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LOT 16 - CONCESSION 3

TOWNSHIP OF AUGUSTA

Inspected: September 29, 1955. By: M. Weeks & G. Dowker



General Construction

Exterior: One storey stone building with stone entrance porch, both with wood shingle roof. Brick chimney forms part of building wall, not rodded.

Interior: Hardwood floor, frame wainscoating and tentest walls. Ceiling is wood lined.

Frame wood shingle 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 a farm house 300° away.

Exposures

None.

Lighting

Hydro with lomex cable.

Attendance

At present time, 25 children.

Recommendations

See General Comments and Recommendations at beginning of report.

Valuations

School

Replacement Cost New \$10,640 Actual Cash Value \$8,300

Outhouse

Replacement Cost New \$ 518
Actual Cash Value \$ 414





Front row: Howard Fretwell, Julia Lane, Maysel Lane, Elma Ball, Amos Ball, Grace Bass, Harlow Perrin, Ethel Newans, Glassford, Nellie and Elmer Fretwell Middle: Gertrude Perrin, Cornelia Perrin, Ada Lane, Lucy Fretwell, Willie Alder, Willie Norton, Roy Dulmage, Sam Dulmage (adult)

Back: Mabel Conklin; Clara Barton; Jennie Whitney; Lizzie Eagen

As far as is known, the first building used for school purposes in this section was located on the south side of the Concession 3, forty rods or more west of the present site, on land that is now part of the farm of Tom Joy (Ivan Lane farm).

The structure was of logs and was composed of but one room. No further details concerning its construction and furnishings are known.

In 1840 one-half acre of land was given by the Dulmage family for a school site, and in the same year the walls of the present building were raised. These same walls remain today, but at that time they were 2 feet lower than at present. No provision was made for blackboards at that time, and a large window in the north end occupied the space now covered by blackboards.

The first pupils were seated on benches before the large wooden desks which were arranged in a single row around the walls. Some of these desks are still in existence and are used by members of the community for various purposes. They were very large, and it is difficult to imagine how they were used at all by younger pupils. During the first years, no woodshed was provided, but later a log structure to serve this purpose was built across the front of the school. The teacher at that time boarded with different members of the community who had children at school. The salary was paid in English money, an average of some 30 pounds per annum.

After 1870 several improvements were made in the building. The walls were raised 2' higher, and a blackboard added. The porch was built across the front, and a new woodshed at the rear. The old wooden desks were sold, and new seats of iron purchased. The size of the school grounds was doubled in 1916, when an additional half acre was secured from Walter Dulmage for \$60. A larger woodshed was built at the same time. No extensive alterations were made from that time so long as the school was in use.

No available records show that this school was ever honoured by visits from any notable persons. A few of those who have passed through have achieved success in distant towns and cities, but by far the great majority have been content to settle nearby.

