

# **Union Township Schools**

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The schools in Union Township included:

Pine Flat or Lombardsville

Henley

Pleasant Hill

Upper Pond Creek

Little Bear Creek (Berkley)

Freestone (Tatman-Coe) (Brush Creek)

Victory (Comstock)

Laurel Point

# Arion - Brookside

In History of Lower Scioto River Valley, there is mention of a school at Horseshoe Bend.

This may have been later known as Laurel Point – or more likely Arion. If Arion, the school was probably in the area known as Brookside – west of present-day Arion.

# Lombardsville

There was a school where the church is.

Union opened 1936.

The church was built.

The school used the church basement for classrooms.

Edna Redoutey



# Logs Sold!

The logs from the first Pine Flat School were sold to Joseph Dettwiller who built a home on SR 73 just past Diehlmann Road. John Dettwiller now lives in the house. The log school building was replaced by a frame building.



**John Dettwiller Home – Logs came from the school**



**You can see the logs from this angle**

**Never was a school.  
But the school used rooms  
in the church,  
Pine Flat School  
was here before  
the church**

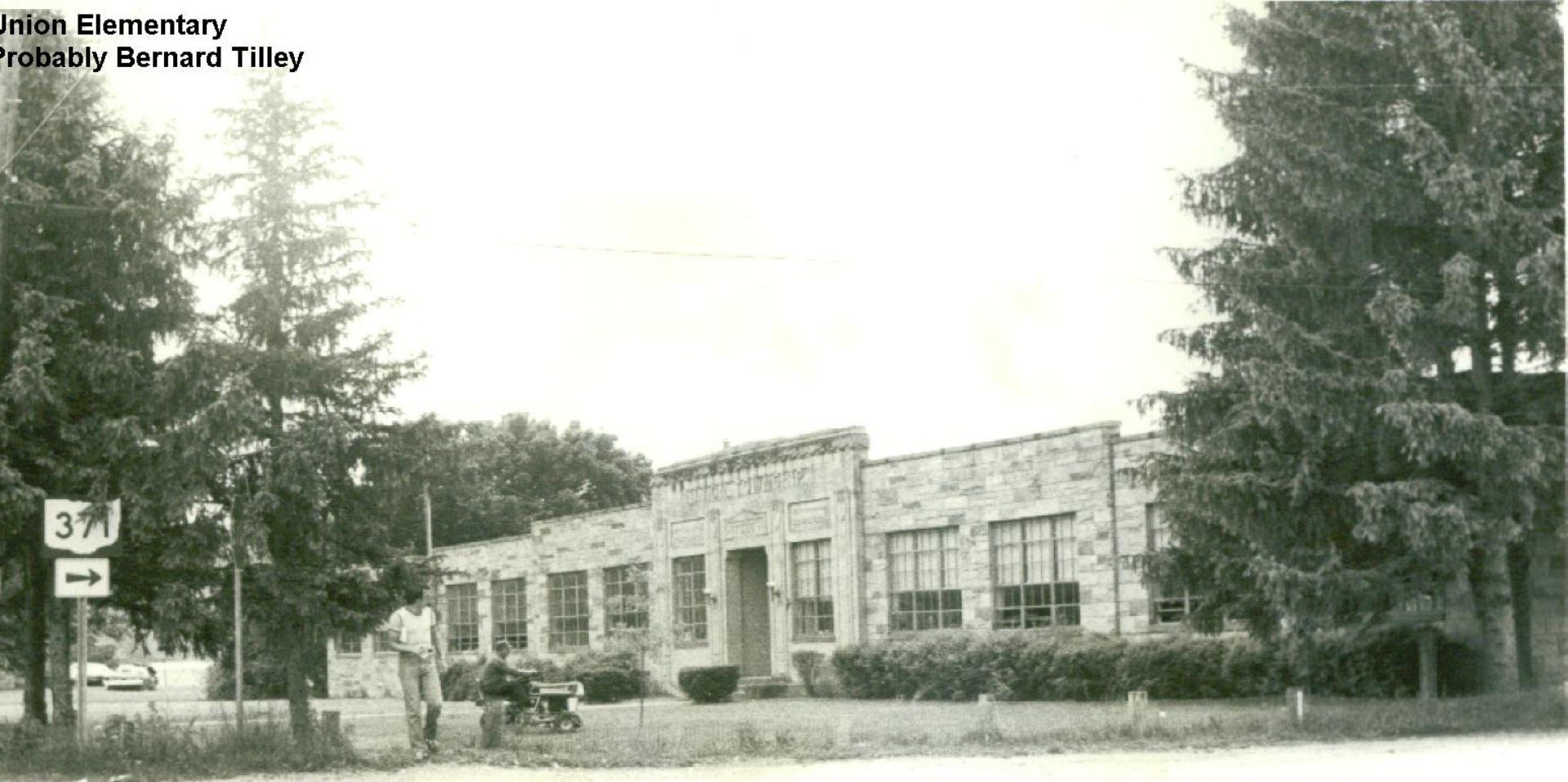


**Never was the school.  
The school used rooms in the basement of the church.  
The Log School was here before the church was built.**

