnace.

With no one to molest it, the small blaze from the defective flue evidently spread until it was given impetus by a strong draught of air. Fanned by the high winds which blew all night the one story frame-building containing two rooms was soon a furnace of flames which did not subside until the entire structure had been consumed.

. An addition of one boom had only, recently been completed by los. Steagal: contractor, of Portsmouth. The entire building was remodeled and renovated and converted into an ideal little school house. Over So pupils were accommodated in it all of whom will be thrown out of a chance to acquire knowledge for a time, there theing no vacan: rooms at the present time available in McDermott, At least none adaptable for school room purposes.

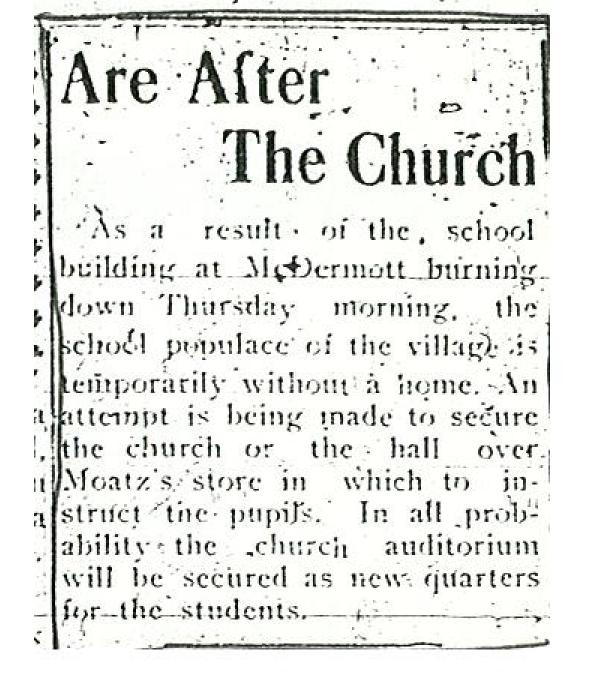
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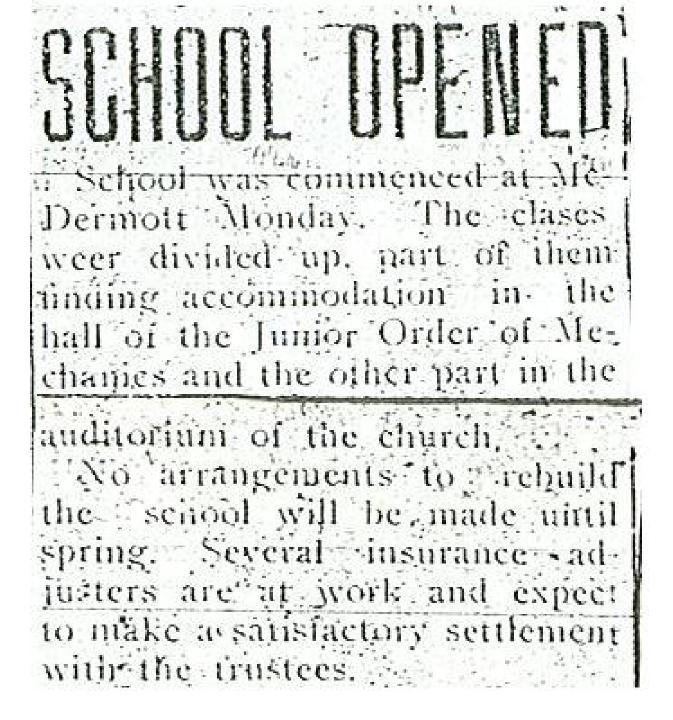
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will require a considerable amount of money to rebuild. And when they do the building	r
will likely be fire proof and en- larged-so-that-the growing popu-	H
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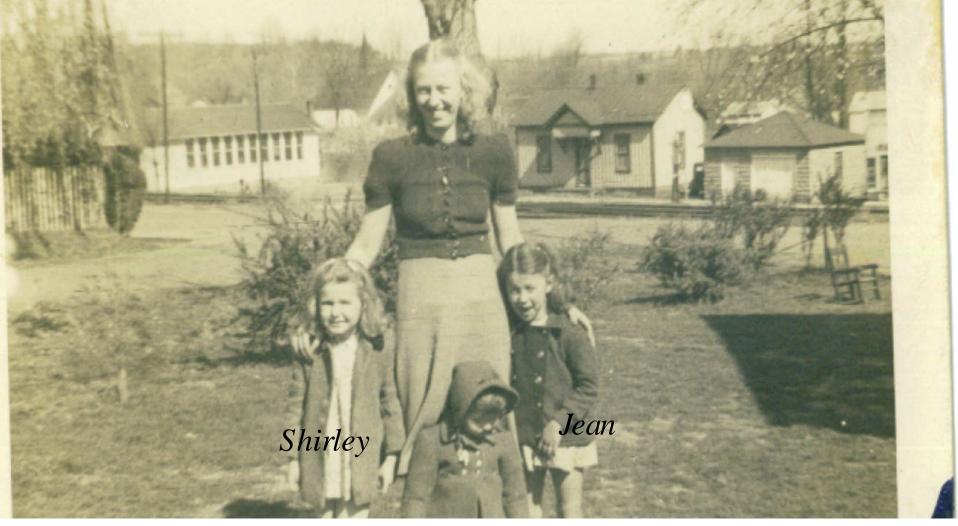




