1879

Mount Hope - Dist. #27

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**GOURNTRY SCHOOL LEGACY:**

**Humanities on the Frontier**

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**HISTORIC SITE FORM**

State: Nebraska  
County: Madison

Location (in miles & direction from nearest town): 4 miles South

Is this the original location? No  
In 1879 school located permanently where it is now.

Name of building & origin of name:  
Originally called Muffly School (c.t. Maffly built the original building). Later called Mount Hope.

Name & number of the district: #27, Mount Hope

Date built: 1879—first building  
Years in use: First—41 yrs.  
2nd—60 years

Who built it? A contractor or the community? Contractor unknown  
at present, but men of the community helped contractor.

Does it look like it came from a plan book or was it designed by the community? Unknown. But the 1920 building was built for the purpose of having 9th & 10th grades in the school. 9th & 10th grades were discontinued in 1943.

Names of former teachers:  
See attached list.

Names of former students (family names only):  
Mufflys, Switzers, DeCamps, Oahls, Kuchars,  
Volks, Browns

Name & address of person in charge of building:  
School Board (Charles Dahl, Kenneth Galyon)

Who is the owner? District

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Architectural Features:

Size of building: 42' x 32' with 11' x 22' front

Number of Windows (four pane, six pane, etc.):

Number of doors (entrances): 2

Number of classrooms: 1

Bell tower or cupola: No working bell on long post attached to building

Materials used (wood, brick, stone, etc.): Wood frame with block foundation

Type of roof: Wood shingles

Outhouses: 2 (old type) Now has indoor bathrooms, also.

Playground Equipment: Swings, Toot-toot, Basketball hoop

Color of building & trim: White

Coal shed or stable: None

Teacherage:

Flagpole: Steel pipe type

Other architectural features:

Full basement under school
Storm cave outside school

Anything left inside? Complete

Narrative Information: Did any special events happen at the school? What stories do people remember?

Current condition & use: Good condition, heavy use

District records available: yes X no ___ where stored Charles Dahl, Jr.

Black & white photo taken: yes X no ___

Old photos available: yes X no ___

Does the building have any state or national historic designation? No

Name & address of surveyor: James Dervien date 12/12/80
History of District 27

Our district was organized February 4, 1873. The first school was started in 1873, and it was a shed affair. It was built where Alvin Kuchar's buildings are now.

C. H. Muffly was the carpenter.

The school got its name (Muffly School) from George Muffly who moved to Nebraska in 1878. He built his house so that the last side of his house was even with the North Star. The foundation of the school was built of native sod which was plowed up nearby. Soon after this it was replaced by brick. George Haight was the one that did the work.

Originally it was half the size it was when abandoned. The second year it was rebuilt and then it doubled its size.

The desks consisted of a shelf built around the room with a bench built upon which
the pupils sat. This is what they used until George Miffly could make enough desks.

The first textbooks the children ever had were bought by the pupils themselves. The subjects they had were as the following: orthography, reading, writing, arithmetic, language, grammar, geography, geography of Nebraska, U.S. History, mental arithmetic, civics, physiology, domestic science, drawing, manual training, and vocal music.

There have been about 100 teachers, or less, since the schools began. The wages ranged from $28.00 a month to $35.00. The wages rose over $30.00 in 1885; over $40.00 in 1906; over $50.00 in 1912; over $60.00 in 1915; over $70.00 in 1920 where they varied from $90.00 to $117.00 until 1932.
The shortest school term was two months. The first nine-month term was in the period of 1888-1889. The only one of recent years, not of nine months, duration was at the time of the flu epidemic in 1918-1919, when school was closed for three months. During the flu epidemic, these are the people who attended school: Elena Muffly, Vera Jones Recamp, June Black, Max Palmer, Ellen Moore, Ruby Johnson, Herbert Little, Mildred Beal, Willard Jenkins, Mae Holy, Albert Schulze, Clifford Hamley, Robert Johnson, Margaret Recamp, Addie Brown, Paul Johnson, Judson Tuckie, Floyd Bridges, Doris Hayes, Jimmie Ryan, Burnham Osborn, Roland Recamp, Campbell Brown, Allen Swisser, Edith Muffly, Iseland.

