

19th Century Teachers

South Crosby and Neighboring Townships

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The 1851, 1861, 1871, 1881 and 1891 Canadian Census provide the occupation and where the teachers lived. Using the Property Abstracts in the Land Office it can be ascertained at which schools those teachers taught and in most cases the agreement between the School Boards. Neighboring Townships that are included are where South Crosby students crossed the line to attend school.

The names of the teachers and information on where they lived were extracted from the Canadian Census for South Crosby and the teachers in schools located next to the border in North Crosby, Bedford, Rear of Leeds and Rear of Lansdowne. The Information is listed by Census Year for 1851, 1861, 1871, 1881 and 1891 for each Township. In some cases, such as the 1871 and 1881 South Crosby Census there are only 7 Teachers listed when 10 schools have been identified in South Crosby in the same period. The spelling of the teachers and other names are as they appear in the Census. Newboro became an incorporated municipality on January 1st, 1876, and the teachers are listed separately as Newboro in 1881 and 1891.

The total of 85 teacher have been separated in 3 categories:

- 38.... live in a house with their parents or grandparents
- 22....live in a house provided for them, their spouse and children
- 25....live in a house of a family that is boarding them

A common belief is held that most teachers in the 19th Century are boarded by a family that lives close to the school in which they teach. This study shows that this is not the case as less than one third of teachers are boarded in this way. This is very different than what existed earlier when in 1831, the teacher at the DeLong School, Mr. McAuley, had to visit every family that had children wishing to attend that school. He had to arrange the payment for his services and set up billeting on a rotating bases with each family. In 1849, Canada West established the Common School Act and school taxes were paid by all property owners.

The list of teachers also has the names of persons that went on to establish some of Elgin's History. To name a few; George Howard, John Dunn, Julia Hales, Herman Warren (son of Rev. Herman Warren) and Samuel Atcheson. Two of these were elected to the South Crosby School Board.

1851 South Crosby

Malcolm McCaskill....lived in house with his Family in Newboro

Lyaman Fisk.....lived at Delong's next to the school (Conc. 1 Lot 18)

Samuel Rabb.....lived in a house on Main Street next to Ira Mitchell in Elgin

Ambrose Hunt...lived at Hugh McMachan's (Conc. 1 Lot 7) near the Ripley School

George Elliott....lived with his family in a house in Singleton's Corners

1851 North Crosby Near South Crosby Line

Archibald Emison....lived at William Tett's in Newboro

Bernard Daily.....lived in a house with his Family (Conc. 10 Lot 12) Near Salem School

John McGuire.....lived at John Forrister's (Conc. 9 Lot 4), near the School on the Road to Bedford Mill

Phillip Shevelin....lived at John Murphy's (Conc. 6 Lot 20)

1851 Leeds Twp Near South Crosby Line

Adam Gillespie....lived with his Family (Conc. 8 Lot 12) near Fortune Line Road

1861 South Crosby

James Lillie lived with his Father James Lillie Sand Lake Road (Conc. 3 Lot 14)

Caroline Lillie same as above

Arazude Hunter lived at Justin Coons (Dancy School)

Edward Holmes lived at Carlee Ripley's (Ripley School)

Miles Brown lived at Malcolm Knowlton's near Crosby

David York lived in a house his with wife and family on Fortune Line Road (Briar Hill School)

Nathan Dupys live with his wife in a 1 ½ story house in Newboro

1861 North Crosby

Mathew Dupuis lived at William Tett's near Bedford Mills

1861 Bedford (Near Crosby Mill)

Micheal McPhadin lived in log house with his family on Bedford and South Crosby Line

1871 South Crosby

Sarah Bell Franam (Farnam) lived at William Feming's on Davis Lock Road

Catherine McCarade lived at Antoine Denny's in Morton

William Stanton lived with James Stanton (Conc. 4 Lot 15) (Pine Grove or Clear Lake?)

Almeda Seed Lived at her Fathers house Samuel Seed in Elgin

David York lived with wife and family located 2 lots from Bush School as-well-as 2 lots from the Ripley School

Julianne Hales lived with her Family at Singleton Corners

James Redmond lived in a house with his wife and Family in Elgin

1871 North Crosby

Owen Hughes lived with his Father Owen Hughes Sr. near the School on Conc. 3 Lot 18

Thad Leavitt Lived with his wife and children in a house in Westport

Philip Shevlin lived in a house on Narrows Lock Road

Anna Byrne lived with parents on Parish Road and County Road 10

Jobella Ewing lived with her family near the Salem School

Peter Ewing lived with his wife and children in Westport

Mary Hane lived with her Father Robert Hane in Newboro

Mary Larkin lived with her Father Peter Larkin near the Blair School

Silina Wright lived with her Brother Clarence Wright (Miller) Conc. 1 Lot 22

1881 South Crosby

Adalade Brown lived with her Father Ciphaz Brown (Conc. 4 Lot 16)

