

SCHOOL SECTION NO. 1
Blue Church

LOT 14 - CONCESSION 1

TOWNSHIP OF AUGUSTA

Inspected: September 28, 1955.

By: M. Weeks & G. Bowker.

Built

1874

General Construction

Exterior: One storey brick building on stone foundations with frame entrance porch. Metal clad roof. Brick chimney forms part of building wall, not rodded.

Interior: Hardwood floor, wainscoting and plaster furred walls and ceiling.

Frame, metal clad roof addition is used for general storage and wood.

Heating

One coal and wood-burning stove, set on metal base, exposed to classroom.

Water Supply

Water is obtained for fire protection from a restaurant located on south side of No. 2 Highway, approximately 350 feet away.

Exposures

None.

Lighting

Hydro with lomex cable.

Attendance

At present time, 46 children.

Recommendations

See General Comments and Recommendations at beginning of report.

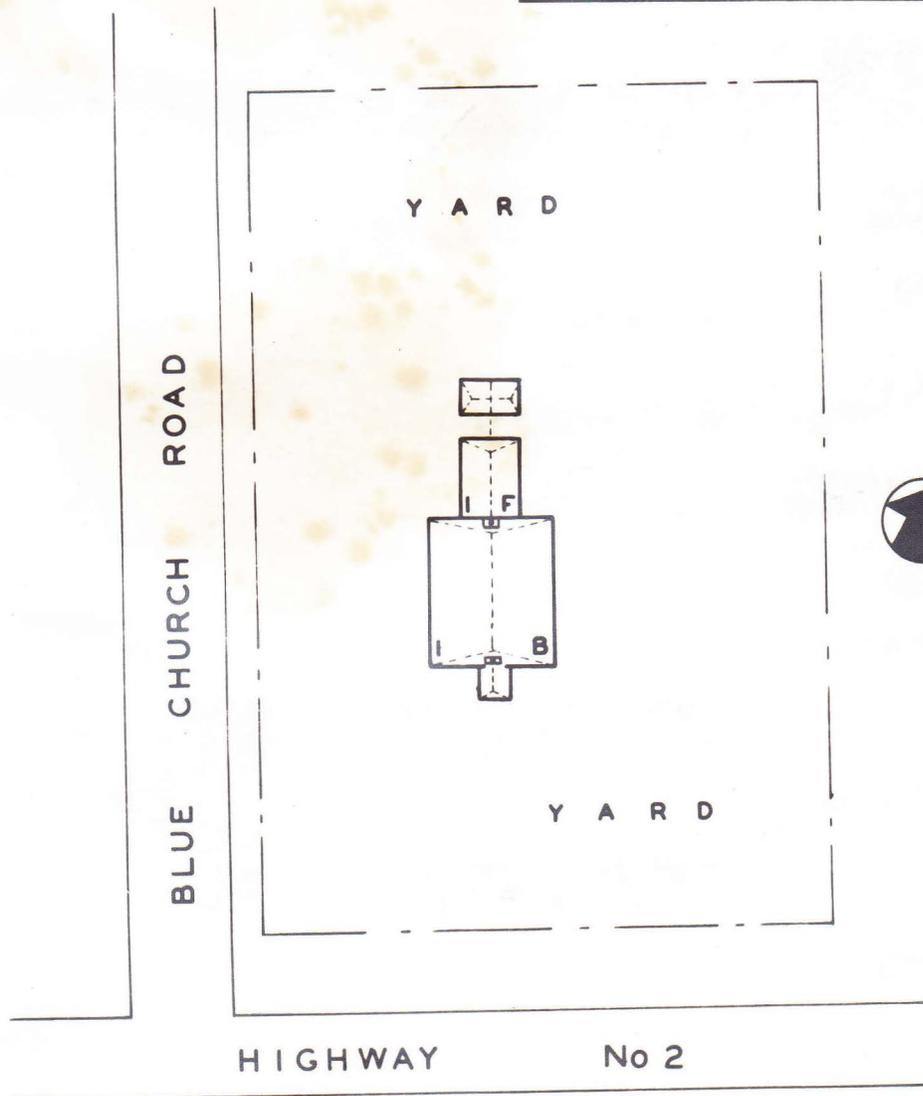
Valuation

School

Replacement Cost New	\$18,930
Actual Cash Value	\$15,140

Outhouse

Replacement Cost New	\$ 482
Actual Cash Value	\$ 386



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See also:

1858
We have Original map when Augusta
was divided into school sections -
Early history of education and schools
prior to 1858 (another book)

KEY

TO DIAGRAM SYMBOLS

- F - Frame
- S - Stone
- B - Brick
- CB - Concrete Block
- ◻ - Chimney Stack
- ⊠ - Bell Tower
- ⊙ - Usable Well
- - Hot Air Furnace
- ▣ - Hot Water Boiler
- ≡ - Stairs

All diagrams, with the exception
of the Location Map, have been
drawn to a scale of 50' = 1 inch.