In the fall of 1921-1922 the Muffyly school added the ninth and tenth grades. There have been about seventy-five people who have attended ninth and tenth grade at Muffyly. The others had to go to town to the ninth and tenth grades later.

The water for the school was carried from George Muffyly's old place because they didn't have any wells.

Today they still have school there. They have an electric pump for water. Swings and other equipment are used today. The building that is standing now was the third...
one built. It doesn't have the name Muffy anymore; instead it is called Mount Hope.

Dan Volk
History of District 27
There have been two schoolhouses built on the place where it now is; besides the one that was on Alvin Kuehars place.

Land was given to the district by C. J. Muffly and was to last as long as it was for school purposes. The first schoolhouse on the present site was a frame building erected in 1879. C. J. Muffly was the carpenter. The lumber was bought from J. B. Baker in Battle Creek and was hauled by Frank Muffly. The foundation for the building was made of native sod plowed nearby. This was replaced later by brick; the work was done by George Knight who now lives in Battle Creek. At that time Mr. Knight lived halfway between the school and Battle Creek. Originally the building was one half the size it was when it was abandoned. The second year
after it was built and enlarged it gave them a double amount of room. In doing this the old roof was lowered to the ground the new part added, the old roof turned a quarter of the way around, raised, and enough was added to it to cover the entire structure.

Equipment: The first desks consisted of a shelf built around the room with a bench built on which the pupils sat. This sufficed until George Mifflin could make the desks similar to the double desks manufactured later. He also built the first teacher's desk which was still in use in 1894.

The interior of the schoolhouse was sealed with smooth boards. For the blackboard they used a liquid which was called liquid slate. This was painted on the smooth boards. There was chalk manufactured at that time coming by the box as it does now. This was what they used, the first textbooks.
were furnished by the pupils themselves. They had stove fuel also. Water was carried from the Muffly farm since she didn't have a well.

There used to be walnut groves on the east side. The district was organized on February 6, 1873. It was located where Alvin Rehars' buildings are now. The first school was built in 1889. The work was done by George Haight. George Hamley bought the old schoolhouse and moved it north of Meadow Grove and made into a house. George Muffly came to Nebraska in 1887. He also made the wall of his house straight with the North Star. The lumber came from Columbus.

Mrs. C. C. Munger went to school there in 1908. There were 35 or 40 children in school. It was just a one room schoolhouse and it faced the east. She went to school for three years. The northeast corner is
where the books were kept. They had double desks, a teacher's desk, and a blackboard. Small barns for horses were built because some of the children rode horses. Mrs. C. C. Munger was the first teacher in the new schoolhouse during World War I. She began teaching there in the fall of 1917 and continued to teach there for three years.

Sept. 9, 1888 - to Nov. 30, 1888
Grace Muffly, Deer Creek, Nebraska
This is the teacher's permit for Ruth Crooks mother. The teachers had to buy their own books. Her grandfather built the schoolhouse, and the schoolhouse was named after him. He also was a State Senator in 1878.

Mrs. Ralph Switzer went to school there in 1911. She just took the eighth grade there. They had high school at Mount Hope in the fall of 1922 or 1923.

Albert Schulze section 15, S.M.
Switzer section 16, Frank H. Johnson

The district when organized contained all of Township 23, Range 4, except sections 1, 2, and 3. This territory heretofore had not been organized in another district. October 22, 1873 - W 1/2 of District 27 was formed into District 33 and District 34.

November 15, 1879 - S 3/4 District 23, 24, and all sections 23, 26, 27, 34, 35, and 36 organized into District 52.