# TEACHERS and SECRETARIES from 1891

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1891 - Miss Emma M. Patton
                                         Amos Barton
1892 - R. B. Thomson
                                         Wm. Weir
1893 - George S. Jones
                                         Amos Barton
1894 - Alice Saunders
                                         Joseph H. Lane
1895 - Alice Saunders - Annie Watson
                                         Joseph H. Lane
196 - Carleton Lane
1897 - H. J. Pearson
1898 - Frank Conklin
1899 - Frank Conklin
1900 - Jennie Myers
                                         Asa F. Bass
1901 - Gertie Collins
1902 - Lindsay O. Brown
1903 - Reba Coulter
                                         Philip Fretwell
1904 - Minnie McLellan (Bishop's Mills)
1905 - Kate Smith
1906 - Blanche Armstrong
                                         George M. Ball
1907 - Janie Findlay
19081909 - Janie Findlay
1910 - Kathleen Trimble .....$380.
1911 - Mary C. MacNeill .....$380
1912 - Mary C. MacNeill .....$425
1913 - Mary C. MacNeill .....$425
1914 - Kate A. Smith ,....$475
                                      2nd Concession Road
1914 - Blanche VanCamp (Fall)11$450
1915 - Bertha Lockerbie .....$475
1916 - Mayme A. C. Bennett ....$500
1917 - Florence M. Dillon ....$600 (part year)
   - May Fairfield .....$450
1918 - May M. Fairfield......$575
1919 - Blanche Campbell .....
                                  ...from Prescott
1920 - Cecelia Leeder ......$750
                                     from Prescott
1921 -
1923 - Huldah Leizert ......$1000. from Iroquois
1922-23 - Elsie J. MacDonald .. $1000. part year....
       - Huldah LaZerte.....
                                      (married state, difference in spelling name)
1923-24 - Lena M. Fretwell
1924-25 - Lena M. Fretwell
                                      later married Delbert Armstrong
1925-26 - Ruth P. Young.....$800
1926-27 - Ruth P. Young.....$800
1927-31 - Ruth P. Young .....$1999/
1931-32 - E. Melba Dilworth....$
1932-33 - Ruth P. (young) Dudley$800
                                        married to Claude Dudley
                                        from Kemptville Sec. Ivan Lane
1933-34 - Edythe Anderson .....$
1934-37 - Gordon Ringler .....$500 to $600
                                           from North Bay
1937-38 - Goldie A. Perrin.....$550
                                       from Maynard
1938-39 - Goldie A. Perrin.....$600
1939-40 - Gertrude MacDonald
1940-41 - Gertrude MacDonald
1941-42 - Kathleen Earle .....$800
                                       from Lyn
1942-43 - Kathleen Earle.....$1000
       - Marion Edmunds
                         8 2 9 6
                                   scarcity of teachers brought this student
                                   after a short course during the Summer.
           Brockville
1951 - Blanche E. Kelso
 to 1954
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Some of these were short terms, under direction from Maynard Public School.

- Margaret Keyes

At the school meeting held December 26, 1934, the caretaking contract was awarded to TOM WALKER for \$35 per annum. This was put up for auction, and went to the lowest bidder. Trustees at this meeting decided that the teacher must stay at the school during the noon hour, since the pupils were misbehaving in her absence. Pupils wilfully destroying property would be held accountable for same.

Wood was purchased each year by the auction method, usually from Walter Dulmage or Leonard Conklin. Twelve cords was the amount, and it cost, in 1931, was \$35.; in 1930, \$46 for the same amount. The wood was piled in the yeard, and after a period of drying, was piled in the woodshed by the pupils.

WHEN THE SCHOOL FINALLY CLOSED, Margaret Keyes was teaching there, supervised by the principal at Maynard. It was used as an overflow room.

MISS LYDIA EARL, the first itinerant music teacher in the township, began her weekly visits to this school in September 1938, with a 45 minute lesson each time. Miss Earl was much beloved by teachers and pupils alike, and her untimely death in a car acc ident was a great loss to all (May 1942). She was succeeded by Mrs. Connerty of Merrickville.

Because of small enrolment, and due to teacher shortage, the school was closed in 1943. Pupils were bussed to Charleville, Stone's Corners and Read's Schools. In 1951 it was renovated, and re-opened with an attendance of 16 from this section, and 9 from Lord's Mills. By 1954, the attendance had reached 29 pupils, and Lord's Mills students were back in their own school.

For a time, the Augusta Junior Farmers held their meetings in this building, the desks having been removed to other locations. When it was finally closed in 1964, the pupils all attended the new Maynard Public School. In January 1965, it was taken over by Augusta Township Council for use as an office for their staff.

The pine trees on the grounds were set out in 1938 by the pupils, directed by their teacher, Goldie A. Perrin, as were lilac bushes at the front fence.

For 2 years, under direction of Miss Perrin, there was a school garden at the rear of the lot, in which the children grew vegetables, and for which the trustees received an extra grant. To qualify for this, Miss Perrin attended 2 summer schools at Kemptville Agricultural School, receiving a certificate in Agriculture and Horticulture. This same group held a bee to clear the school yard of rocks and roots, the parents turned out willingly, with teams and wagons, and several loads were carted away, leaving an area marked out on the west side for the older children to use as a ball diamond, and place for flower beds.

When Augusta Township Council moved to their new Municipal Building, the school was offered for sale, and went to Jonas Cole for \$900, in 1968. He made numerous changes, and sold it to a Woods family 1970, reportedly for \$4000. It has been owned successively by Murray Morrell, V. Solomontenko and C. Coligan. (1981) A second storey has been added, and the shed converted to living quarters.

to 1995 by Miss Eleanor (Marrie) Spence told to Brad Code, autumn 1995 Location: Concession 3, Lot 15



As far as is known, the first building used for school purposes in this section was erected on the south side of the Third Concession, forty rods or more west of the present site, on land that was part of the farm owned by Joseph H. Lane. That was a log structure, one room.

