

SCHOOL SECTION NO. 7

BRUNDAGE'S

LOT 7 - CONCESSION 3

TOWNSHIP OF AUGUSTA

Inspected: September 29, 1955.

By: M. Weeks & G. Dowker

Built  
1872.

General Construction

Exterior: One storey stone building with stone entrance porch, both with wood shingle roof. The outside rear wall of this school has been stuccoed. Brick chimney forms part of building wall, not rodded.

Interior: Hardwood floor, frame wainscoating and tented walls, tented ceiling. One blackboard.

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

Heating

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

Water Supply

Water is obtained for fire protection from the farm house approximately 220' away.

Exposures

None.

Lighting

Hydro with B. X. & lomex cabling.

1955 Attendance

At present time, 35 children.

Recommendations

The heating stove is badly cracked on one side allowing flames and smoke to occasionally burst through the  $\frac{1}{4}$ " depth. This is most undesirable and should be replaced with a new stove.

The exhaust piping from the stove forms a low pocket at the chimney, allowing dirt and dust to accumulate inside the pipe. It is recommended that the piping be taken down and cleaned and replaced making sure that the piping does not drop towards the chimney.

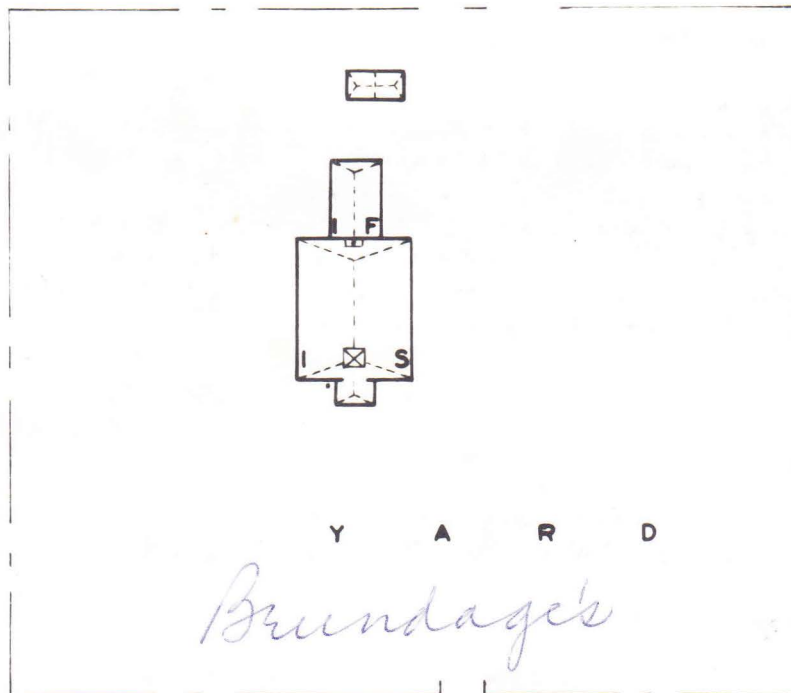
Valuation

School

Replacement Cost New	\$15,774
Actual Cash Value	\$11,994

Outhouse

Replacement Cost New	\$ 377
Actual Cash Value	\$ 302



3 RD CONCESSION ROAD

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S. S. # 7, BRUNDAGE'S SCHOOL

Location: Concession 3, Lot 7



"Before 1872 the school serving this district was situated about 60 rods west of the present site. The building was a frame structure, with eight windows. Two box-stoves heated it. The blackboards were plastered and blackened boards. It had been made up of a number of old buildings, and there were cracks so large that a bird could fly through, and did so on more than one occasion. There were no outbuildings".

...quote from Sterling LeRoy Spicer.

The school was condemned. In the district were 3 small schools, and they decided to amalgamate. One of these small schools was on Concession 2, another at the end of Concession 3. . The new school was built 1872, when the trustees were David Daniels, Matthew Robinson and Samuel Ryan. The contract was given to Sam Davidson. They bought a half acre of land for \$50 from Nehemiah Brundage, because this site was central to the three schools it replaced. The building was erected of stone found on the farm, at a cost of \$1200.