#### Location

• We believe this building was on the same location as the 1912 building. The children attended school in the Church (Baptist) and the lodge hall (Motes?) and the town hall until the new school opened in 1912.





This is Thelma Ballengee Koch with Shirley Colvin and daughter Jean. Bonnie Parsley Emmons in in the middle. The building in the background with the 10 windows was the school. At the time of this picture it's Denver Duncan's storage building. The other building in the background is the railway section foreman's house

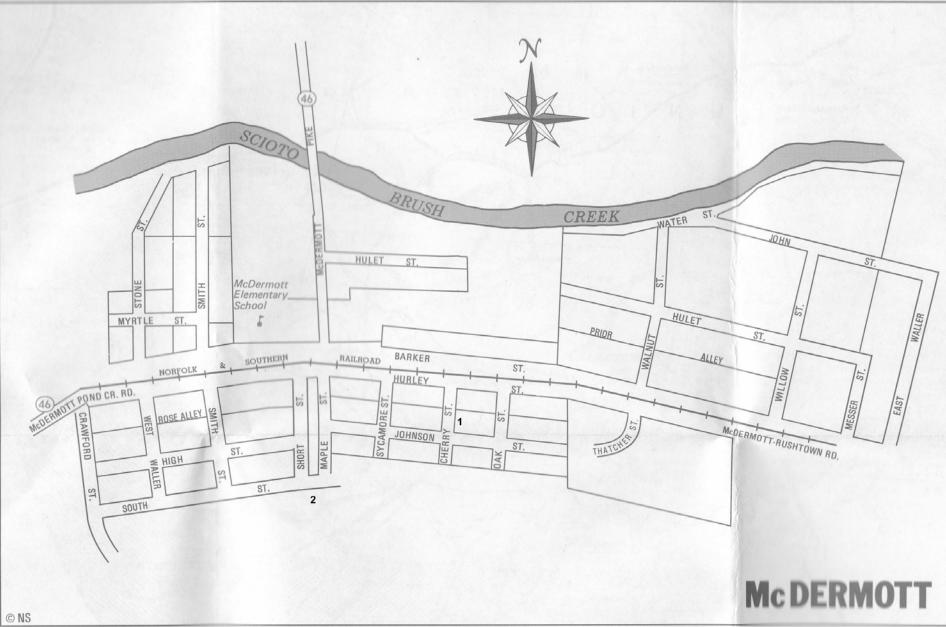
#### Old McDermott

The 10 window school stood on the baseball field behind the 1936 building. It was a "two-roomer". Denver (Dube) Duncan ran a store in McDermott where the store building is now. The 1912 building was enlarged in 1923. Sometime after this Duncan moved the school to a location behind the store and used it to store feed. Later the building was taken apart and the lumber used to build a "blacksmith shop" on the Duncan farm at Mt. Joy. The children then attended school in the enlarged 1912 building. Bob Gardner recalls that the 10 window building was later used for Manual Training.





Carl South says the metal barn is on the same location as a wooden barn. The trailer marks the location of the "blacksmith shop". Both buildings blew down in a windstorm.



### **Cherry Street**

This was the home of Opal & Bob Teeters. It's up Cherry Street to the top and then on the left. The school was across Johnson Street. (1. on the map) Dick and Libby first met there. He says he picked her out in the first grade. (c1928) Later they crossed the tracks and went to the 1912 Stone School.