December 27, 1881 - S 1, 2, and 3 were added to District 27 from District 12.
July 23 - 1923 - NE 1/4 was set off from District 27.
1935 - District 27 contained N 1/2 sections 1, 2, and 3; N 1/2 sections 22, 23, 24, and all sections 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and SE 1/4 16.

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The History of District 2?, Madison County

District number 2? was organized on February 6, 1873. The first school-house was built in 1879 by Frank Muffy and the lumber bought from L.B. Baker in Battle Creek. It was on a hillside and was on posts with a sod foundation under the south side. There were 7 windows on each side with 3 rows of seats and benches on the north, east, and south sides. In the northeast was a shelf for lunch boxes and extra books. This school was on Frank Muffy's land which he loaned the school as long as it was used for school purposes. The school is thought to have been where Alvin Kuchar's buildings are now. There was no well so water had to be carried from Muffy's place. There also was a barn for the horses the children rode to school. The door faced the east. The teacher would sometimes draw on the sod floor to explain geography pictures. The books were brought by the children and there
On May 4th, 1938 a flood48 occurred near
there home town According and told
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woke Bessie and Zilma pillow
from sound sleep. They arose
quickly, dressed, and walked.

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It was abandoned in 1918-19 for three months because of the great flu epidemic. The second year after it was built it was enlarged to double its size. The roof was taken off and lowered to the ground, an extra room added, the roof turned 1/4 the way around and raised. This completely covered the top of the structure.

There have been at least 70 teachers in this school since it was started. Their salaries have been from $20.00 to $75.00 a month. The wages rose over $30.00 in 1885; over $40.00 in 1906; over $50.00 in 1912; over $60.00 in 1915; over $100.00 in 1930, where they ranged from $90.00 to $117.50 until 1932. Since that time the salaries have more than doubled the former $135.00 high.

The shortest school term was two months, the first term of nine months was in 1887-88. In 1918-19 school was closed for three months because of the flu epidemics as was mentioned earlier.

In 1873 when District 37 was organized there were 23 children attending. Their first apportionment was received in July, 1873.
in the amount of $49.18. When the district was first organized it was made of Township 23 and Range 4, except for sections 1, 2, and 3. This had not been made from any other district.

October 22, 1873 - West 1/2 of District 25 was formed into Districts 33 and 34.

November 15, 1879 - North 1/2 sections of 22, 23, and 24 and all sections of 25, 26, 27, 34, 35, and 36 assigned to District 52.

December 22, 1881 - North 1/2 sections of 1, 2, and 3 were added to District 27 from District 12.

July 23, 1923 - Northeast 1/4 of section 16 was set off from District 53 to District 25.

1935 - District 27 was North 1/2 sections 1, 2, and 3, North 1/2 sections of 22, 23, and 24, and all of sections 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and southeast 1/4 of section 16.

The present school has a wall, a swing set, a teeter-totter, outdoorrestrooms, and a cave for storms. The interior has a piano, two blackboards, now in use, desks for every pupil, and a teacher's desk. This school has the needs to supply everything.

Melodie Werner
District 27 was organized February 6, 1873. The first school was a frame building erected in 1879. C. H. Muffy was the carpenter who built the school house. The lumber used to build the school house was bought from L. B. Baker in Battle Creek, and was hauled by Frank Muffy. George Crook had helped haul lumber from Columbus. Native sod was plowed up nearby and laid in as a foundation.

This building was then replaced a little later by brick, the work being done by George Haight, who now lives in Battle Creek. At that time Mr. Haight lived about half-way between the school house and Battle Creek. Originally the building was one-half the size it was when it was abandoned. The second year after the school house was built, it was enlarged, giving them a double amount of room. In doing this the old roof of the school
was lowered to the ground, the new part of the roof added, and the old roof turned quarter of the way around.

The first school desks consisted of a shelf built around the room with a bench built on which the pupils sat on. This sufficed until George Muffy could make better desks. Then George Muffy built the desks similar to the double desks manufactured later. George Muffy also built the first teacher's desk which was still in use in 1894.