The first teacher is thought to have been JAMES PERRIN, probably a retired soldier, noted at least for his excellent discipline and keen mind. In the summer, attendance was small, and a lady teacher presided. In winter months, as many as 60 pupils attended, with a male teacher in charge. The children were taught chiefly Reading, Writing and Arithmetic, with a little Geography, Grammar, History, depending on the qualifications of the teacher at the time, and the texts available.

Also in the early scholl were EXEKIEL TRENNEM (TRENHOLM, probably), MARY SERVICE, WILLIAM ROONEY, MR. DUNLAP, JOHN PLACE, ROBERT BROWN AND MR. QUINN. These were from local family groups, except for Mr. Quinn, of whom little is known, except that he died and was buried in Maynard Cemetery. The salary varied from \$200 to \$300 per year, with less cash if board and room were provided.

Early secretary-treasurers included:

1891-1900 Mr. J. W. Place  
1901 - 1914 Mr. Judson Polite  
1914-1945 Mr. Robert Simpson





Rita Whitney  
#7 1954-55

S.S.#7 and S.S.#9 picnic 1938  
Trustee Arthur Dulmage with  
Teacher, Anna Armstrong (#7)







Brundage's School, Everett Billings teacher 1953

Back row: Bill Patterson, Valerie Young, Beverley Richards, Hinka deBoer, Shirley Jones, Doris Young, Arie VanWeelie, Kenneth Foster, Gerald Hough, Mr. Billings

Mid row: Linda Connell, Patsy Barton, Miriam Peet, Patricia Patterson, Joyce Walker, Berda VanWeelie, Rosemary Knapp, Gary Hall, Lorey Blad

Front row: Leslie Hall, Franz VanWeelie, John deBoer, Jimmy Marshall, Tommy Connell, Jimmy Blad, Ronald Jones, Jim Porteous, Ronald Harrison, Glen Barton, Gordon Rooney

## Rural Schools Represented in Music Festival



S.S. #7 BRUNDAGE'S

Shelva Marshall, Bill Patterson, Luella Knapp, Shirley Severson, Valerie Young, Hinka deBoer, Doris Young, John deBoer

Mrs. Goldie Connell accompanied these pupils to the Lions Club Festival, where they won Honorable Mention. The Adjudicator commended them for including Bill Patterson, whose voice was changing, and not to be trusted!





SS#7 1872  
BRUNDAGE'S





S. S. #7, Augusta, Brundage's 1895-6

S. S. # 7, Augusta, Brundage's School, about 1894, Miss Annie Leonard, teacher  
 Front row: Bert Smith, Victor Robinson, Nellie Robinson, Stella Row, Flora Scott,  
               Ruby Robinson, Ruby Eward, Leon Loosley, Mary Toshack, Ray Eward,  
               Beatrice Toshack, Mattie Black, Willie Rickey  
 2nd row: Fanny Daniels, Sterling Spicer, ....., Harry Scarlet, Jim Durant,  
            Fanny Jackson, Annie Eward, Hugh Saunders, Florence Ferguson,  
            Ed Robinson, Pearl Robinson, Ada Eward, James McCartin  
 3rd row: Jessie Burnie, Kate Smith, Mabel Saunders, Etta Daniels, .....,  
            Maggie Sawdon, Ezra McLean, Willie Robinson, George Eward, Ray Eward ???  
            Jack Daniels, Jimmie Spicer  
 4th Row; Laura Place, Hattie Hodge, Grace Row, Rebecca Saunders, Carrie Spicer,  
            Nellie Polite, Lizzie Smith, Maggie Eward,  
 5th row; George Miller, Jack Service, Ernie Eward, George Ryan, Dow Scott,  
            Mrs. Chester Spicer

--photo courtesy  
 Mrs. Carman Hough (Carrie  
                                   Spicer)

When this was reproduced in the Prescott Journal  
 in 1988, it caused a sensation in the TOSHACK family.  
 They have done considerable research into the family line,  
 but had no record of these two girls

Mary and Beatrice Toshack.

- Jim Toshack and Sheila Toshack  
                                   interested

Also - Babe Saunders inquired about members of that family -  
 unknown to him.