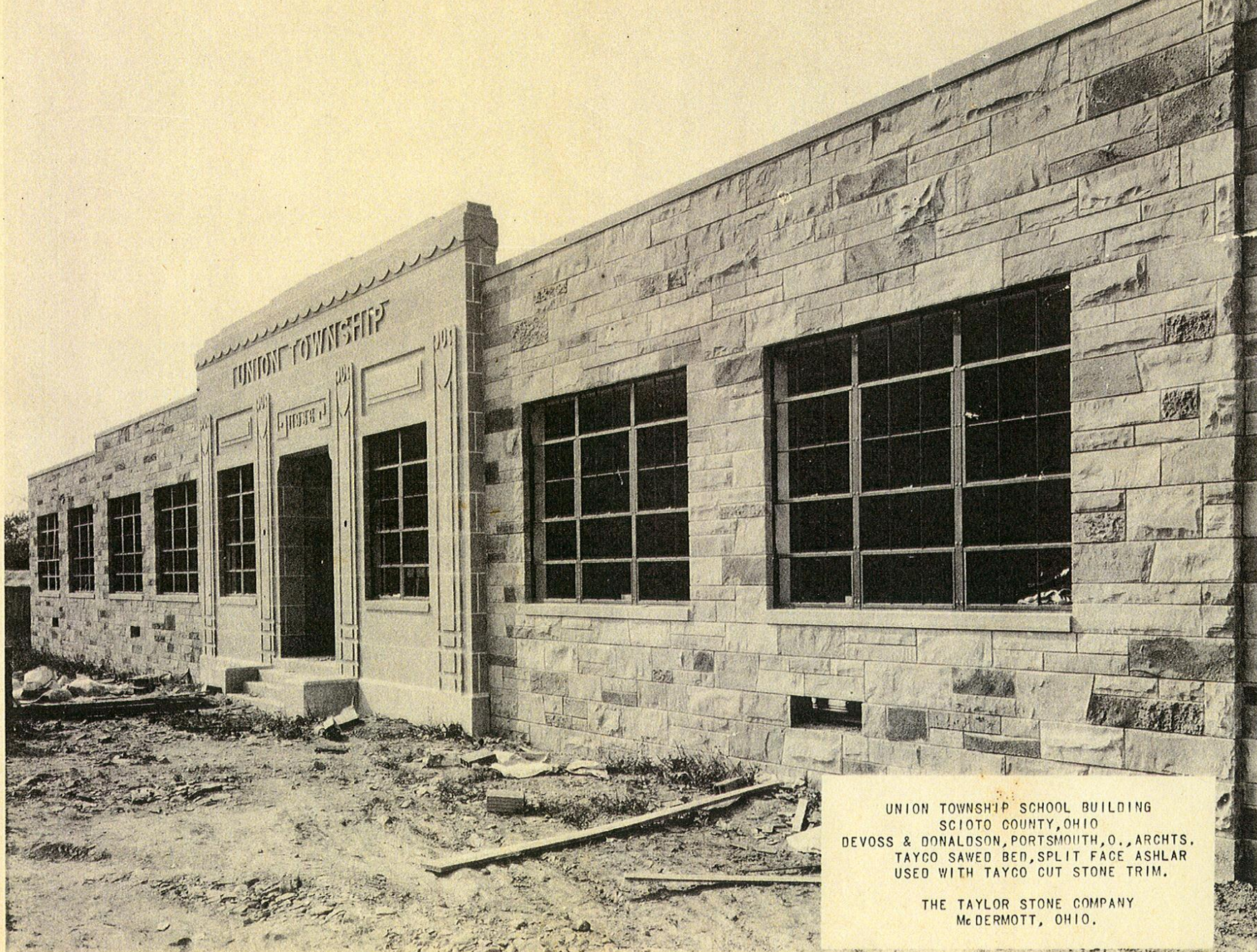




Union Elementary  
Probably Bernard Tilley







UNION TOWNSHIP SCHOOL BUILDING  
SCIOTO COUNTY, OHIO  
DEVOS & DONALDSON, PORTSMOUTH, O., ARCHTS.  
TAYCO SAWED BED, SPLIT FACE ASHLAR  
USED WITH TAYCO CUT STONE TRIM.

THE TAYLOR STONE COMPANY  
McDERMOTT, OHIO.

**Union School - 1936 - will open in the fall**



# Portsmouth Times - Sept. 8, 1936

Union Township school opening is delayed a week because seats have not arrived for the new school building on SR 73 at the entrance to Shawnee Forest. Word was received today that the seats have been shipped and school is expected to start next Monday.















**New entry built by the McClay brothers**



**Mary Eichenlaub Morgan Montavon had kindergarten,  
Cleo Ralstin had the first grade in the basement**

WISCONSIN STATE  
UNIVERSITY  
HEADSTART  
EARLY CHILDHOOD  
CARE CENTER  
1000 UNIVERSITY BLVD  
MADISON, WI 53706



# Union in 2002

Union is now called the Northwest Family Resource Center. They offer a wide range of educational opportunities for all ages. Check it out. Call Barb Nourse 259-2528