The interior of the school house was sealed with smooth boards. For blackboards the school used a liquid which was called Liquid Slate. This liquid was then painted on these smooth boards. At that time there was a chalk manufactured coming by the box as it does now. That is what they used. The first textbooks for the school were furnished by the pupils themselves.
The water used by the school had to be carried from George Muffly's place, because there was no well put down. The new school house was built 1920 for the purpose of the ninth and tenth graders. It was maintained that way until 1943 when the high school was discontinued and the school bus came around to pick up all of the high school students to take them to town school. The first teacher to teach in the 1920 school house was Mrs. Audrey Higbee. There have been at least seventy-five students who have received training in the high school. It would be hard
to ascertain the number of persons who have spent part of their school days here, but at any rate it is well up in the hundreds and a large number of our patrons today were among them. There have been at least seventy teachers in the 1920 school house since its beginning. The shortest school term was only two months long. The first one of nine months was in the year 1888 and 1889. The only one of recent years not of nine months duration was at the time of the flu epidemics in 1918 and 1919 when school was closed for three months.
The first school house was just a shed of an affair and was located where the buildings of the Alvin Kuchar farm is. The land leased to the Dist. by C.T. Muffly, for the first frame building took place on or about the year of 1879. This was to last as long as it was used for school purposes. The first school-house on the present site was a frame building erected in 1879. C.T. Muffly was the carpenter. The lumber was bought of L. B. Baker in Battle Creek, and was hauled by Frank Muffly. The foundation for the building was of native sod, plowed up nearby and laid in for a foundation. This was replaced a little later by brick, the work being done by George Haight— who now lives in Battle Creek. At that time Mr. Haight lived about half-way between the school house and Battle Creek. Originally the building was one half the size it was when abandoned. The second year after it was built, it was enlarged—giving them just double the amount of room. In doing this, the old roof was lowered to the ground, the new part was added, the old roof turned quarter of the around, raised, and enough added to it to entirely roof the structure.

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HISTORY OF DISTRICT 27 (MOUNT ROBE)

District 27 was organized February 5, 1873. The annual report sent to the State Superintendent by the County Superintendent in April, 1873 reported 23 children on the census of District 27. Their first apportionment was received in July, 1873 in the amount of $49.18. Charles H. Snyder, postoffice, Dry Creek, was the first director. The district when organized contained all of Township 23, Range 4 except Sections 1, 2, and 3. This territory therefore had not been organized in any other district.

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Stove, Fuel?

Water: Water was carried from our place for the school, no well being put down.

The second school house was erected in 1920, the teacher and pupils moving into this building in November of that year. Mrs. Audrey Higbee was the first teacher in this building.

In 1921-22, District 27 added the ninth and tenth grade work--- Hazel McKibben Johnson and Myrtle McKibben-Cox being the first instructors in this work.

There have been at least 75 who have received training in this high school. Of these the majority have continued on in some other nearby high schools, including Meadow Grove, Battle creek, Norfolk, and Tilden. A number of these have received high honors offered for scholastic work, Irene Brosh and Velma Kilmer being valedictorians of their respective classes and others holding close seconds and thirds. (Added May 7, 1938- Dolores Nelson, another Mt. Hope graduate, is 1938's valedictorian in Meadow Grove.)

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There have been at least 70 teachers in this school since its beginning; their salaries ranging from $20.00 a month to 135.00. Wages rose over $30.00, 1885; over $40.00, 1906; over $50.00, 1912; over $60.00, 1915; over $100.00, 1920 where they varied from $90.00-$117.50 until 1932.