It's a tomato patch across from The Teeters House. At the corner of Cherry and Johnson Streets

# **Betty Hubbard**

Betty Hubbard says that this cistern, which is behind her son Homer's trailer on Johnson Street, was the water supply for the school. The school was across Johnson Street and about 100 feet west. (on the corner)





The Cistern behind Homer Hubbard's Home

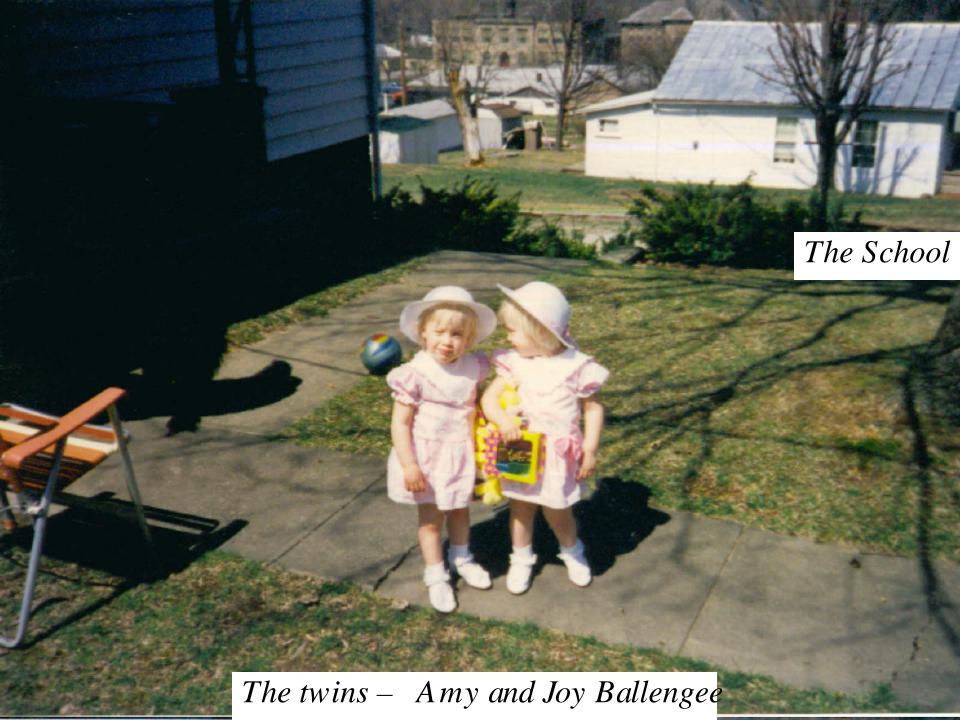
### **Maple Street**

Lula Shaw went to school here. Gathel Carpenter lived here for many years. It's down the hill from Buss Ballengee. Location 2 On the map



#### The school was on the flat spot to the left of the tree stump

We are standing in Gene Ballengee's front yard. The building on the left was a school.



In the background



# Old McDermott

The original Rush Township High School built in 1912.

Trecie Henry worked at Waller's before she married Frank Schellenger. She told her son-in-law Dick Brown that Clark Waller didn't want this building to be built because the boys would get too smart and want more money to work in the quarry.