# Henley

Henley School is on Henley Comstock Road. Evelyn Bellomy lived in the house. It's next door to Ed and Vicky Crabtree. Carl Oppy went to school here. He started school at age four. Here he is in 2002 at the Upper Rocky Thanksgiving Dinner.



**Henley Comstock  
Bellamy's House**













# Remodeled

- Danny Bellomy has remodeled the house.
- New Siding
- New Roof
- New Porch on the way
- Inside too.





# Pleasant Hill

Pleasant Hill School is on Henley-Deemer Road across from the Pleasant Hill Church. Jean Frazier lives there. Flora Redoutey, Jackie Shinkle, Owen Frazier, Gail Baker and Linda Thompson grew up there.





Pleasant Hill School across from Pleasant Hill Church



Pleasant Hill School across from Pleasant Hill Church

# Jake Miller Suggests

These people  
should be in the picture.

Edna Brown (teacher)

John Heher

John Miller & Fred Miller

# 1947 Graduates

**These children graduated in 1947.**

**Some from Otway,**

**Some from McDermott.**

# Otway Graduates 1947

Alice Brown, Andrew Lucas, Arch Moore,  
Carl Brooks, Dorothy O'Hara, Estle Stall,  
Eugene Euton, Faye Ivers, George Erwin,  
Herbert Penn, Leona Brown,  
Lucia Pasturzak, Martha Bealor,  
Olive Jewett, Paul Riehm,  
Roger Loevenguth, Rose Ann Joyce,  
Ruth Pertuset, Thelma Koch,  
Thurman Hackworth