In 1840 one-half acre of land was donated by the Dulmage family for a school site, and in the same year the walls of the present stone school were raised. These same walls remain today, but have been raised by 2 feet. No provision was made for blackboards at that time, and a large window in the north end occupied the space now covered by slate boards.

The first pupils were seated on benches before large wooden desks which were arranged in a single row around the walls. Some of these desks are still in existence, and are used by members of the community for various purposes. They were very, and it is difficult to imagine how they were used at all by the smaller pupils.

During the first years, no woodshed was provided, but later a log structure to serve that end was built across the front of the school room. The teacher at that time boarded with different members of the community who had children at school. This was part of the salary, the rest of which was paid in English money, and averaged 30 pounds per annum.

Several improvements were made after 1870. The walls were raised 2 feet, and a blackboard provided. A porch was built at the front door, and a new woodshed at the rear. The old wooden desks were sold, and new metal ones installed. In 1916 the purchase of an additional half acre of land from Walter Dulmage for \$60 doubled the size of the yard for playground. A larger woodshed was found necessary that year as well.

When the school was finally closed for instruction, 1964, it was taken over by the Augusta Township Council for an office for the Clerk, beginning January 1965, and was thus occupied until the new Municipal Building was completed in the Spring of 1968. Then the building and lot were offered for sale, and went to Jonas Cole for \$900. He used it as a residence.

1970 sold to Mr. Woods, reported price \$4000.

1977 to Murray Morrell, then to Mr. V. Solomontenko.

1981 sold to Mr. C. Coligan.

During Mr. Cole's occupancy a second storey was added, and various additions and changes made to the building.

At one time, the Junior Farmers of Augusta held their meetings in the building, the desks having been removed on closing.



Goldie A. Perrin, 1937 at K.A.S. for Summer Course in Agriculture and Horticulture...



1929/30/31 Ruth P. Young 1931-32... Melba Dilworth Mrs. Ruth P. Dudley (Young) -----1932-33... 800. 1933-34 .. Edythe Anderson 800. 1934-37 .. G. Gordon Ringler -----600. 1937-38 .. Goldie A. Perrin 550. 1938-39 .. Goldie A. Perrin 600. 1939-41 .. Gertrude Macdonald 800. to 1000. 1941-43 .. Kathleen Earle 1944-46 .. Marion Edmunds ------

Miss Edmunds was not trained at Normal School, but came directly from secondary school. This was due to the scarcity of trained teachers in World War II.

TEACHERS con	t'd	
1946-47	The pupils were bussed to S. S. #9, Charleville, because of low enrolment in both schools.	
1947-48-49	Mrs. Alton Stone (nee Marion Edmunds)	
1949-50	Pupils conveyed to Stones Corners School, due to low enrolment.	
	Floyd Stephenson drove the minibus.	
1950-51	Floyd Stephenson drove 13 pupils to Read's School, South Augusta,	
	where Miss Hough was teacher.	
1951-52-53	The school re-opened with Mrs. Hugh Kelso in charge. Some pupils	
	were bussed in.	
1954-55-56	Mrs. Phyllis Helmer	
1957Mrs. Helmer, with 8 pupils in Grade 6, brought in from Churchill		
	Public School, where there was overcrowding. At Christmas time	
	Mrs. Helmer resigned and left. The Board secured Helen Hierara	
	who had to be relieved of her duties in mid term.	

Mrs. Bruce Connell (nee Goldie Perrin) came in to complete the year.

The school was closed, Margaret Keyes was teacher at the time. From this time on, students attended the new Maynard Public School, and buses brought them from all corners of the township.

# SCHOOL BOARDS

1964

Each school section held meetings of ratepayers, and elected annually three members to form a board which elected a chairman from its midst.

1891	Amos Barton
1892	William Weir
1893	Amos Barton
1894-99	Joseph H. Lane
1900-1902	Asa F. Bass
1903-1933	George M. Ball
1934-1945	A. Ivan Lane

During much of his 30 years as Chairman, George Ball was also truant officer for the township.

