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Centennial Reunion

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3rd, 1963

Registration 10 a.m. - Picnic Lunch

* PROGRAMME *

Teachers Introduced and Presentations Made

Sunday, August 4th, 1963

Open Air Church Service 3 p.m.

Guest Preacher - Rev. JOHN McKAY, of Toronto

HISTORY OF S.S. NO. 9, EAST NISSOURI

Holiday School

This school was built in 1864. It was a timber frame, set on blocks, and the siding was made of big boards, running up and down. There was no foundation, and in the summer, the sheep used to lie under the school. The school-ground consisted of only a quarter of an acre, and it was not fenced.

The furniture was planed pine lumber. The teacher's desk and the pupils' seats, as well as their desks were made of the same material. There were two windows at the north and boards painted black were attached to the wall, between the windows to serve as blackboards.

In 1877, the building was remodelled, when a stone foundation was put under it and it was veneered with brick. The front porch was added, and the north windows closed. A new blackboard was put in at this time. It was plaster covered with lampblack. A platform was built along the blackboards and new seats installed.

In 1910, a pasteboard blackboard was put in and it was used until 1934, when it was replaced by the present slate boards.

1912, another big renovation programme was carried out, when a hardwood floor was put in, the ceiling raised and the walls tinned. The cloakrooms were built, the Waterbury furnace installed and new seats and desks appeared. A woodshed was built and the grounds were enlarged to $\frac{1}{2}$ acre.

The first land was rented at one dollar a year. However, in 1912, the half acre was purchased for \$90, with the understanding that it was to be used for school purposes. When it was no longer used as such, it was to revert to the farm.

During the "Eighties" it was used for a Sunday School. Mr. Farquhar Noble, Mr. John McWilliam and Mr. Francis Howes carrying on the work for two summers. Then in the Nineties, the Sunday School was started again, by Mr. Howes' son, Christopher, and Mr. Donald McKay. This time it continued during the summer months until 1915.

In the early years, a religious sect called Christian Undenominated held meetings in a large tent, situated on the south east corner, across from the school, under the leadership of Douglas & Haliburton. Since 1878, the schoolhouse has been used for occasional meetings by this group.

Until 1906, this school was the polling booth of subdivision No. 3, ward 2, of East Nissouri. Nominations for Councillors were held here when the township was in wards.

GLEANINGS FROM THE RECORDS

While no records are available for the early years, the minute and account book for the section, from 1878 to 1941, is in a good state of preservation, and shows some particularly fine examples of penmanship, as well as some interesting data.

Annual meetings were held each year in the school. A chairman and Sec. appointed, and financial report received which was duly audited by auditors elected by the meeting.

Some gleanings from this book are: 1878 — Bal. on hand from 1877 was \$1.72. Receipts were — Municipal grant of 23.22, a Legislative grant of 19.69, and an amount collected from school taxes which was 276.42, being a levy of $1\frac{1}{4}$ mills.

Interesting expenditures for the year 1878 were: A. McBrayne 2 brooms — .60, John McDonald 14 cords of wood at \$1.00 per cord. The contract stipulated the wood was to be green, maple & beech wood, 20 in. long, split fine and piled close. The Teacher, Miss Lena Murray was paid 255.50, with the Legislative grant which each year was designated for the Teacher's salary. One dollar was paid to James Sutherland, as rent for the school site. Total receipts for the year were 323.85 and the expenditures were \$301.12, leaving a balance of \$22.73.

The next year a chair was bought for the school for .50, and also a poker and shovel from John McKenzie for \$1.25. David Reith repaired the school for \$5.00.

In 1880, the insurance of \$6.50 was paid to D. R. Calder for a period of 3 yrs. The next year a new stove was bought, with 18

lengths of pipe, and a zinc floor mat for \$15.50 from H. Campbell, Ingersoll, and D. McDonald received \$2.75 for driving to Ingersoll for the stove, and setting it up. A new top piece was put on the pump and repairs to the logs.

A motion appeared on the books as follows: Moved by Hugh McDonald, sec. by Philip McDonald, and resolved that it is the unanimous desire of this meeting, that the school sections remain as they are.

In 1882, lumber was purchased in Ingersoll for a new board fence, a cost of 2.30. The nails and other hardware cost .30.

In 1883, Miss Jessie McWilliam was the Teacher, her salary being 218.66, with the legislative grant of \$16.88. Wood was \$1.25 per cord.