Goldie A. Connell
Curator.

1851

Assessment Roll for the Township of Augusta for S. S. # 1

Peter Moran
Jane McAuly
Thomas Desett
Justus L. Merwin , Esq.
John Armstrong
Edward Conway
Wm. Pillsworth
Heman Hurlbert
Robert Henry, Sen.
Patrick McGee
Oliver D. Shaver
Joel Couch
Robert Henry, Jr.
Wm. Millar
James Bradly
Archibald Mocer
John Tires
Joseph Merington
Rev. Robert Blakey
Wm. Cooper
John Brown
Archibald McLean
Elijah B. Smades
Samuel McKee
Catharine Heck
Thomas Coats
George Heck
Samyek O, Thomas
James and Alexander Finly
Henry Langly
Peter G. Snider
Andrew Willson

A very early photograph of a group at Blue Church School. It was the custom for parents and neighbours to be included when a photographer visited the school.





Blue Church, Augusta # 1

Evelyn Brooks dies at 78

Evelyn Elizabeth Brooks, a well-known Prescott resident and former elementary school teacher, died Tuesday at St. Vincent de Paul Hospital in Brockville. She was 78.

She was born in Morrisburg on Feb. 21, 1910, the daughter of the late William Howden Lane and Edith Clark.

Mrs. Brooks didn't spend much time in Morrisburg, though, living there for only a short period of time before moving to Williamsburg. In 1931 she first moved to Prescott, after marrying James Brooks on Dec. 31, 1931 in Iroquois.

A well-known teacher in the

area, she worked in Prescott at Central Public School, and also at Riverview Heights, Stone's Corners and the Blue Church. She was also a member of the Teacher's Federation.

Mrs. Brooks was a very active member of St. Paul's United Church, being very involved in a number of church affairs.

She is survived by her husband, James, and her son Donald of Kingston. Also surviving her are three grandchildren, Susan, Rebecca and Murray and a brother, Eldon Lane of London, Ont..

She was predeceased by a brother, Charles Lane.

Visitation will be held at the Gibson Funeral Home and Chapel on Dibble St. on Wednesday from 2-4pm and from 7-9pm. Donations to the Ontario Heart Fund are welcome.

The funeral service will take place on Thurs., July 21, 1:30pm in the chapel at the Gibson Funeral Home, with the officiating clergyman being Rev. Charles Newton of St. Paul's United Church.

Interment will be at Roselawn Memorial Gardens, and pallbearers will be Andrew Britnell, Irving H. Miller, Harold Francis and Irwin Throop.



Blue Church 1984
converted to dwelling and
greenhouse by Paul Zwerver

BLUE CHURCH

The first school known to have been in this vicinity was a little stone building with 2 small windows to a side, the foundation of which can be seen on the south side of the Highway No. 2, about one-quarter mile east of the present building. This was built on Lots 12 and 13, first in the possession of a man named CAMPBELL. Neither of these lots is in the Loyalists' grants list, but supposed to have been taken in some manner by the above-mentioned Mr. Campbell. The old building was torn down some years ago.

The lots were bought by REV. MR. BLAKEY from Mr. Campbell, and in 1821 he built the stone house known locally as the BEAVEN house. The farm, with the remains of the old stone school eventually passed into the possession of Messrs. Beaven, grandsons of Rev. Blakey, then to John R. Broome, (later Mayor of Brockville), who sold it to DR. RANDOLPH PATTERSON, native of Prescott, now residing in Ottawa. He and his family use it as a summer home.

The present brick school was erected 1874, on Lot 14, one of several lots held in each township as school lots. The proceeds from the sale was used to help in the building of the schoolhouse.

On May 22, 1925, at 11:30 o'clock, Blue Church School teacher and pupils were pleasantly surprised by a visit from His Excellency, Lord Byng of Vimy, accompanied by Lady Byng, Miss Sandford, Her Excellency's secretary, Major Hodgson, Mayor Taugher of Prescott, Mr. W. P. McCarthy, president of the Prescott Board of Trade, Dr. Fleming, vice-president of the same Board, and others. His Excellency, in the role of Governor-General of Canada, was making an official visit to the counties along the St. Lawrence. While in Prescott, he was invited to visit the Blue Church Cemetery, which contains the remains of Barbara Heck, the founder of Methodism in Canada, and the immediate family of Sir Alexander Mackenzie, the explorer. His Excellency, while there, noticed the children in the school yard, and walked over to chat with them. After speaking with them for a few minutes, he declared the rest of the day a holiday, in the name of the King, His Majesty George V.

