

List of South Crosby Schools

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SS#1 Newboro The first school was in Benjamin Tett's House on the corner of Main and Dummond Streets. Tett Purchased the lot 18 June 1837 and used a room for a school. The first note regarding the school is in the Tett papers in 1847. These papers are at Queens Archives. The 1862/1868 Map attached shows the Newboro School on Brock St. near the corner of Simcoe.

On May 4, 1874, George Stanton sold lot 7 on Simcoe St, North of Dummond to the Trustees of SS#1. On Dec. 13, 1888, the Trustees of the School Board sold that lot to the Municipality of Newboro. On 20 Feb. 1886 John Kilborn sold lots 6 and 7 on Carleton St. to the Trustees of the School Board of Newboro. On the 16 of April, 1968, the Trustees of the North Crosby School Board sold those two lots to the Corporation of the Village of Newboro. Information from the Provincial Register Abstract Index for the transaction of the above and used for the purchase or sale information of many of the following school lots.

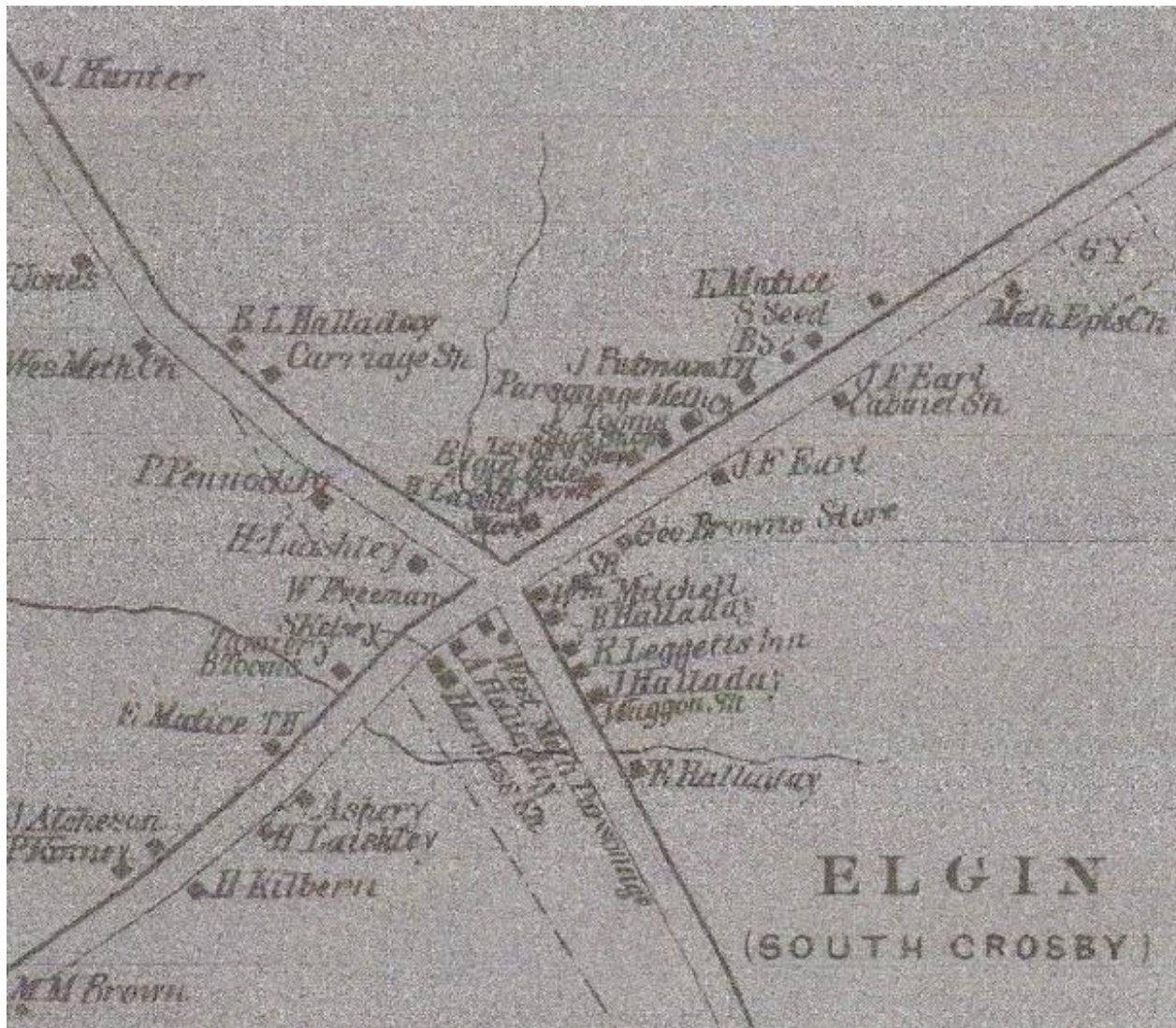
There was a School on the lot line between North Crosby and South Crosby in 1860. It was located on Lot 1 in the Second Concession on McCann Road. The school was built sometime between 1821 and 1853 on property owned by William Robins. Could not find the actual purchase by the school, as it was a Private School, however, it was sold in 1979.