In 1887, prizes costing \$1.35 were given the scholars, and the same year \$4.30 was paid for lighting the fires.

1890, the roof was shingled. The shingles cost \$26.00.

1893, Miss McWilliam was again the teacher, and her salary rose to 322.50 with the grant of 17.65. That year the amount raised for school purposes was \$365.72.

In 1895, a Globe was purchased for \$5.00, and the next year a clock was bought for the same amount.

In 1897 the blackboard was slated and in 1898, a motion appeared on the books — That in the matter of a new school, it was decided that it would be left in the hands of the Trustees to make what minor repairs were really necessary.

The Teacher left her examination grant of \$10.00 for prizes for the scholars.

In 1900, a water pail was purchased for .40, 2 brooms for .60, and blackboard brushes for .20.

In 1903, a school bell was bought for .75.

In 1906, the price paid for lighting the fires was \$16.00, and wood was \$1.90 per cord.

In 1908, a flag pole was put up, and in 1910 a new blackboard was installed.

Two years later, major renovation took place, and a year after, it was decided to buy a $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of land for the school grounds.

In 1915, Chas. Crellin did work on the school for \$100, and the next year a water cooler was bought and books for the Library.

In 1918, the sum of \$5.00 was voted G. R. Green, Agricultural Representative, for seeds for the School Fair. Next year this was changed to a straight grant of \$5.00. A new clock was purchased during this year.

In 1925, blinds were purchased, Library books bought and a new fence put around the grounds.

In 1927, the school was painted by Chas. Crellin, and the following year a set of Books of Knowledge were purchased.

In 1929, a new Teacher's desk was bought, and 15 cords of wood were supplied at \$4.95 per cord.

In 1930, new maps and a globe were purchased, and the blackboards painted.

In 1930 Report cards were bought for use in the school.

In 1932, the school fair grant was raised to \$10.00.

New blackboards and a cupboard were installed in 1934, and two years later, the school was painted and dustbane purchased for use in cleaning.

In 1938, the floor was oiled, and the School wired for hydro. Also, the same year supplies were purchased for hot lunches.

In 1946, the School was painted by Mac McPherson.

In 1947, S.S. #9 School Section joined the East Nissouri School Area.

In 1954, major renovations again took place, when an addition was built on the front of the school. The furnace was moved back into this addition, and washrooms installed. A well was drilled at this time. Over the years, a dug well on the grounds had provided water for some time, but for a great number of years water was carried in pails from the adjoining Hossack farm.

Holiday

The School at S.S. #9, has often been referred to as Holiday School, because of its nearness to the village of Holiday.

Holiday was long known as Nissouri, receiving its name in 1853. It is not known why the name was changed to Holiday in 1897, unless it was to avoid confusion with the name of the Township. The name Holiday probably was made at the suggestion of the Post Office Department.

In 1880, Holiday was called McBraynes Corners, and was the Post Office of the Township. It boasted a hotel and general store, and a blacksmith shop. The population was twenty-five, and mail came daily.

Archibald McBrayne was general merchant and Post Master, and kept a hotel on the south west corner of the farm now owned by Keith Hutcheson, lot 11, Con. 1, West Zorra. Later Archibald Straitch purchased the store and hotel. The Post Office was moved across to the blacksmith shop which was situated across the road from the hotel. The general store was an attraction to the children at that time as they liked to buy gum and candy.

Trustees

WHO HAVE SERVED 1878 - 1964

John McCall, Hugh Sutherland, Donald McCorquodale, Peter Ross, George McKenzie, John Murray, Hugh McDonald, Dugald McDonald, Donald McKay, Dugald McCaul, Alfred Thornton, Robert McArthur, Duncan Hossack, James McCorquodale, John McLure, Donald McDonald, Hector Ross, George McWilliam, C. J. Howes, Wilbert Hossack, James William McDonald, Robert McDonald, John McDonald, William R. McDonald, Frank McCorquodale, Calvin McKay, Robert Oliver, Alex McCorquodale.

In 1946 Murray McKellar was Appointed Sec. The next year the section entered the Area. Those who have served as Area trustees are: Lawrence Moore, Fred Barnett, Angus McWilliam, Hugh McKay.