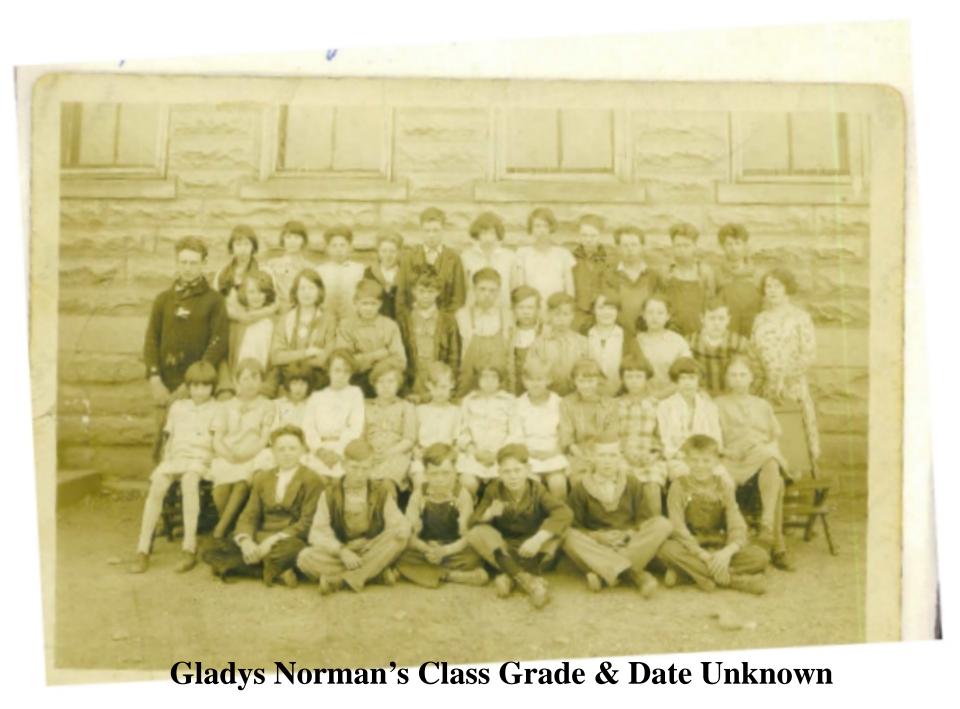


**Gladys Norman's Class – Grades 4 & 5 – 1932 - 1933** 

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### Some Classes

Five class pictures from Bonnie Emmons. Not much information about names or years. Help!







## The best we can do!

Front: Cliff Parsley, \_\_\_\_\_, Bill Crawford, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, Harold Ellis.

Middle: David Long teacher, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_,

Back: Dick Brown, Earl Thompson, \_\_\_\_\_, Glenn Parsley, Ted Thompson, Paul White.

Put these names where the belong!

Eddie Hockaden, Ralph Hamer, Harold Norman, Donald Crawford, Donald Hurley, Howard Crabtree, John Carpenter, Charles Payne, Raymond Teeters.



The Arten Row 2 over 7 Bonnie Parsley





















MEDermott School Grade 1 1947















































Names on next slide

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McDermott Third Grade - 1947

McDermott Freshmen – 1957

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Check out the roof. The darker part is the original building. The Lighter is the addition in 1923. Windows are different too.