# McDermott Graduates 1947

Delia Adams, Earl Adkins,  
Ruth Ann Brannan, Eva Burchett,  
Teddy Carver, Geneva Copas, Robert Crabtree,  
Marilyn Davis, Joanne Dickson,  
Mary Lou Gillette, Margaret Hiles, John Hubbard,  
Sara Jones, Wayne LaMonda, Wilalee Lundy,  
Annette Martin, Jake Miller, David Sherwood,  
Carl Spradlin, Janet Stark, Walter Vastine,  
Betty Waller, David Zuefle



Pleasant Hill School  
Flora Frazier Redoutey  
grew up here





















# Upper Pond Creek

Upper Pond Creek in Union is on  
Carey's Run-Pond Creek Road.

Near Mershon Cemetery.

Same side of the road.

Art Mershon lived there.



**This was the Pond Creek Community Church.  
Faye McClay's mother taught Sunday School here.  
Janice Diehlmann attended Church here. It never was a school.**





**Upper Pond Creek in Union**



**Mershon's on Pond Creek.  
Janice Spradlin Diehlmann  
started school here.**















# Little Bear Creek

This school was on Little Bear Creek Road past Alum Rock on the right in the sharp turn. Bernard Pertuset says there is a blackboard on the west wall (left side) of the building. It's covered with wallpaper but it's still there. Go see it quick – it's about the fall down.

# 1917 Topo

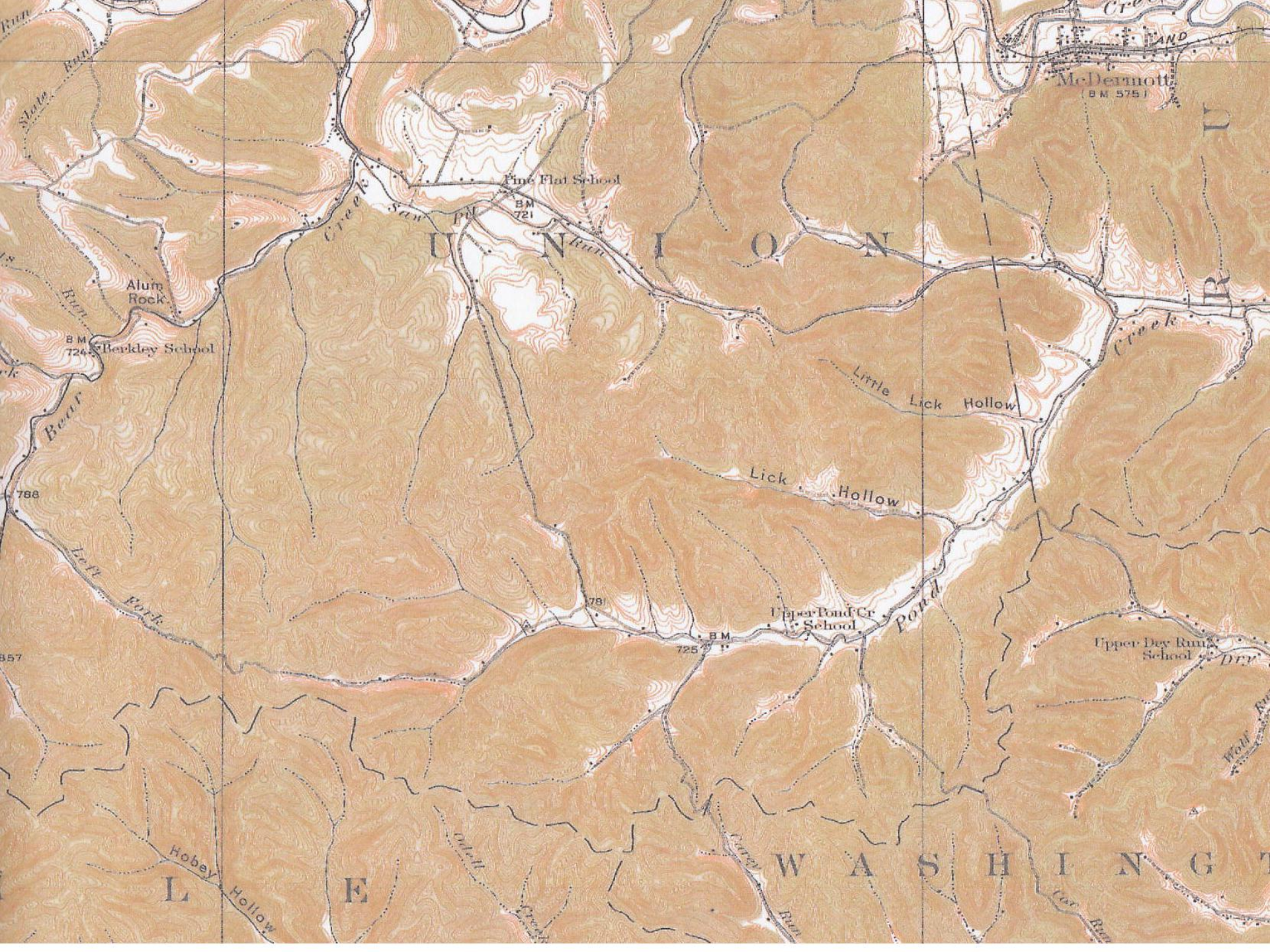
This map 1917 topo shows:

Upper Pond Creek

Berkley            (Little Bear Creek)

Pine Flat        (Union)







## Those were the days



Can you match the names to the faces? Nineteen students attending the one-room Little Bear Creek School posed in 1918 with their teacher, Rose Walsh (right), for this informal class portrait. The youngsters included Midge Sell, Mary Robinson, Nellie Robinson, Lottie Morgan, Bill Morgan, Joe Eichenlaub, Lafe

Eichenlaub, George Perry, Emerson Morgan, Dave Robinson, Russ Cooper, Babe Cooper, Dora Robinson, Harry Sells, Marie Cooper, Bird Robinson, Sarah Robinson, Dorothy Robinson and Daisy Eichenlaub. The copy of an old print was submitted by John R. Simon at the direction of Carl Ackerman.



**Emerson Morgan Sr at Little Bear Creek School - 1934**





**Little Bear Creek  
About 1920**

Mr. Orlott,

Here is the  
picture of Bear  
Creek School-1934  
Hope it helps.

Would you  
return it when  
you are finished?

Thanks,

Faye Whissen

The person is my Dad.

**Faye Whissen's dad was  
Emerson Morgan Sr.  
The year is 1934**





**Little Bear Creek School - Date Unknown**



In Witness Whereof, The said Board of Education of Union Township

who hereby release all their right and expectancy of Dower in the said premises,  
have hereunto set their hands this

fourth day of June in the year  
of our Lord one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF UNION TOWNSHIP.

Signed and acknowledged in presence of--

J. E. Ivers  
Herbert Thomas

Chas Miller  
John Hilby  
W. A. Brickland  
Albert Spradlin  
E. F. Dickmann Clerk

State of OHIO, County of SCIOTO, SS.

Be it Remembered, That on this fourth day  
of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine  
hundred thirty-seven before me, the subscriber, a  
in and for said county, personally came

the grantor in the foregoing Deed, and acknowledged the signing  
thereof to be their voluntary act and deed.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed  
my name and affixed my Official seal  
on the day and year last aforesaid.