Alexander Wherry lived in a House with his wife and family (Conc. 2 Lot 18)

Herman Warren lived with his Father Fletcher Warren (Conc. 2 Lot 18)

Patrick Dwyre lived with his Father William Dwyre (Conc. 2 Lot 18)

John Hawkins live in his own house on road to Jones Falls

Micheal Kearney lived with his Mother Sarah Kearney (Conc. 3 Lot 5 Near Bush School)

David York lived in a house with his wife and family near the Ripley School

1881 Newboro

Abigail Wright lived in house with her Father Edward Wright in Newboro

Ebenezer Witheril lived in house with Edward Wright in Newboro

Ann Foster lived with her Father Thomas Foster

Mary Foster lived with her Father Thomas Foster

1881 Rear of Leeds

Henry Turner lived with wife and 2 children near Briar Hill

Albert Sliter lived with Louis Morton West of Brown's School Conc. 9 Lot 12

1881 Rear of Lansdowne

Lucinda Johnson lived with her Father Peter Johnson Short near Point School

1891 South Crosby

Sarah Austin lived in a house with Alba Halladay in Elgin

Florence Pennock lived with her Uncle Chloe Pennock Conc. 2 Lot 14 (Ripley School)

Percy Brown lived with Father Cephas Brown Conc. 3 Lot 16 (DeLong School)

Moses Seed lived with his Father Samuel Seed in Elgin

Andrew Gray lived with his Father Andrew Gray near the Bush School

Mary Simmons lived with her Father Thomas Simmons at Chaffeys Lock (Pine Grove School)

Albert Warren lived with his Father Fletcher Warren Conc. 2 Lot 18 (Clear Lake School)

Lena York lived with her Father David York near Morton

Samuel York as above

Marinda York as above

Melborn Sly lived with his Father Chester Sly (On Charland Road)

Percy Brown lived with his Father Ciphaz Brown (Corner 15 Highway and Earl/Dwyre Road)

Gordon Austin lived with his Grandfather Alba Halladay the Cheese in Maker Elgin

Florence Pennock lived with her Grandfather Chloe Pennock Conc. 2 Lot 14 (Near Delong School)

George Howard lived with his Grandfather George Cheaney the Blacksmith at Cheaney's Corners Conc 2 Lot 13

Liley Wing lived with her Brother Frank Wing the Cheese Maker at the corner of Summers and Hartsgravel Roads

Charlotte Baker lived with her Father Ranson Baker Conc 1 Lot 23 near Singleton's Corners

James Sexton lived with his Father Zephaniah Sexton between Elgin and Singleton's Corners

Ella Sexton As Above

John Dunn lived with his Father James Dunn in Elgin (Conc. 3 Lot 12)

1891 Newboro

Robert Fifield lived with his Father Robert Fifield in Newboro

Richard McDonald lived with his wife and 2 children in Newboro

William Foster lived with his Father Thomas Foster inn Newboro

Maggie Foster as above

1891 North Crosby

Miss Jones lived with Margaret Bennett near the school at Conc. 3 Lot 18

William Brown lived with Richard Leach near the Salem School

Jane Ohoro lived with her Mother Bridget Ohoro near the school located at Conc. 6 Lot 3

George Howard lived at the house of Margaret Pinkerton near the Blair School

Mary Lynett lived with her Father Thomas Lynett at Conc. 6 Lot 5

Samuel Atcheson lived with his wife and 5 children in Westport

Carrey Taggart lived with her Father Thomas Taggart in Westport

Donna North lived with her Father John North in Westport

Micheal Carney lived with wife and one child in Westport

1891 Lansdowne and Leeds Rear

Carol O'Connor lived with her Mother Ellen O'Connor

Eliza Webster lived with her Father John Webster

The Red Brick School S.S. Number 5, Elgin Teachers from 1915 to 1957

The following list of teachers in ascending order by year is based on the teaching year and is shown as 1915/16 which indicates September of 1915 to June of 1916. Until 1957, the JR (junior room) was grades 1 to 4 and the SR (senior room) was grades 5 to 8. Prior to 1934, the grade structure was, primer, junior I, junior II, senior II, junior III, senior III, junior IV and senior IV, with the same 4-year units in each of the two rooms of the school.

This list here was researched and prepared from the Daily Registers of S.S. No. 5 which were housed at the Upper Canada School Board Office in Brockville.

