

'School days,...'

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exam which required knowledge in spelling, arithmetic, penmanship, geography, history, word meaning and hygiene.

At the beginning of the year, the teacher was given a schooling guide, "The State Course Study," which outlined the expectations of the school in reference to classes and behavior. "Teachers were told to wear good, plain clothes and stay away from fancy dresses with lace and frills," said Mrs. Moorhead.

Mrs. Moorhead taught for 18 years between 1914 and 1932. She indicated that she took time off to raise her family before returning to her career. She also added that she enjoyed her job immensely and that perhaps she would not have enjoyed it near as much if she were teaching now.

Along with the history of the county's schools and educational system, one cannot forget St. Marys which was built in 1893. Lay teachers taught in the 2-story elementary school until 1910 when Dominican Sisters came to the parish. In 1926 a ninth grade was added to the school and from then until 1929 a grade was added each year. The elementary school was destroyed by fire in 1960 and a new one was built and dedicated 2 years later.

THE FOLLOWING is a list of 42 other schools which were at one time in operation in Otsego County:

Ashley School — located in Corwith Township, section 3.

Big Lake School — located on the west side of Big Lake, section 8, Chester Township. This was the last rural school to close.

Ballenger School — located east of Vanderbilt on Sturgeon Valley Road at Pigeon River, section 19, Corwith Township.

Coppins School.
Elmira School.

Fairgreave School — located on M-32 south of Johannesburg, section 21, Charlton Township.

Fisher School — located on Hayes Tower Road, section 34, Hayes Township. It is noted that the school was painted pink for some reason and was nicknamed the Pink School.

Five Lakes School.

Franks School — located on Town Line Road, section 36, Elmira Township.

Gibbs School — located on Gibbs and Meridian Roads. It was a fractional school meaning that it was located in Otsego County but was also used by students from Montmorency County. On section 14, Charlton Township.

Hallenius School — located on west M-32, section 35, Elmira Township.

Hetheron School — located at Hetheron on the Meridian Line Road, section 12, Charlton Township.

Hilly Row School.

Huffman School — located on Huffman Lake Road in Charlevoix County. This also was a fractional school used by students in Otsego County as well as Charlevoix.

King School — located on east M-32 at the corner of Oley Lake Road, section 16, Chester Township.

Lozen School — located on Van Tyle Road, also known as Van Tyle School. It was the first rural school to consolidate with the Gaylord School.

Logan School — located on Whitmarsh Road, section 31, Livingston Township.

McGreager School — located west on Vanderbilt on McGreager Road. Students from both Otsego and Charlevoix Counties attended it.

Marlette School — located at the corner of Marlette and Sherman Roads, section 33, Otsego Lake Township.

Marquardt School — located on Marquardt Road, section 17, Dover Township. The building now serves as the Dover Township Hall.

Martindale School — located on Martindale Road, section 8, Livingston Township. It was also known as Pike School.

Meston School — located on east M-32 at the corner of Goslow Road. When the building burned, a new cement block building was erected and the name was changed to Polaski School.

Mount Jack School.
Murner School — located on the corner of Murner and Parmater Roads, section 19, Livingston Township.

Otsego Lake School —

located in the Village of Otsego Lake on North and South Streets, section 9, Otsego Lake Township.

Palmer School — located on Finnegan Road, section 26, Chester Township and was also known as Lewis School.

Poor Farm School — located on West Allis Road, section 20, Livingston Township.

Porcupine School — located at the corner of Allis and Schaff Roads on the west side of Porcupine Lake, was also known as the Green School.

Rush School — located near Vanderbilt in Corwith Township.

Red School — located on north Old 27 on the corner of Parmater Road. The school was donated by the O'Rourke Family and has since been moved to county property on Van Tyle Road for display as a museum.

Sallings School — located on east side of West Otsego Lake Drive near the Railroad crossing, section 21, Bagley Township. It was formerly known as Bagley School and the majority of students who attended Sallings were children whose parents were employed at the mill.

Sawyer School.

Schaff School — located at the corner of Schaff and Martindale Roads, section 1, Elmira Township.

Sparr School — located on the corner of Gibbs and Marquardt Roads, section 30, Dover Township.

Sturgeon Valley School — located on Old Vanderbilt Road, section 30, Livingston Township.

Swanson School — located on the Mancelona Road west of Otsego Lake, section 13, Hayes Township.

Vienna School — located at Vienna at intersection of M-32 and Meridian Road, section 24, Charlton Township.

Waters School — located at the village of Waters, section 29, Otsego Lake Township.

Wheeler School — located at the corner of Beckett and Waters Roads, section 1, Chester Township.

Whitmarsh School — located on Whitmarsh Road, section 8, Livingston Township.

Will Waters School.
Shields School — located on the corner of Poquette and Goslow Road, section 24, Livingston Township.



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