With the formation of Augusta Township Area School Board, members were elected from the township at large, at the time of municipal elections. Persons who served on this Board included:

Byron Bennett, Algonquin; Willard Shannon, Charleville;
Norman Mackey, Maynard; W. L. Beaton, North Augusta; John Baker, North Augusta;
Mrs. Florence Keyes, Lord's Mills; Eldon Francis, Blue Church;
Charles Bradley, , Blue Church; Victor McCord, Garretton;

These people did a very fine job of building new schools, establishing new courses, and supporting their teachers in supplying materials needed and equipping the schools. They built new schools at Algonquin, Maynard, Maitland, and Churchill. Others were enlarged and improved as needed. The library resource room, the Home Economics room and Industrial Arts rooms at Maynard were a first for the county. There were special rooms and teachers for slow learners, and auditoriums for physical education with specially trained teachers. Itinerant music teachers were of great help in that area.



# SCHOOL PICNIC June 1939

S.S. # 5 (Dulmage's) and S.S. # 9 (Throop's) combined for a school picnic this year.
Miss Beatrice Halpenny was leaving Throop;s
Miss Goldie Perrin was exchanging Dulamge's for Throop's.
The picnic was held in the grove of trees on the farm of Goldie's parents - Mr. and Mrs.
E. D. Perrin.



LYDIA M. EARLE Itinerant Music Teacher Augusta -1938-1942

KEAYS, Margaret - In hospital, Perth, on Saturday, January 9, 1988. Miss Margaret Keays, dear sister of Jessie (Mrs. Howard Thompson) of Perth, and the late Harold, Cecil and Mary Kirkham.

Funeral service will be conducted in The Blair & Son Funeral Chapel, Perth, on Monday, January 11 at 2 p.m. Interment Elmwood Cemetery.





Gordon Ringler at E.D. Perrin's With Willis " George

GEORGE M. BALL, LONGTIME TRUSTEE Sec.-treas. S.S.#5, and truant officer for Augusta Township.



# Helen Rowsome, 82

ATHENS — Helen Rowsome, 82, of RR 4, Athens, (Hawk's Corners), died at the St. Vincent de Paul Hospital on Tuesday, Feb. 7, after being a patient for three weeks. Prior to that she had been a resident of Sherwood Park Manor Nursing Home for three years.

She was born at the homestead on October 14. 1906, daughter of the late John Sturgeon and the former Minnie Hall. She was educated at Addison public school and graduated from Athens high school before attending Ottawa Normal School to become a public school teacher.

She taught at Hawk's public school, Code public school and at schools in Brockville and Belleville. She also graduated fom the W.T. Rogers Business College in Brockville and worked for the Curl Service in Ottawa.

She was married in 1957 to Rowsome, John predeceased her a number of years ago. She was very interested in researching her family history, enjoyed cooking baking and sewing. She was a member of Addison United Church.

Surviving is a sister, Wilma Stoliker, of Kingston, and a nephew and niece, Jim and Kathy. She was predeceased by a brother, Wesley.

Friends were received at the Judson Funeral Home until Thursday when the funeral service was held at 11 a.m. with Rev. Doug Blair officiating.

Interment will follow in Glen Buell Cemetery. The pallbearers were Aden Freeman, Stanley Hall, Hubert Earl, Alec Whitehorn, Neil McCuaig, and Boyd Hall.

HELEN STURGEON taught S.S. 5 for Jan.-mid March then relieved....

# DEATHS

EARLE, Kathleen - Peacefully at the Helen Henderson Care Centre, Amherstview, Ontario on Tuesday December 17, 1991. Kathleen Earle, beloved sister of the late Evelyn Earle, Doris Earle and Dr. Purvis Earle. Dear niece of Mrs. Ronald Patrick of California and Kenneth Earle of Toronto. Daughter of the late Allan and Jane Elizabeth Earle (nee Purvls). Sadly missed by cousins, Don, Lynn, Mark, Jarrod, and Amelia Purvis.

Resting at the K.W. Montroy Funeral Home - Gananoque Chapel, 70 Pine Street, Gananoque. Friends will be received on Wednesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral service will be held in our Chapel on Thursday December 19 at 11:00 a.m. Interment Union Cemetery, Lansdowne.