Miss Anna Armstrong, S.S.#7  
1940-45  
with Harold Polite at  
Picnic for local schools



REID JOHNSTON'S BUS TO  
South Grenville District  
Secondary School



Beatrice Halpenny  
S. S. #9 1935-39



Maynard - S.S.#7, Augusta, June 18, 19



S.S.# 7 AUGUSTA Brundage's 1953

back: Bill Patterson, Valerie Young, Bev Richards, Hinke DeBoer  
Doris Young, Shirley Jones, Arie VanWeelie, Kenneth Foster  
Gerald Hough

2nd row: Linda Connell; Patsy Barton, Miriam Peet, Patty Patterson,  
Joyce Walker, Berda VanWeelie, Rosemary Knapp, Gary Hall,  
Lorey Blad

Front: Leslie Hall, Franz VanWeelie, John DeBoer, Jimmy Marshall,  
Tommy Connell, Jimmy Blad, Ronnie Jones, Jimmy Porteur  
Ronnie Harrison, Glen Barton, ~~Low Gray brothers~~

Teacher: Everett Billings

~~Glen Barton~~  
GORDON ROONEY





BRUNDAGE'S

Concession 3 Lot 7

This section at one time had 3 small school, which were amalgamated when the present building was erected 1872, a stone structure on a site located on the farm of Nehemiah Brundage. At one time this family ran an inn and stagecoach stop on the corner catercorner from the school site.

TEACHERS from 1891

1891 - Hugh W. Henry  
 1892 - Hugh W. Henry  
 1893 Secord Bass  
 1894 - Jennie Kingston Annie Leonard  
 1895-97 - Annie Leonard  
 1898 - Carleton Lane  
 1899 - Ernest Yuill  
 1900 - Jennie Rosbrook  
 1901-02 - J. Herford Steed  
 1903-04 - Mary M. Stilwell (later Mrs. George Robinson)  
 1905 - Jessie E. Allen  
 1906-09 - Maud M. Wright  
 1910 - Geroge W. Kerr Elizabeth Tyner  
 1911 - Bertha Ranson from Prescott  
 1912 - Bertha M. Ranson Mrs. Alder Carson (nee Eva Hough)  
 1913 - Molly Garvin Eva M. Mills  
 1914 - Florence M. Milligan  
 1915 - F. Milligan A Cecelia Rowan  
 1916 - Bertha Cooper from Prescott  
 1917 - Kate A. Dukelow  
 1917-18 - Kate Smith  
 1918-19 - Dwight Bishop  
 1919-20 - Evelyn M. Bennington  
 1920 - Bertha White Fall term  
 1921 - Evelyn M. Bennington Spring term  
 1921-23 - Evelyn Bennington  
 1923-24 - Helen Smades Blue Church area (Mrs. McWilliams later)  
 1924-25 - Gordon Newman Spencerville  
 1925-31 - Mary F. Earle  
 1931-37 - Berneice Brown (Mrs. Wm. Brown, nee Berneice Baker) Domville  
 1937-40 - Gideon Fairbairn from Spencerville  
 1940-45 - Anna Armstrong from Cardinal  
 1945-46 - Wayne Perry  
 1946-48 - Mrs. Emma Webb  
 1948-49 - Mrs. Elsie Simpson (illness forced supply teachers, Mrs. H. Bennett and Mrs. Laura Landon)  
 1949-54 - Everett Billings, Prescott  
 1954-55 - Mrs. Rita Whitney, Prescott

Because of overcrowding here, the Grade 7 and 8 pupils were bussed to Maitland by Reid Johnson.

1956 - January, the opening of Churchill School left only Grades 1 to 4 here. Tanney's Bus conveyed the others to the new facility.

- 1957-58 - Mrs. Ruth Casselman came here to teach grades 3, 4 and 5, with Mrs. Peter Polite handling grades 1 and 2. This was difficult having so many pupils in one room, but there was crowding everywhere. Ruth Casselman drove daily from Winchester district. Mrs. Polite (nee Margaret Leacock) from Domville.
- 1958-62 - Mrs. Kenneth McKinley took over grades 1 and 2, and the other children were bussed to Maynard Public School.
- 1962-63 - Mrs. Alwilda King came in December to complete the term begun by Miss Shirley King in September.

For a time the overflow from Maynard was housed here, and at one time, there was a kindergarten class here, all directed from Maynard. (1967-68)  
At that time, a well was drilled, and toilets installed within the school room, as well as a furnace to heat it.

When the school was closed, and all students transported to Maynard, it was used for storage of supplies.

1969-70 not required.