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Directors and teachers of whom we have any record are:

1875-76 Chas. Derry
1875-76 Isom White
1876-77 Charles H. Stork
1878-80 J. C. Church
1880-87 C. T. Muffy
1887-88 J. R. Campbell
1888-89 J. R. Campbell
1890-91 C. T. Muffy
1890-91 J. T. Muffy
1891-92 Leonard Brown
1892-93 Leonard Brown
1893-94 Joseph Lee
1894-95 " "
1895-96 " "
1896-97 C. T. Muffy

Mrs. Ellen Rourke
J. D. Askwith
Mrs. Ellen Rourke
Kettie Newhall
Josephine Harris, 1 term
G. W. Jones
Mary Carpenter, 1 term
M. W. Morgan
G. W. Jones
Maud Littel
Hattie Fields
Eva Cook
Nellie Brown
Grace Muffy
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Mary Carpenter
M. W. Morgan
Viobra McElhoe
Alma Evans
Anna Troutwine
Emma Hall
Mary Carpenter
Mary Whitehorn
Bessie Emery
Gilbert Emery
Mary O. Crooks
Mary Carpenter
Eunice Richardson
Teachers continued.

1899-1902  Wm. Hawkins
1902-03  Warren Brown
1903-04  "
1904-05  L.W. Mihills
1905-06  "
1906-09  J.B. Fichter
1908-10  W.W. Brown
1910-14  J.D. Hogsett
1914-19  George Muffly
1919-20  Walter Black
1921-23  D.O. Whitehorn
1923-26  George Muffly
1926-30  A.W. Burton
1930-32  W.J. Scheer
1932-37  Kellie Austin