Grant Cooper  
Justice of the Peace

**FROM**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF UNION TOWNSHIP**

*RC*  
*RR*  
*Am*  
*am*  
*TO*  
*MLC*  
*P.C.C.*  
*Wes*

**WESLEY EUTON**







*Margaret Webb owns it*









*Bernard' s Blackboard – a little dark*



*Some sheetrock has been removed to reveal some boards  
that are painted black – A Blackboard!*



*December 20, 2002 – from the upstream side*





*An addition has been made – The siding is different.  
From the rear - December 20, 2002 – In the rain*

# Freestone

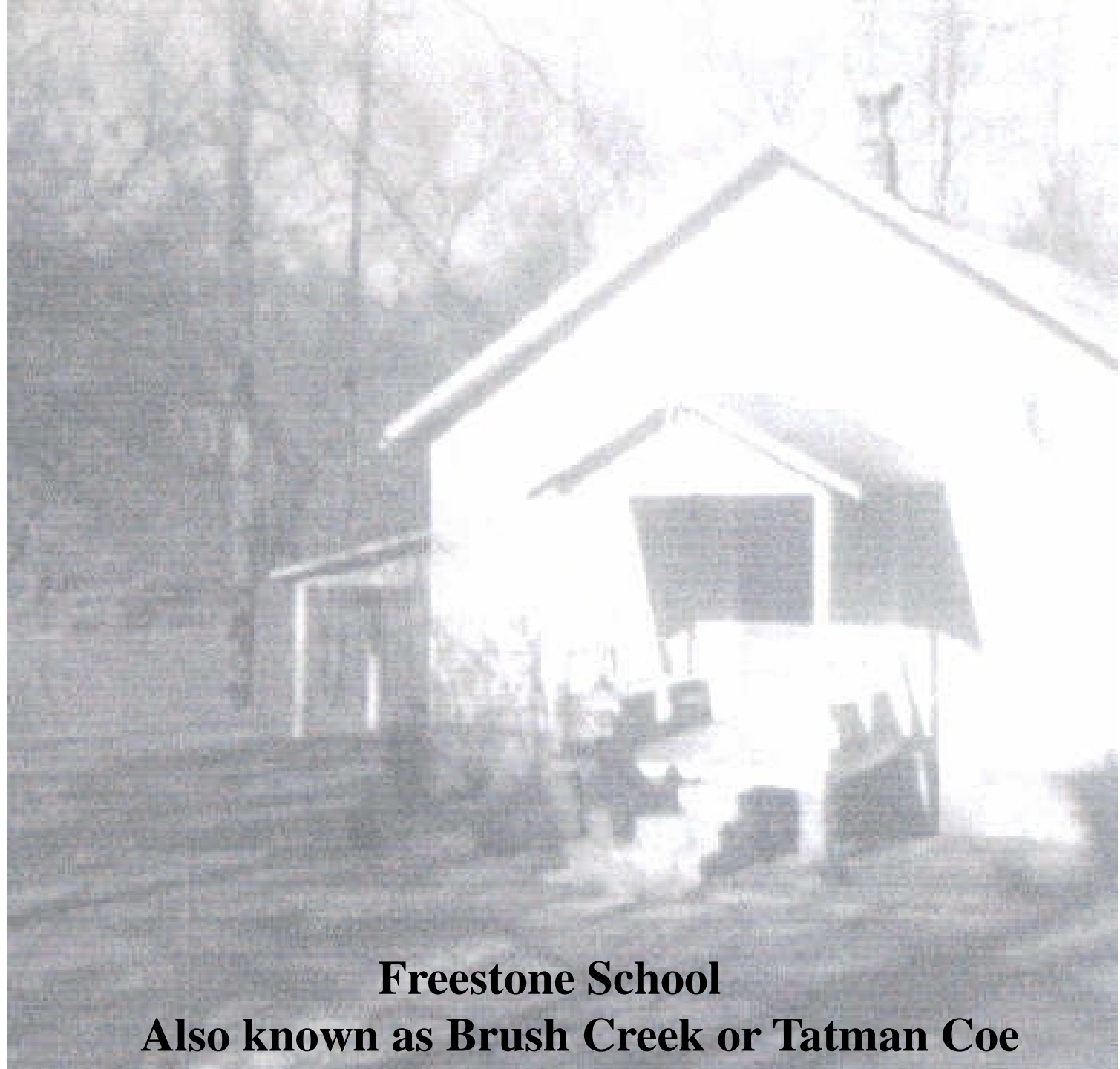
Freestone or Brush Creek or Tatman Coe was on Tatman Coe Road at about 1590. The building is gone. Gene Crabtree lived there with his foxhounds. There is a angled driveway that goes toward the creek. There are paving bricks that may have been a sidewalk. Ron Cox says as you float down Brush Creek the stream makes a sharp turn to the left (away from the road). The building was on the right bank. The Flood of '97 damaged the building so much that it was torn down.