SS#2 Singleton's Corners (Crosby) Located on Lot 27 in Concession 2. On 20 of March 1876, Richard Singleton sold part of the lot to SS#2 Trustees South Crosby for \$1.00. On the 26 of June 1962, the School closed. On the 14 May, 1964, the South Crosby School Trustees sold the school to Harold Proud for \$1026.00.

SS#3 Delong Lot 18 Conc. 1, Charland Road. On the 9th of November 1826, Justus Delong bought 100 acres of lot 18 in Concession 1 and there was no school on the lot. On 17 January 1849, Justus Delong bought the balance of lot 18 and the sale stipulated all except school lot. In 1885 the Trustees of the School Board for SS#3 purchased an additional 30 feet fronting on Charland Road to build the Stone School.

SS#4 Pine Grove Lot 17 Concession 6 Clear Lake Road. On 7th of December, 1883, John Kerr sold part of lot 17 to the Trustees of SS#4 South Crosby for \$10.00. The 1862 Atlas Map shows this school originally on Lot 19 in the 6th Concession. This is still on the Clear Lake Road but a little farther North. On the 14th of September, 1964, the Trustees of SS#4 sold the school to Joseph Langlois for \$200.00.

SS#5 Elgin Lot 12 Conc 2 Main St. On the 5th of May, 1818, Samuel Halladay sold Lot 12 in the 2nd Concession to Ebenezer Halladay and the deed said, “except school and burial ground”. The school location on the 1862 Map of Elgin shows the SH (School House) beside what became the Dargavel's Store. This was a log structure which was moved several times after the school moved out.



The 2nd School suggested to be at the Corner of Main and Church Streets. The lot is owned by the Township of South Crosby and part of the lot contains the South Crosby Council Chambers and the Elgin Community Hall. The 3rd School was located at the Corner of Halladay and Church Streets. The Land Registry Abstract Index shows that on the 27 of January 1885, Ebenezer Halladay sold the school lot for \$90.00 to the Trustees of SS#5. The map attached shows the location of the first school.

SS#6 Bush Lot 7 Concession 3 Corner Bush Road and 15 Highway. That school shown on Lot 7 in the 3rd Concession in the 1862/1868 Atlas. The school closed June 25th, 1962. The school on part of that lot was sold on 2 April 1963 by the South Crosby Trustees to Glen Morris for \$1100.00.