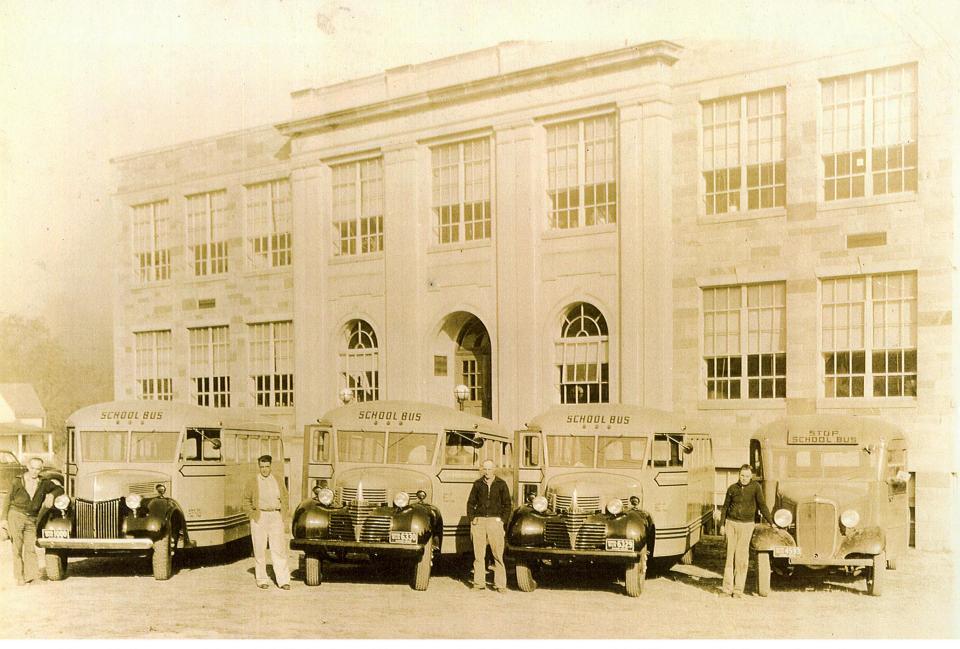




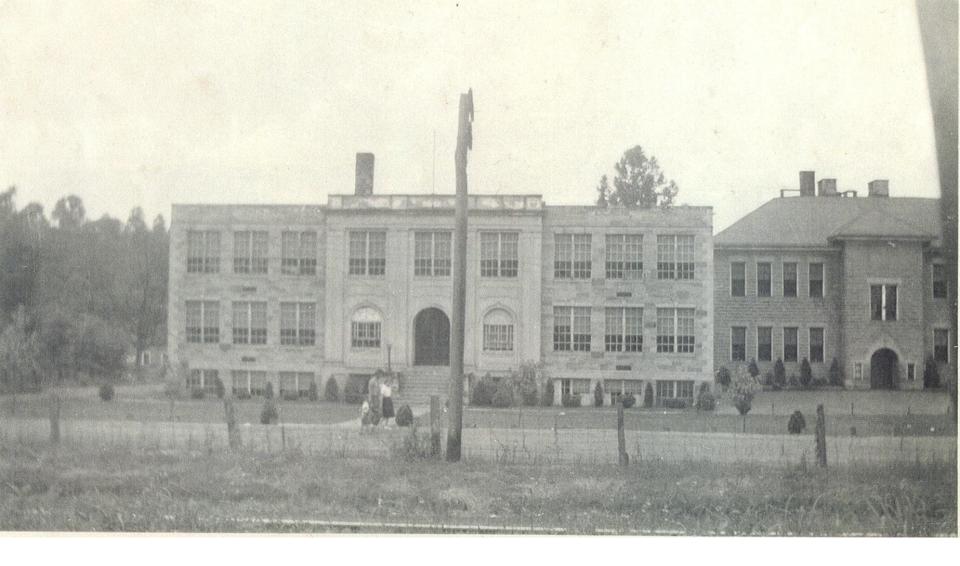


August 20, 1936 - Lloyd Crabtree, Riney, Art, Harley Ellis, Lee, Chester, Jim Evans, John, Bill, Paul, Sam, Charlie



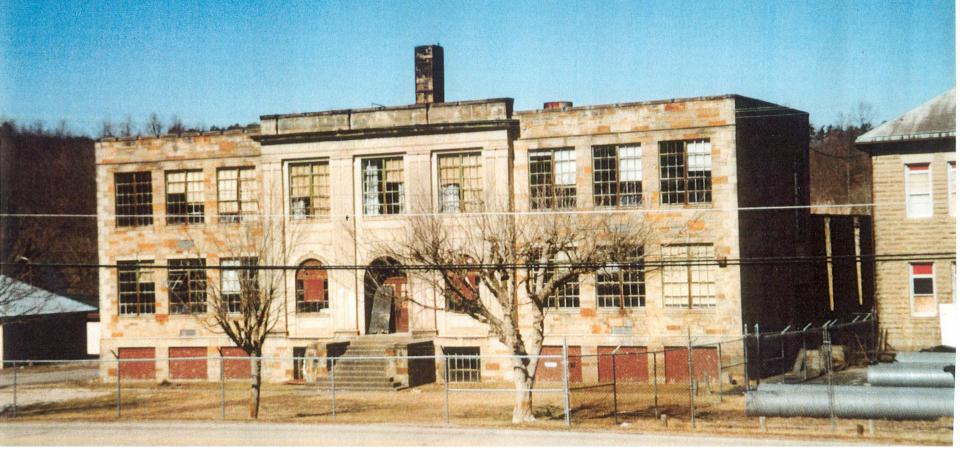


Bus Drivers - Frank Webster, Homer Boldman, Lowell Altman, Edgar Sparks

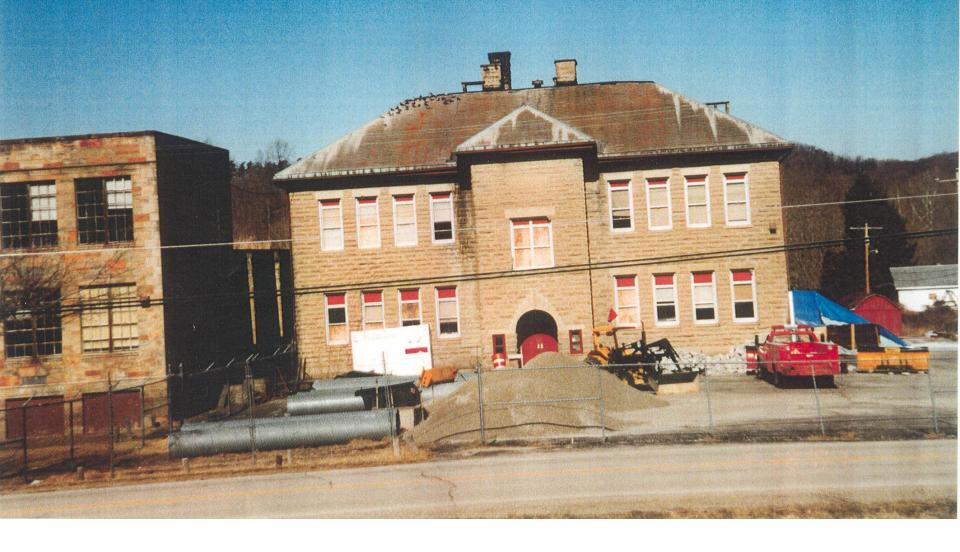


### Before the metal buildings

#### March 17, 2001 - Razed one week later



### March 17, 2001 - Razed one week later







## **McDermott High School**

McDermott (Rush Township) High School opened in 1936. Razed in 2001.