1915/16 Ethel Kerr (SR)

E.W. Byington (JR)

1916/17 Ethel Kerr (SR)

E.W. Byington (JR)
1917/18 Ethel Kerr (SR)
E.W. Byington (JR)
1918/19 Ethel Kerr (SR)
E.W. Byington (JR)
1919/20 Marion Singleton (SR)
E.W. Byington (JR)
1920/21 Marion Singleton (SR)
Edythe Mackie (JR)
1921/22 Marion Singleton (SR)
Edythe Mackie (JR)
1922/23 Maye Pinkerton (SR)
Muriel Kenny (JR)
1923/24 Maye Pinkerton (SR)
Margarita Fleming (JR)
1924/25 Maye Pinkerton (SR)
Margarita Fleming (JR)
1925/26 Anna C. Nolan (SR)
Margarita Fleming (JR)
1926/27 Anna C. Nolan (SR)
Margarita Fleming (JR)
1927/28 Marjorie Charland (SR)
Helen E. Jordan (JR)
1928/29 Marjorie Charland (SR)
Helen E. Jordan (JR)
1929/30 Marjorie Charland (SR)
Helen E. Jordan (JR)
1930/31 Marjorie Charland (SR)
Helen E. Jordan (JR)
1931/32 Marjorie Charland (SR)
Helen E. Jordan (JR)
1932/33 Elinor Bracken (SR)
Helen E. Jordan (JR)
1933/34 Wallace Charland (SR)
Helen E. Jordan (JR)

1934/35 Wallace Charland (SR)
Anna Kenney (JR)

1935/36 Wallace Charland (SR)
Anna Kenney (JR)

1936/37 Wallace Charland (SR)
Anna Kenney (JR)

1937/38 Wallace Charland (SR)
Anna Kenney (JR)

1938/39 Wallace Charland (SR)
Anna Kenney (JR)

1939/40 Wallace Charland (SR)
Anna Kenney (JR)

1940/41 Wallace Charland (SR)
Anna Kenney (JR)

1941/42 Claud Dudley (SR)
Anna Kenney (JR)

1942/43 Claud Dudley (SR)
Anna Kenney (JR)

1943/44 Edwin Haldorsen (SR)
Anna Kenney (JR)

1944/45 Edwin Haldorsen (SR)
Anna Dargavel (JR)

1945/46 Edwin Haldorsen (SR)
Anna Dargavel (JR)

1946/47 Edwin Haldorsen (SR)
Maysie Moorhouse (JR)

1947/48 Edwin Haldorsen (SR)
Ann Seaman (JR)

1948/49 Eva Jackson (SR)
Ann Seaman (JR)

1949/50 Eva Jackson (SR)
Ann Seaman (JR)

1950/51 Eva Jackson (SR)
Ann Seaman (JR)

1951/52 Eva Jackson (SR)
Ann Seaman (JR)
1952/53 Eva Jackson (SR)
Dorothy Landon (JR)
1953/54 Eva Jackson (SR)
Dorothy Landon (JR)
1954/55 Eva Jackson (SR)
Dorothy Landon (JR)
1955/56 Eva Jackson (SR)
Dorothy Landon (JR)
1956/57 Eva Jackson (SR)
Dorothy Landon (JR)

After 1957, different grades were taught at different locations, the Continuation School was being used as the Red Brick School could no longer handle the numbers of students. Leo Kenney was the principal in 1958 and there were several teachers, but they all did not teach at the Red Brick School. They were, Hilda Orser, Elsie Mainse, Mary Townsend, Mrs. Whalen, Mrs. Churchill, Mrs. Bender, Mrs. Webb, Miss Pinch and Douglas Kerr.

The Trustees' Annual Reports and Minutes of Annual Meetings that were held in the Red Brick School for several years in the 20's and 30's now held by the Upper Canada School Board Administration in Brockville. These have provided some interesting details such as the Annual Salary of Wallace Charland as Principal in 1930 was \$1100.00 and in 1933 it was \$800.00. Helen Jordan was paid \$900.00 in 1930 and it dropped to \$600.00 in 1933. The cost of wood to heat the school went down from \$336.16 to \$261.25 in the same period. Building maintenance went down from \$293.33 to \$109.71. The great depression of the 1930's effects certainly can be seen in these reports. The number of students also declined during the depression. From a previous average of 77, the enrollment dropped to the low 60's. The information about the school is probably a mirror image of the community during that period.

The plans and details for the construction of the Red Brick School could be in Township records. After checking this out, I found out that it is not the Township records but the County records in Brockville. The Leeds Grenville County Council meeting of June 22, 1886. On a resolution passed on the report of the Chairman of

the Education Committee, James F. Earl, Reeve of South Crosby, of the plans for School Section Number 5 were approved.

The details presented here are mainly facts that should be preserved about the schools and teachers in South Crosby Township. The main portion is about the Red Brick School, S.S. No. 5 in Elgin and much of the information is no longer available from the School Board Office in Brockville.