Inspectors

For a number of years, William Carlyle was Inspector. He was known, and often feared for his keen perception, and tense criticism. Many stories are told of the many catchy questions, he put to both teachers and pupils. Although feared by both teachers and pupils, he will be remembered because he always declared a half holiday when his inspection period was finished.

He was followed by J. M. Cole. Mr. George Mather followed Mr. Cole, and Mr. W. G. Anderson was Inspector until 2 yrs. ago, when Mr. Schletzauer assumed the duties.

S. S. No. 9, E. NISSOURI.		
	Term Marks.	Exam. Marks.
Fifth class,		
F. Thornton.....	5268	799
A. McKay.....	8403	797
M. McKenzie ...	2764	708
A. McKenzie....	7732	789
J. Reith.....	—	—
Fourth class		
G. Towle.....	8693	738
M. Thornton....	6201	595
I. McDonald....	7584	540
G. McCall.....	3516	743
Fourth class Jr.		
A. Reith.....	9205	481
M. McDonald....	7601	—
T. Ross.....	1706	444
I. Ross.....	7663	692
J. A. McDonald .	9475	578
J. McDonald....	2682	593
D. Mc Call.....	5200	556
A. Mooney.....	8869	—
M. Ross.....	412	—
Third class,		
W. McKay.....	9775	475
S. Roulston....	8642	389
J. McDonald....	8973	435
E. Thornton....	8602	537
W. Ross.....	3476	362
F. Mooney.....	2030	318
W. N. McDonald	476	247
J. Ross.....	238	219

Second class,		
W. R. McDonald.	7695	426
A. Ross	432	283
M. Ross	2503	467
L. Towle.....	7581	446
R. H. McDonald.	8206	358
H. J. McDonald .	8201	381
J. Mooney	4503	412
First class		
J. McCorquodale.	3105	230
G. McKay	1120	—
J. M. McArthur..	4263	—
A. McCorquodale.	1200	—
C. McDonald....	4510	—
W. G. McDonald	6270	—
R. Mooney.....	5280	—
Promotions,		
From 2nd to 3rd: M. Ross, L. A. Towle, W. R. McDonald, H. J. McDonald, R. H. McDonald. From 3rd to 4th: E. J. Thornton, W. J. McKay, J. R. McDonald, W. Ross, W. N. McDonald. From jr. 4th to sr. 4th: J. A. McDonald, J. McDonald, A. Mooney, F. Ross, A. Reith.		

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Mrs. Wm Mathison

Rheumatic fever

Aug. 3, 1963



TALK ABOUT OLD TIMES — Premature Centennial reunion exercises were held at S.S. No. 9, "Holiday," East Nissouri Township, Saturday. From left, are Mrs. Herbert Davidson, of RR 3, Mt. Brydges, who taught at the school in 1910-12; Mrs. Herbert C. Karn, of Woodstock, who taught in 1915-19; Mrs. D. McCorquodale, of RR 3, Lakeside, who taught in 1922-23; Hugh MacDonald, of RR 2, Thamesford, 88, oldest student at the reunion, who began his education in 1880.

Holiday School Retired, 50 Attend Early Centennial

School Section No. 9 of East Nissouri Township, which has hundreds of pupils pass through its door, passed on off itself over the weekend a premature centennial day reunion.

The school, better known as Holiday School, was built in 1910 but the celebration was this year to coincide with the school's closing. Pupils from SS 9 and SS 2 will attend the A. J. Baker school in Kintore.

The reunion began Saturday afternoon with a picnic lunch on the school grounds followed by a program of entertainment, at which all former teachers present were introduced. The 13 former teachers present were Mrs. Herbert Davidson, of RR 3, Mt. Brydges; who taught from 1910-12; Mrs. Elizabeth Karn, of Woodstock, 1915-19; Mrs. Alex McCorquodale, of RR 3 Lakeside, 1922-23; Mrs. Alvin McKay, 1923-26; Mrs. Duncan

Ross, 1936-41; Boyd Little, 1941-43; Mrs. Vern Dix, 1943-46; Mrs. Melvin West, 1950-54; Lorne McKenzie, 1958-60, and Mrs. Thelma Henderson, 1962-63.

Oldest former pupil present was Hugh MacDonald, 88, of RR 2, Thamesford, who first attended the school in 1880.

Hugh A. McKay, of RR 3 Lakeside, was chairman of the program.

The reunion concluded yesterday with a service in the school yard conducted by Rev. John McKay, of Kingsway Lambton United Church, Toron-