SS#7 California Lot 7 Concession 8 Gamble/Sly Road. School shown on that lot in the 1862/1868 Atlas. On 27th of June 1970, the Trustees of the South Crosby School Board sold the school on that lot to Samuel Hutchings for \$550.00

SS#8 Brier Hill Lot 1 Concession 3 South Crosby, on the Fortune Line Road. On the 2nd of December 1882, Albert Middleton sold this lot to SS#9 Rear of Leeds and Lansdowne School Trustees for \$50.00. In 1956 the Trustees of Rear of Leeds and Lansdowne closed the school. On the 2nd of April 1970, the Trustees of the Rear of Leeds and Lansdowne School Board sold the school and lot to John Wilson for \$700.00. The Gananoque Reporter, 4 September 1861, lists 10 schools open in Leeds and Lansdowne Rear in 1853 and SS#9 Briar Hill is in that list. The 1862 Atlas Map shows the school at that date as just across the South Crosby line in Leeds and Lansdowne Rear.

SS#9 Morton Lot 1 Concession 5 South Crosby. The 1862/1868 Atlas map of Morton shows the school located on Leeds Street (map attached). 18 July 1968, the Public School Board sold the school Listed in the sale as SS#9 located on town lots 1, 2 and 3 (Registered Plan Town Lots), west side of Main Street (Highway 15 at the south end of the village) to John Mitchel for \$150.00. On 22 December 1975, the Township of South Crosby sold the school on Leeds Street for \$100.00.

SS#10 Dancy Lot 9 Concession 4, Sand Lake Road. The school was built sometime between 1845 and 1860. The school was not listed on the lot when Porkrage Dancy bought the lot from Jones Brown on 12 December 1845 but was listed as an exception on the north half when Dancy took out a mortgage with George Malloch on January 21, 1860. The school property is listed as an exception in Porkrage Dancy's Will dated 21 January 1894 when he left the property to his son. School closed on 25 June 1962 and was sold to Theresa Evans on 29 October 1968 for \$300.00.

SS#11 Clear Lake Lot 20 in Concession 4 Clear Lake Road. On the 21st of June 1881, William Leggett sold that lot to the Trustees of South Crosby School Board SS# 11. The school was closed 25 June 1962. On 14 September 1964, Trustees of South Crosby School Board sold the school and the ½ acre of land to Joseph Langlois for \$200.00.

SS#12 Lot 12 Concession 10 North Crosby and is South Crosby Union with Bedford and North Crosby. Called the Salem School and is located on the lot line between Bedford and North Crosby. On the 14th of September 1868 the Crown sold Lot 20 in the 13th Concession to Bedford School Board SS#11 Trustees this triangular lot on the North Crosby Line. It appears on the 1862/1868 Atlas Map as Lot 20 on the 13th Concession of Bedford. On the 23 of August 1880, Mary Taggart sold the Trustees of SS#5 North Crosby School Board lot 12 in the 10th Concession, ½ acre for \$32.00 at the corner of Devil Lake Road and the Salem Road (Westport Road). On the 12th of September 1968 the Salem School was sold by the North Crosby School Board, and it was then on Lot 12 Concession 9.

SS#13 Lot 8 Conc 16 Bedford near Lot 25 Conc 10 of South Crosby on the Mississauga Road. The school is shown on the 1862 Atlas Map on the Bedford side of the line. It however, sold on January 6, 1971 to Sylvia Brown by the Trustees of South Crosby Board for \$7500.00.

SS#14 Hartsgravel Lot 28 Conc 7 Bastard Township Hartsgravel Road. The first school built on land belonging to John Moulton between 1834 and 1856 and is shown on the 1862/1863 atlas in that location but on the opposite side of the road.

On 19 September 1883, John Moulton sold the land and old school to Union of Bastard and South Crosby Trustees of SS#14 for \$3.00. On 28 December 1966, The Trustees sold the school and property to Bordon Guard for \$250.00.