# 1912 - Gone

In March of 2001 the 1912 structure was razed. The McDermott Fall (Stone) Festival, which had been inactive for a few years, was held on the site of the old school building. The fence divides water company property and soon to be village park. Ron Cox says the pigeons moved to the Rest Home.



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Rush Township High School McDermott High School

#### **McDermott School in 1980**



# **McDermott Primary**

McDermott Primary opened in 1956 in response to the increased population caused by the A-Plant. The Water Board owns all the McDermott buildings now.



The back side of the primary building

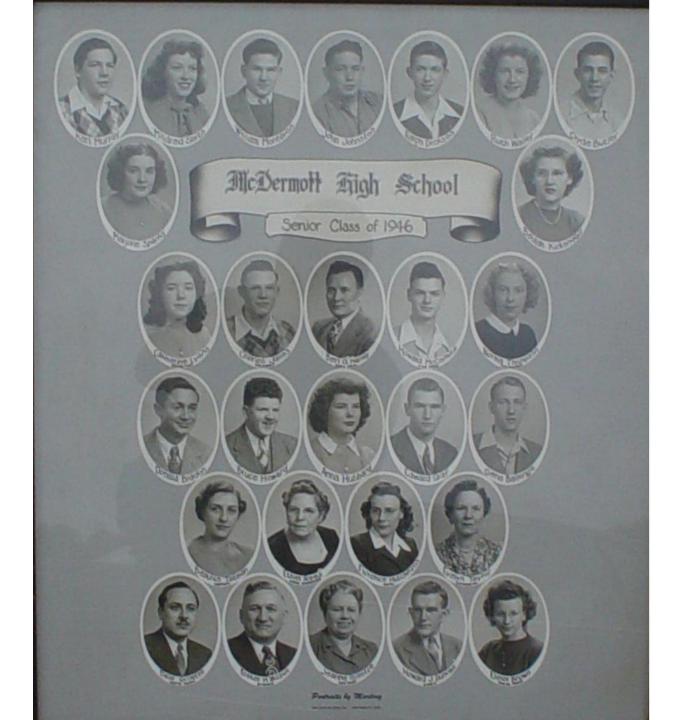
The Bus Garage – Dean Norman ran it

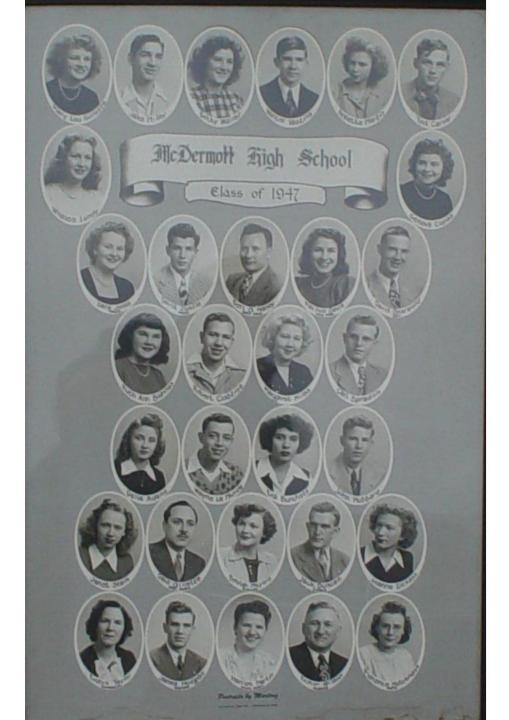