Freestone School  
On Tatman Coe Road



**Freestone School**





**Freestone School**  
**Also known as Brush Creek or Tatman Coe**



**Freestone School – Date Unknown**



*Paving bricks that may be a sidewalk*





*That' s a trailer frame  
The school was to the right*



*Tatman Coe Road 2002*

# Victory

Victory was on Henley Comstock Road across from Ray Lute. It's over the hill – you can't see it from the road. It's made of hand-hewn dovetailed poplar logs. A work of art. Also known as Comstock.









*Herb Thomas parked a bus in it.*















# **Laurel Point**

**Laurel Point School was across the tracks on  
SR 73 at the old Honaker Farm.**

**The turn on SR 73 and the railroad  
is called Laurel Hill.**

**The only record I have of its existence is this  
material which is on the web at:**

**[http://home.earthlink.net/~the.robinsons/school\\_roster.htm](http://home.earthlink.net/~the.robinsons/school_roster.htm)**



Laurel Hill near Otway, O. 7-18-1901



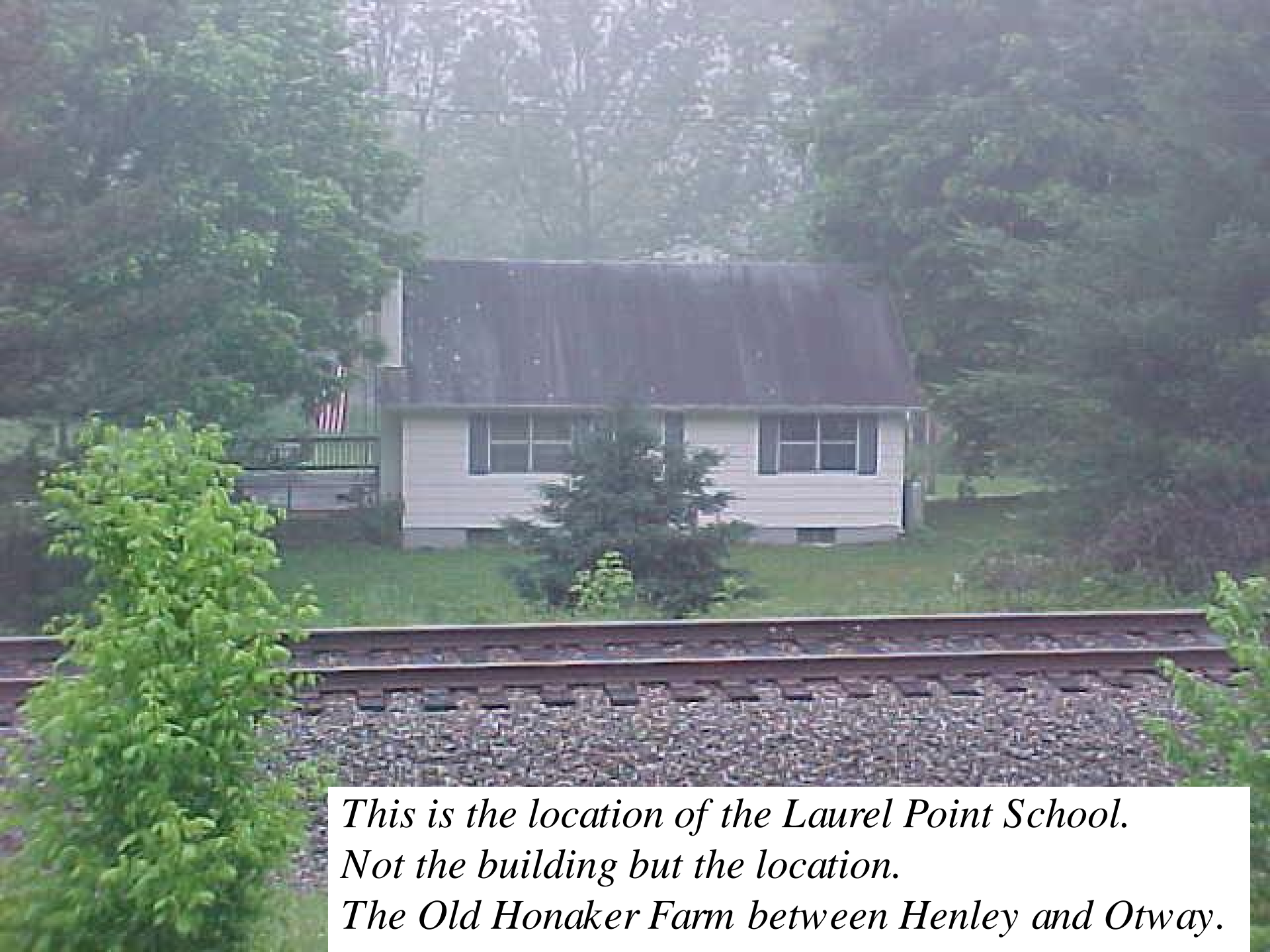
# Laurel Point

- This farm was owned by Milt Jones who married Rosie Smith. Their daughter was Gladys Jones. Gladys married Dale Riley and taught first grade at Otway for 48 years. Kenton Riley is her son.
- Rosie Jones lost the property to Tom Honaker.
- Dr. George Esham owns it now.

# Railroad

- Norvel Davis says that the curve at Laurel Hill is the sharpest on the old N&W Railway. It requires the track to be superelevated 7 degrees.
- Chester Ralstin agrees.





*This is the location of the Laurel Point School.  
Not the building but the location.  
The Old Honaker Farm between Henley and Otway.*









# Souvenir



Laurell Point School, Dist. No. 7