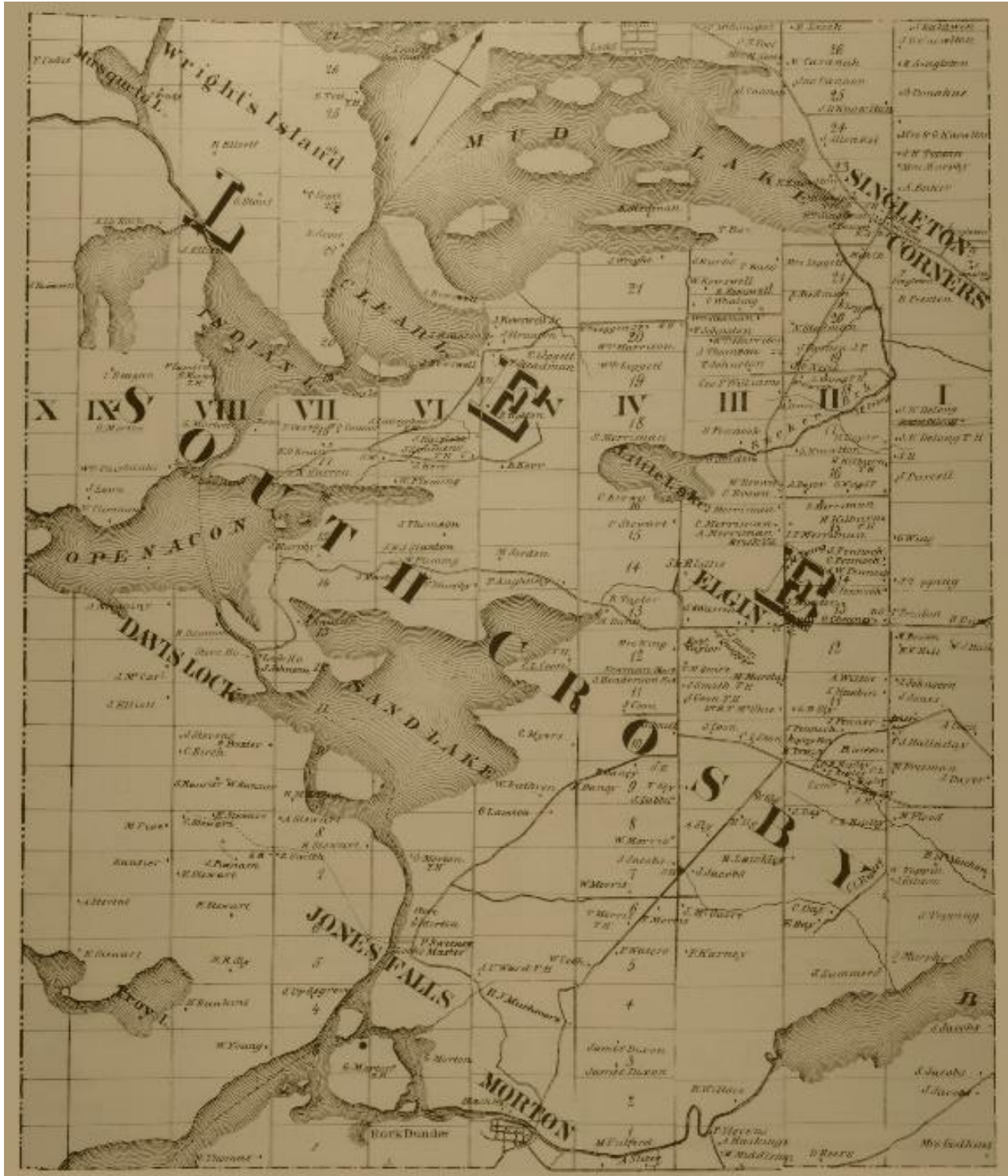
SS#15 Davis Lock Lot 14 Conc 6 Davis Lock Road. School did not exist in sale of this lot in 1871, however was listed as an exception when Margaret Murphy sold the lot in 1893 to Patrick Murphy. On the 9th of April 1963 the Trustees of SS#15 sold the school to John Murray for \$106.00.