### The Depot

# Not all education takes place inside a classroom.



#### Station Agent – Robert Scott



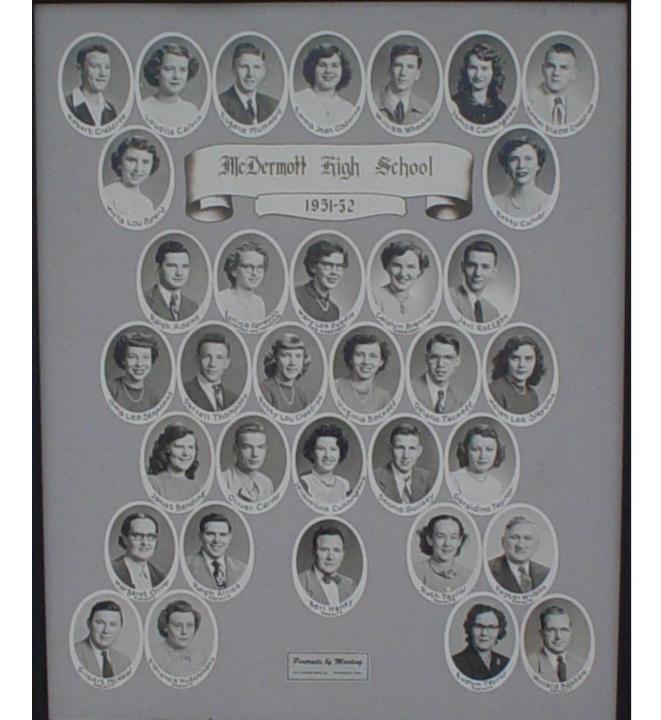


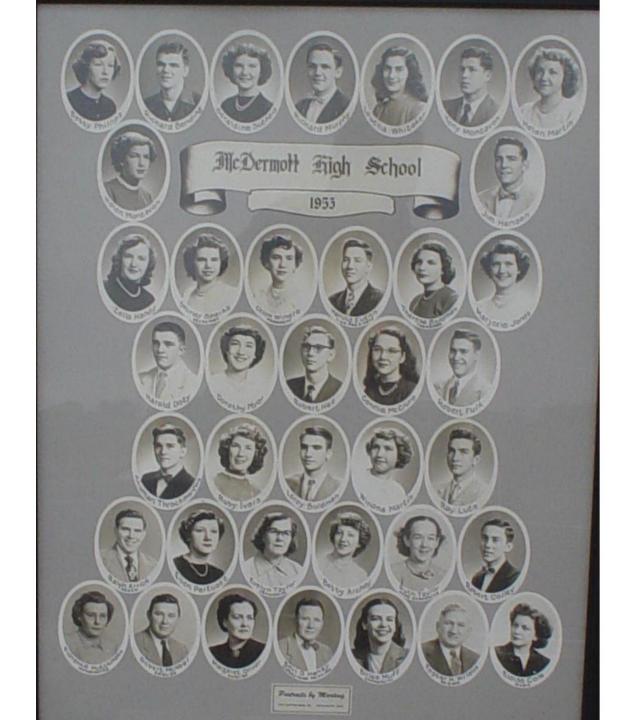




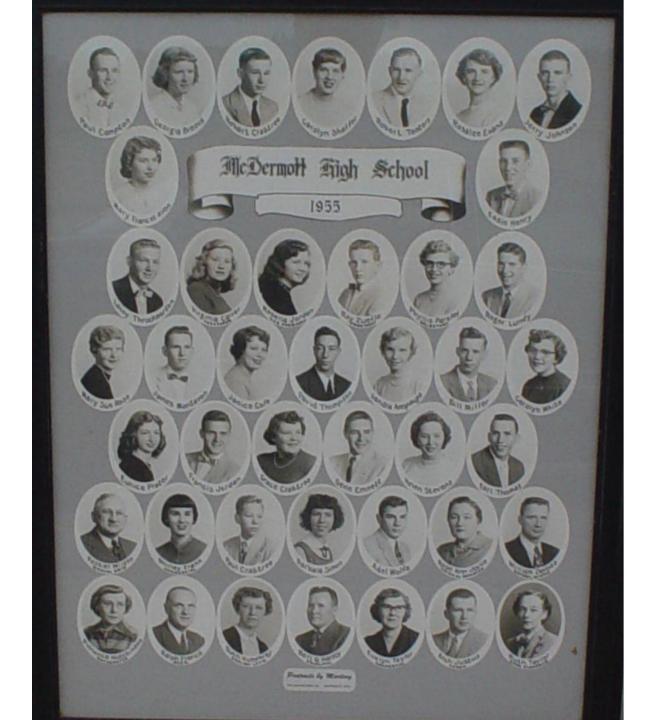


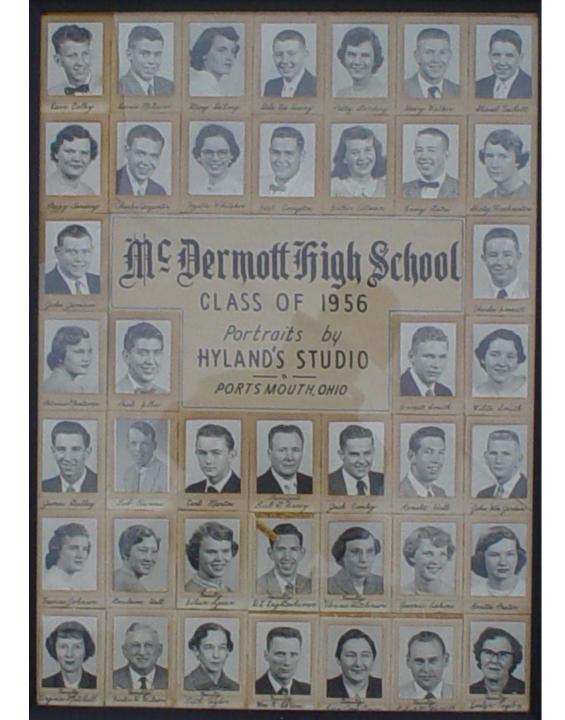


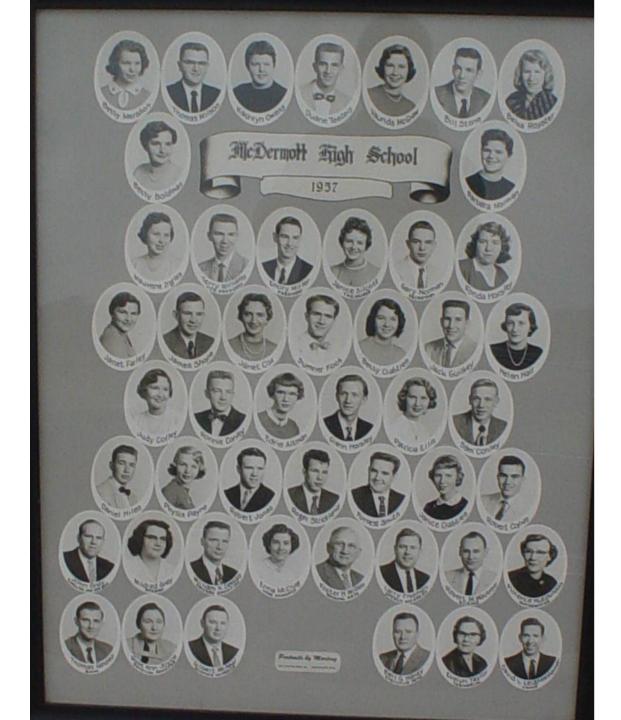


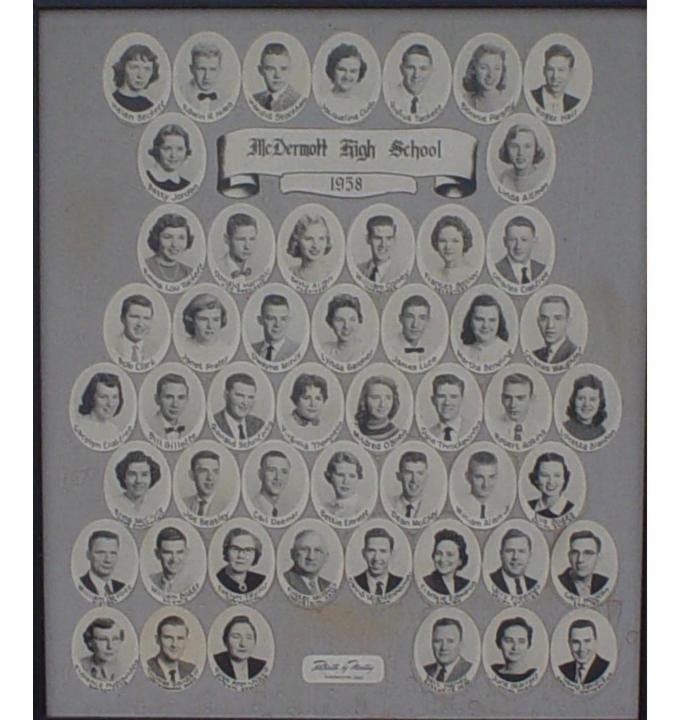












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