Union Twp., Seale Co., O. Term Sept—March.

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Grace Mullen	Ida Brown
Lizzie Cooper	Willie Cooper
Dollie Thompson	Richard Thompson
Walter Jewett	Ida Thompson
Martin Eichenlaub	John Eichenlaub
Grace Slye	John Slye
Bessie Morgan	Marilda Morgan
Herbert Kirkendall	John Cooper
James Robinson	Annie Robinson
George Robinson	Willie Robinson
Daniel Robinson	Homer Morgan
Sarah McClary	Thomas Morgan
George Morgan	Ivy McClary
Mary McClary	John Morgan
Harvey McClary	Albert McClary
Robert McClary	Charles Robinson
Lois Jewett	Julia Thompson
Wm. Patrick Thompson	Mary Jane Davis
	Ellen M. Davis



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Ella M. Davis

# LAURELL POINT SCHOOL     DISTRICT No. 7

The surname Robison Has been changed to Robinson

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McClary

Leo Jewett   William Patrick Thompson   Ida Brown   Willie Cooper   Richard  
Thompson

Ida Thompson   John Eichenlaub   John Slye   Marilda Morgan   John  
Cooper   Annie Robinson

Willie Robinson   Homer Morgan   Thomas Morgan   Ivy McClary   John  
Morgan   Albert McClary

Charles Robinson   Juley Thompson   Mary Jane Davis   Eliza M. Davis



# Highway Department

If you drive on SR 73 between Otway and Henley, Laurel Point School is in Brush Creek Township, according to the Township Boundary signs erected by the State Highway Department. Charlie Box says the sign are in the wrong place. Since the Internet data has Laurel Point in Union – we'll put it there too. The township line may have changed too.

# Thanks For Watching!

If you have a comment, correction or something  
to add, contact Jake Orlett

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