Ellen Mullen
Emma Palmer
Elsie Simmons
Hattie Mayhew
J.W. Crook
Elsie Simmons
Stella Leap
Emma Putney
Emma Putney
Edith Grant
O.C. Colgrove
Clara Palmer
Louella Hogsett
Bessie Flood
Laura Oelsligle
Jennie Ingoldsby
Jennie Ingoldsby
Avis DeCamp
Avis DeCamp
Winnie Dulin
Audrey Higbee
Hazel and Myrtle McKibben
Marie Kester and Hazel McKibben
Sadie Nedrebet & Marie Thomsen
Ethel Mittel
Hazel Beal
Sadie Mahin
Carrie Boyle
Virginia Hackler
Carrie Boyle
Lucille Frobert
Carrie Boyle
Margaret Ross
Evelyn R伯rts
Emma Kervin
Edith Muffly
Helen Harrison
Edith Muffly
Willis Stork
Ida Froy
Willis Stork
Ida Froy
LaRose Crowley
Agnes Wagner
LaRose Crowley
Agnes Wagner
Martha Block
Irene Black
Dorothy Simson
Irene Black
G. Elena Muffly
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The directors and teachers from the years 1873-1937 are recorded. From 1873-1874 is Charles H. Snyder he was the director and the teacher. During 1874-1875 is Montague Hambley he was the director and teacher. During 1875-1876 the directors were Chas.erry and Ison White. The teachers were Mrs. Ellen Rowan and J. D. Askwith. During the year 1876-1877 the director was Charles H. Stock and the teacher was Mrs. Ellen Rowan. During the year 1877-1878 the director and teacher was Charles H. Stock. In the years 1878-1880 the director was J. C. Church and the teacher was Nettie Newhall. In the years 1880-1887
C. T. Muffy was the director and the teachers were Josephine Harris, N. W. Jones, and Mary Carpenter. Josephine Harris and Mary Carpenter both served one term. From 1887-1888 Jr. Campbell was the director, the teachers were M. W. Morgan, Maude Little, and Y. W. Jones. During the year 1888-1889 Jr. Campbell was the director, and the teachers were Hattie Fields and Eva Cook. From the years 1889-1890 C. G. Muffy was the director and the teachers were Nellie Brown and Grace Muffy. During the year 1890-91 the director was C. G. Muffy and the teachers were Grace Muffy and Mary Carpenter. The year 1891-1892 the director was Leonard Brown and the teachers were M. W. Morgan, Viobra McElhose, and Alma Evans. The year 1893-1895 the director was Joseph Lee and the teachers were Mary Carpenter. During the year 1892-1893 the director was Leonard...
Brown and the teachers were Anna Troutwine and Emma Hall. From the year 1895-1896 the director was Joseph Lee and the teacher was Mary Whitehorn. During the years 1896-1899 the director was C. G. Muffly and the teachers were Bessie Emery, Gilbert Emery, Mary D. Crooks, Mary Carpenter, and Enice Richardson. In the years 1899-1902 Wm. Hawkins was the director and the teachers were Ellen Mullen, Emma Palmer, and Elsie Simmons. From the year 1902-1903 the director was Warren Brown and the teacher was Hattie Mayhew. During the year 1903-1904 Warren Brown was the director and the teachers were J. W. Crooks and Elsie Simmons. From the year 1904-1905 J. W. Mchills was the director and Stella Leep was the teacher. In the year 1905-1906 J. W. Mchills was the director and Emma Putney was the teacher. During the years 1906-1908 J. B. Richter was the director and the
Teachers were Emma Putney and Edith Grant. From the years 1908-1910 W. W. Brown was the director and the teachers were O. C. Colgrove, Clara Palmer, and Louella Hogsett. From the years 1915-1914 J. D. Hogsett was the director and the teachers were Bessie Flood, Laura Osbile, and Jennie Ingoldsby. In the years 1914-1919 George Muffy was the director and the teachers were Jennie Ingoldsby. In the years 1918-1919 Winnie Oulin was the director and the teachers were Avis De Camp, Walter Black, and O. D. Whitcomb. During the years 1919-1921 Walter Black and O. D. Whitcomb were the directors and Avis DeCamp, Winnie Oulin, and Audrey Higbee were the teachers. During the years 1921-1923 George Muffy was the director and the teachers were Hazel McKibbin, Myrtle McKibbin, and Marie Kester. Through the years of 1923-1926 the director was A. W. Burton and the teachers...
were Sadie Pedribe and Marie Thomson. The teachers with parentheses around them taught together in high school (Ethel Littel, Hazel Beal, Sadie Makin, and Carrie Boyle taught together.) (Virginia Harkler and Carrie Boyle.) The years 1926-1930 Tom Moore was the director and the teachers were (Lucille Prout, Carrie Boyle) Margaret Ross, Evelyn Roberts) Emma Kerwin, Edith Muffly) (Teresa Harrison, and Edith Muffly.) The year 1930-1932 W. J. Schen was the director and the teachers were (Willis Stock, Ida Frey) and again (Willis Stock and Ida Frey.) During the years 1932-1937 Kellie Austin was the director and the teachers were (Ja Ross Wagner, Agnes Wagner) (Ja Ross Crowley, Agnes Wagner) Martha Block, Irene Black) H. Elena Muffly, Lola Muffly.)

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and Mrs. Hixson, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hixson, Mr. and Mrs. Hale, Mr. and Mrs. Peng, Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. DeCamp, Mr. and Mrs. Brock James, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dahl.

To end my report I am going to give the section numbers that are included in District 27: 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, part of 16, 22, 23, and 24.
Forty years ago a young girl who had had a year's experience in teaching in Holt county, came to this district to teach. The building she came to, was a frame building with windows on three sides so that the children always faced the glaring light. The door opened directly into the room, no vestibule. There was a small heating stove in which we burnt soft coal and it gave us rosy cheeks, but cold backs and feet, and at night we buried our ink bottles in the ashes to keep the ink from freezing solid.

This young girl, the teacher, wore high shoes, long skirt and waist with high neck and long sleeves and to protect her dress she wore a black sateen apron gathered full on the band. Her black hair was coiled high on her head.