1970 - sold by tender to Bruce Connell, for \$4,300, who renovated it for a dwelling which he rented.

Some pupils from this school who made a name for themselves in later years include:

Dr. James Simpson, who served in WW1, became a doctor, trained in Edinburgh, and practised in Toronto, principally at the Hospital for Sick Children. He was the son of James and Fannie Simpson who farmed on Lot 11, Concession 3.

Dr. Sterling LeRoy Spicer, also a doctor in Toronto, connected with the St. Joseph's Hospital there. The only son of Chester and Mary Spicer, he returned to the community on retiring, and built a lovely home on the site of the first Spicer homestead, Loyalists, Concession 3, Lot 10.

James Irwin Robinson, son of Alex and Edith Robinson, farmers on Lot 10, became president of Crane Co. Ltd., Montreal, and on the Board of numerous other industries.

Rev. James Spicer, son of James Spicer and his wife, who farmed Lot 10, became an evangelist, travelling widely over United States, spending his final days in Florida.

George W. Robinson, married teacher Mary Stilwell, and carried on the Robinson Farm, passing it to his son John M., now farmed by John's sons, George and Edward.

There were also contributions to various other trades and crafts, the usual results that came from these small country schools where children were given a good basic training.



DR. STERLING LEROY SPICER, son of Chester Spicer and his wife Mary Hodges, donated some 800 books to the school library, the trustees built a large cupboard to accommodate them. Since many were adult fiction, the community was invited to use them as well.

Born February 15, 1886, Sterling attended Brundage's School and Prescott High before going to Toronto University and College of Pharmacy, University of Western Ontario. In 1911 he received degree M. D.C.M from Western. In the World War I he attained the rank of Captain. He remained in army to advance to Lt-Colonel, Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps, 1937.

When St. Joseph's Hospital opened in Toronto 1921, he was surgeon on staff. When World War II came, he was on duty from Aug. 26, 1939 to July 1946. He retired from the Canadian Army with the permanent rank of Lt.-Colonel, October 5, 1946. During the war years he was Chief Examiner in First Aid for Military District No. 2.

Dr. Spicer was the author of many poems, some of which he had published in a small booklet entitled "Sugar and Spicer" in 1978. He was an avid reader and researcher into historical and genealogical heritage, and wrote many papers on that subject for historical meetings. He was founder of the Col. Edward Jessup branch of the United Empire Loyalist Association, and most active in its works. His Loyalist claim lay through the Youker family, his grandmother being Matilda Youker.

Dr. Spicer built a summer home in Maynard, on the site of the first Spicer homestead, Lot 9, Concession 3, some distance from the main road. Following his retirement, he came to live there, and remained until ill health forced him to remove to Prescott. His last years were spent with his daughter, Ileana Spicer Morris, in Cooksville, and he died in hospital there, March 1981, having passed his 95th birthday. He is buried in Maynard Cemetery.

#### SIMPSON

Another native son who attended this little stone schoolhouse, was James Simpson, son of James Simpson and his wife, Frances Starr. JAMES STARR SIMPSON, born 1878, attended local schools, and then Woodstock College and McMaster University before graduating from McGill Medical School. It was said that his older brother, Robert, was given the opportunity for higher education first, since the parents thought they could not afford to have both boys leave the farm, and when young Robert lagged in his studies and lacked interest, James insisted that he be given the chance. He worked hard, and was most successful.

He served overseas with the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps during World War I, and returned to Toronto after that conflict. In 1921 he was Chief Surgeon in St. Joseph's Hospital when it opened, and served in that capacity until he retired in 1950. Following that, he carried on a private practice until ill health forced total retirement. He was a summer resident at Fernbank, west of Brockville for more than 30 years, and often visited the family farm in Maynard, Con. 2, Lot 11, directly across the road from Maynard Cemetery.

His death came in July, 1962, and he was buried in the family plot in Maynard. He left a son, Dr. James Simpson, Jr., and a daughter, Mrs. James Wadsworth, all of Toronto.