SS#16 Ripley Lot 9 Conc 2 Summers Road. On 3 July 1890, Henry Ripley sold property to the Trustees of SS# 16 for \$10.00. On 2 April 1963, the Trustees sold the school and ½ acre to Lena May Dennison for \$125.00.

SS#17 Short Point Lot 2 Conc 12 Leeds and Lansdowne Rear. The school is shown on the 1862 Atlas Map as being on that lot in Lansdowne. The Short Point School is not listed in the Gananoque Reporter on 4 September 1861, on that lot and being SS#14. The Reporter shows that the school was not open before 1853. In her book, "Fourteen to One, Schools in Leeds and Lansdowne Rear", Helen Sweet states the SS#14 Short Point was open before 1900. The Lansdowne Land Abstracts shows that lot 2 in the 12th Concession was crown land until John Kendrick bought it in 1874. On the 5th of July 1897, Edgar Kendrick sold the gore (a triangular plot) ½ an acre to the Trustees of Lansdowne SS#14 for \$20.00. Glen Lockwood states in, "The Rear of Leeds and Lansdowne" That Short Point is not one of the 10 schools listed by the By the Gananoque Reporter in 1861 and he says that it was much later.

SS#?? Browns Lot 7 Concession 13 of Rear of Leeds and Lansdown, in a previous Hamlet called Browns. The school is listed in the Gananoque Reporter 4 September 1861, as SS#7 and being opened before 1853. The school also appears on the 1862 Atlas Map as being in the Hamlet of Browns. On 24 January 1877, James Brown sold part of lot 13 in the 9th concession to the Trustees of the Rear and Lansdowne for \$65.00. The location listed in the deed is, "on the Kingston to Phillipsville Road on a point of Lower Beverly Lake". The school was closed by the trustees of SS#7 in 1957 and sold on 30 March 1958.

There is a School on the 1862 Atlas Map in Leeds and Lansdowne Rear on Lot 20 in the 10th Concession as SS#6 called Sweets Corners. On 21 November 1873 Heil Sliter sold to the Trustees of SS#6, ½ acre of lot 20 in the 10th Concession. The Deed states that the property is on the South side of Kingston Road.



On 26 July 1971 the School Board for SS#6 sold the lot to Gordon Kirkland for \$1.00. The deed states on the North Side of Lyndhurst Road. Sometime during SS#6 existence it crossed the road. The present school is on the North Side of the road but in an altogether different location.

There are 8 school locations on the 1862 map attached and from the property sale locations or the deeds 5 of these schools have moved. In the case of the Pine Grove School it is half a kilometer, the Hartsgravel was moved across the road and the Ripley School moved to the corner when the Sawmill was taken down. Many of these schools were built before the 1850's and were most probably log construction. The land on which they were built was never sold to a school board as it was likely that the property owner had children as did his neighbors and they built the school as a bee. When a new school was to be constructed a School Board guided by Provincial Law was responsible for the school and a proper deed had to be registered. The Provincial School Act of 1843 Provided for the Township to establish School Taxes which were also combined with a Government Grant but not all Township Councils went along with it. The Provincial Council of Public Instructions saw to it that a New School Act was passed in 1853. This was the date used by the Gananoque Reporter in the article published the 4th of September 1861. Helen Sweet in her book, "Fourteen to one, Schools in Leeds and Lansdowne" published in 1973, used the Reporters list of schools that existed in 1853. In that list, most of those schools were of log construction. Glen Lockwood in his book, "The Rear of Leeds and Lansdowne" also lists the schools in 1853 and states the number that were built of logs. After 1853, the South Crosby School Trustee Meeting Minutes would give the expenditures for each school and new construction could be ascertained from these.

Material prepared mainly from the Province of Ontario Land Abstracts Sales of property in Leeds and Frontenac or otherwise noted.