I signed my contract for three months at $30. a month and Mr. Eckman was the director. In those days we had a spring and winter term of three months each. Lizzie Hutchinson was the first child to greet me with "I can spell see". There were about fifteen enrolled that spring. Of these Robert and Herman Kuntz still live in the district and are prosperous farmers. The children were a happy group. At noon you could see them hurry with their lunch so as to have more time to play. In 1889, I taught both winter and spring terms of school, still we only had six months of school. The children must have been unusually brilliant and studious in those days to have made the splendid records that these children made. During the winter there were often thirty pupils enrolled. The big boys who had worked all summer would attend school after the corn was husked.

The next winter term I taught the home school, "the Muffly school" as it was called. Miss Aggie Twiss taught this school. I was back again for the spring term of '91 and for the following winter term which had four months, also for the spring term following this making four full years that I taught in this district.

Many of you will remember the old wooden pail and how you carried the water from the Hoffman farm close by. We had one dipper and had to watch the boys and girls so that they would not pour back the water left in the dipper. You know it was hard work to carry water by the pail full and children were just as thirsty in those days as they are to-day.

The seats were just ordinary seats, room for two but when crowded, we made it seat three. There were no window shades, no curtains and no pictures in this school room. The teacher was the janitor and built her own fires. About once a year we had scrubbing day, and all hands helped. Every desk was scoured, cobwebs swept, windows cleaned and the floor scrubbed until
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we felt it was nice enough to eat off. The teacher's salary, thirty dollars
a month, was considered big wages in those days. One winter term, I boarded
with Mrs. Hutchinson, but found the walk too far, (a mile and a half), when
I had to have the room warm by 8:30. The three other winter terms, I boarded
with the Bentleys, who lived in a small three room house. Mr. Bentley was
a carpenter and was away from home most of the time. In this home, there
was but one bed room, long and narrow. Mrs Bentley and I occupied the
bed and the three children slept in the trundle bed, which was pulled out from
under the foot of the bed. There was about two feet of space between the bed
and the wall, and only one window in the room which was never opened that en-
tire winter. Five of us slept under those conditions and not one of us was
sick that winter or even suffered from a cold. How is that for hygiene?

I paid all of $1.50 a week for my board and room, that meant that I went
home after school each Friday and came back on Monday morning and brought
my noon lunch. In the spring terms, I boarded at home and walked three and
a half miles each morning and night to save that $1.50, which was high fi-
nance.

Sometimes at the close of the year, we had the parents bring lunch and
enjoyed a picnic dinner in the school room. I remember distinctly that Mrs.
Reynolds, who lived in the Blakely district but whose boys were attending
school here that season, brought a big chicken pie that we all enjoyed. All
brought abundantly and the cooks were as good in those days as to-day. An
elaborate program was given at this time. This was the only big community
affair in those days.

We had a group picture taken of one of the terms and I have mine with
me.

We had no play apparatus but played andi-andi over, pump, pump, pull
away, drop the handkerchief and such games, the teacher oft times joining
in these games. As much enthusiasm was shown in these games as is shown to-
day in a foot ball or basket ball game. Two years in succession, we planted
trees brought from my father's farm but no care was given them during the
summer and they perished.
District No. 52 was organized November 15, 1879. Charles Rudd was the first director.

The year that this district was organized, the children of this district attended school in District 27.

The first apportionment was received in June 1880. There were 15 children on the census, and the amount of apportionment was $18.69. According to the records, no apportionment was received in 1881.

In September 1881 the county superintendent visited the school by request. This is the record of his visit: "House, dugout and sod with shingled roof and plenty of light. Comfortable and convenient. Mrs. Elen Campbell, teacher. 19 enrolled. Present 12. Methods approved. Scholars interested, orderly and prosperous."

Following is a list of the teachers and school boards:

1881 Charles Rudd, Director
1882 Alan Campbell, "
1883 Charles Rudd, "
1884 L.A. Ekman, "
1885 L.A. Eckman, "
1886 L.A. Eckman, "
1887 L.A. Eckman, "
1886 A.E. Bently, Moderator
1887 Vincent Kuntz, Treasurer

1888 A.J. Stafford
1888 W.B. Hutchinson

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