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1906-09 Maud M. Wright  
1910 - George W. Kerr, Elizabeth Tyner  
1911 - Bertha M. Ranson  
1912 - Bertha M. Ranson, Mrs. Alder Carson (Eva Hough)  
1913 - Molly Garvin, Eva M. Mills  
1914 - Florence M. Milligan  
1915 - Florence Milligan, A. Cecelia Rowan  
1916 - Bertha L. Cooper  
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1919-20 Evelyn M. Bennington  
1920 - Bertha White, Gertrude Ormerod  
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1948-49 Mrs. Simpson and substitutes, Mrs. H. Bennett, Mrs. Laura Landon  
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January 1956, on the opening of the new Churchill Public School, only those pupils in Grades 1 to 4 were left in this school. Tanney's Bus Lines conveyed the others to the new school.

1954-55, because of overcrowding, the pupils in Grades 7 and 8 were transported by Johnston's bus to Maitland School.

1957-58 Two teachers were in the school at the same time - Mrs. Ruth Casselman had charge of Grades 3,4,5, and Miss Margaret Leacock, grades 1 & 2. Chemical toilets were installed this year.

1958-59 Mrs. Mary McKinley, with older children bussed to Maynard.

1967-68 Renovated for Kindergarten annex to Maynard.



JAMES IRWIN ROBINSON, born July 18, 1879, son of Alexander Robinson and his wife, Edith Dulmage, was another ex-pupil of Brundage's School to achieve more than usual success in his career. He attended the Prescott High School and Ottawa Business College before going to New York at age 18 to seek employment. He worked in many different jobs from railroad fireman to construction work. He acquired experience with a firm of steamfitters and engineers suppliers, and in January 1907, he commenced work with the Crane Company at San Francisco. Shortly afterwards he was out on the road as a salesman for that firm.

At the outbreak of World War I, he returned to Canada to enlist with the Royal Canadian Engineers. Following the war he was, in 1919, appointed Sales Manager for Crane Limited, whose Canadian valve and fitting factory went into operation that year. Shortly afterwards he became General Sales Manager for Canada, and in 1927 he was elected a Director of the firm. From 1932 to 1934, as branch manager of the Vancouver office, he built up the Crane Co. organization there. In 1937 Mr. Robinson became Vice-president and General Manager of the firm, and ultimately President in 1948, with headquarters in Montreal.

Mr. Robinson was on the Boards of many other companies at the time of his death. His favourite interests were fishing and visiting the family farm in Maynard, where he had made many improvements to the buildings over the years.

Death came October 23, 1950, and he was laid to rest in the family plot in Maynard Cemetery.





Coville Pauline  
Annable

Donald  
Darbyson

Willi  
VanAmstel

Nancy  
Annable

Donna  
Stanley

Shirley  
Scott



Johanna  
Hoogwerf

Ronald  
Walker

Judith  
Clarke

Wendy  
Coville

Martha  
Reid

Arnold  
Woodward

Linda  
Hurlburt



Dale  
Robson

Diane  
Knapp

Debbie  
Stanley

Laura  
Scott

Anne  
Stearns

1958 - 1959





**SCHOOL SECTION No. 7, AUGUSTA — BRUNDAGE'S — 1895-96**

**Teacher, Miss Annie Leonard**

Front Row, left to right: Bert Smith, Victor Robinson, Nellie Robinson, Stella Row, Flora Scott, Ruby Robinson, Ruby Edward, Leon Loosley, Mary Toshack, Ray Eward, Beatrice Toshack, Mattie Black, Willie Rickey.

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Third Row: Jessie Burnie, Kate Smith, Mabel Saunders, Etta Daniels, (unknown), Maggie Sawdon, Ezra McLean, Willie Robinson, George Eward, Ray Eward, Jack Daniels, Jimmie Spicer.

Fourth Row: Laura Place, Hattie Hodge, Grace Row, Rebecca Saunders, Carrie Spicer, Nellie Polite, Lizzie Smith, Maggie Eward.

Fifth Row: George Miller, Jack Service, Ernie Eward, George Ryan, Dow Scott, Mrs. Chester Spicer.

- Photo courtesy Mrs. Goldie Connell

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Gary Davis



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**BROCKVILLE**



**LIONS CLUB**

**/ FESTIVAL OF MUSIC /**

**This is to Certify**

That S. S. # 7, Brundages, Prescott  
Obtained excellent Standing  
in Class One Room Schools

Brian S. L. Cool

Adjudicator.

E. P. Alexander

Chairman.

R. B. Kerfoot

President Brockville Lions Club.

Dated at Brockville, Ontario, this 31st. Day of March, 1952.