On May 12, 1937, an oak tree was planted at the north border of the yard, in honour of the coronation of King George VI. All the school children, trustees Mr. John Hanna, Mr. Will McLean, and Mr. Hubert Smades were present, as well as Mr. Percy Kirkby, secretary-treasurer of the Trustee Board. Short speeches were given by the trustees, and patriotic songs were sung by the children, under the direction of the teacher, Miss Norma Powell. The tree thrived, and in 1982 is still growing. I

In 1938 five trees, walnut and butternut, given by Inspector Gordon Young, were planted on May 5th. On Thursday, May 18, 1939, the children (22 of them on roll) planted 3 trees, 2 maple and 1 elm in the school grounds in honour of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth's visit to Canada. The children sang 'God Save the King', 'O Canada', and 'The Maple Leaf forever' after the planting. Edward Earle spoke a few words on behalf of the boys, and Pearl Nolan spoke for the girls. On May 21, the Royal Train travelled on the CNR tracks past the school, on its way to Brockville and Kingston. On May 23, 1939, two oak trees were planted in honour of the Royal Visit, presented by Inspector, W. H. Carlton, with similar ceremony.

Mr. A. A. Bennington served for 30 years as a trustee here, his work untiring and honest, until his death, Feb. 3, 1933. Mr. Percy Kirkby succeeded him as secretary-treasurer, serving until May 1938 when he moved from the section. John Hanna followed him, until January 1942 when Charles R. Bradley took the office. Mr. Bradley joined the Augusta Township School Area Board when it was formed in 1946.

Mr. T. A. Craig's passing on July 20, 1933 is noted in the records. He had resigned in 1932 due to advancing years, and was succeeded by Mr. Gordon Young. His first visit to the school was February 23, 1933. When he was transferred to Middlesex, at Strathroy, he was followed here by Mr. W. H. Carlton during the summer of 1938.

Children of the school were given diphtheria toxoid treatments on Sept. 29,, October 22, and November 24. Vaccination for 16; innoculation for 13. Dr. Armstrong, M.O.H., administered the needles.

During the summer of 1940, the school porch received much needed repairs, and the lawn some attention. A lawn-mower was purchased at the request of Inspector Carlton, who paid his last visit to this school, October 4, 1940. He was followed by Mr. R. A. A. McConnell, who first visited June 10, 1941.

Miss Lydia M. Earl, itinerant Music teacher, was much mourned when she was killed in an automobile accident when crossing the railway tracks at Wells' Crossing, (now Brockchem road). Miss Earl's kindness and patience will long be remembered by the pupils whom she taught, and the teachers with whom she worked. Mrs. Connerty of Merrickville succeeded her, making her first visit here on Sept. 9, 1942.

(these notes made by Miss Norma Powell,
longtime teacher in this school)

TEACHERS since 1891

1891-92.....Miss Minnie Beckett
 1893-94.....Miss Bessie Wright
 1895Miss Maude Bennington and Miss Laretta Wilson
 1896Miss Bessie Wright and Miss Jennie Hough
 1897Miss Louella Cumming
 1898Miss Mary Fraser
 1899-1900Edward Eward
 1901Miss Jennie Myers
 1902Miss Mary McNaughton
 1903Lindsay Brown
 1904-05Miss Edith Yuell
 1906Miss Mabel Carpenter, Miss Luella Daniels(Oct.Nov.Dec)
 1907Miss Bertha Cooper
 1908Miss Florence Bennington
 1909J. Wesley Jackson
 1910Miss Edna M. Roote (spring term)
 Miss Allie Power (fall term)
 1911Miss Viola Bradley
 1912-1942.....Miss Norma Powell (30 years devoted service)
 1943Mrs. Irwin Adams (Jan. to March)
 1943-44Mrs. Goldie A. Connell
 1945Mrs. Fairfield (Jan -March)
 Mrs. Green (April - June)
 Mrs. Pearl Birch
 Miss Lee Wright

The final years saw the school with 2 classes and 2 teachers, until the completion of the new school at Maitland. Overflow classes were also held in the Blue Church itself.

The school building was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Zwerver, who converted it for a dwelling. The shed was the first of several greenhouses, with Paul Zwerver operating a thriving business in nursery plants there. "Blue Church Greenhouses".