Back Row: Ellis Travis, Lawrence Travis, Noar Dulmage, Kathleen Perrin, Goldie Perrin, Gereldene Barton, Venora Perrin, Cerelda Leeder (teacher) Edna Dulmage, Freda Horton, Phyllis Dulmage, Arthur Young, Eddie Byers

Front: Douglas Conklin, James Conklin, Hubert Barton, Doris Horton, Cleveland Perrin, Bob Byers, Wilhelmine Barton

S.S. 5 Augusta 1922/3



Teacher: Mrs. Blanche Kelso 1953

Back row: Martin VanderKleet, Elwood Bartlett, Clifford Fretwell, Bill Maguire,

Dirk Vanderkloet, Marlene Myers, Margaret Champagne, Minnie Knol,

Mid row: Frank Jones, Corinne Fretwell, Elizabeth Lane, Eunic e Jones,

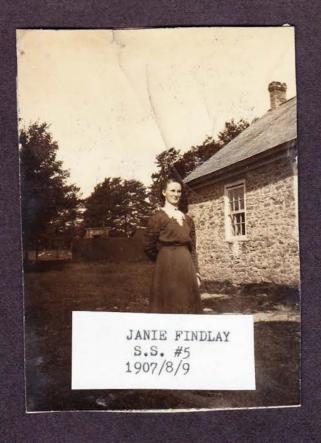
Imkjie VanderKloet, Donna Myers, Beverley McNaught, Gail Baynham

AnnaJean Myers

Front row: Lindsay Gray, Peter VanderKloet, Dennis Brown, Davis Myers,

(unknown), Bobby Maguire, Ronald Jason, Barry Brown,

Larry Ferguson





Gordon Ringler, North Bay
S. S. #5
1934-37
Mr. Ringler later taught at
Lyn, Manitoulin Island and
Larder Lake before going on
exchange to Ethiopia.



Dulmage's School, June 1939 Goldie A. Perrin, teacher

Back row: Bob Ashby, Jim Kirkby, Ken Fretwell, Dorothy Fretwell, Jean Fresque, Earl Barton

Mid row: Wilfred Ashby, Don Myers, Don Barton, Dick Byers, Lois Armstrong, Betty Kearns

Front row: Billy Conklin, Helen Myers, Lloyd Barton

Shirley Ball, a guest, under age for school



OFF TO SEE THE KING AND QUEEN, OTTAWA 1938
Teacher, Miss Goldie Perrin accompanied by Senior pupils
Kenneth Fretwell, Jean Fresque, Dorothy Fretwell,
Donald Barton, Earl Barton, Richard Byers, James Kirkby

They travelled by train from Prescott to the Experimental Farm, where space was provided for school children to watch as the Royal couple drove slowly past.



1923

Back: Lawrence Travis, L. M. Fretwell (teacher), George Travis,

Mid: Ellis Travis, Phyllis Dulmage, Cleveland Perrin, Bob Byers, Jim Conklin,

Kathleen Perrin, Douglas Conklin, Gereldene Barton, Edward Byers

Front: Hubert Barton, Goldie Perrin, Morley Ball, George Perrin,

Nellie Byers, Stella Conklin, Eldon Lane, Wilhelmine Barton

### MAINTENANCE

It is interesting to note that, at the school meeting held December 26, 1934, the caretaking contract was awarded to Tom Walker for \$35.00, put up for auction and given to the lowest bidder. This meant sweeping the floor and dusting the desks, starting the fire during cold weather and shoveling a path to the door. Pupils carried wood from the shed to fill the woodbox, and a pail of water from the farm of George Ball across the road. It was considered a big step when a stoneware crock with tap replaced the old tin one, and everyone drank from the same dipper or tin cup.

Trustees at this meeting decided that the teacher must stay at the school during the noon hour, since the pupils were misbehaving in her absence. They were said to have wilfully destroyed property, and would be held accountable for same.

Wood was purchased each year by the same auction method, usually the contract was won by Walter Dulmage or Leonard Conklin. Twelve cords was the required amount, and in 1931 it cost \$35; \$46 for the same in 1930. The wood was drawn and piled in the yard, and, after a period of drying, was piled into the shed by the older pupils.

The old box-stove threw out a good heat, but could not match the draft from the windows. Therefore, pupils sitting near the stove were too warm, and unlucky souls near the west windows were always cold. Of course, the draft on the floor was a healthy one, and children tried to keep their feet elevated. Teacher and pupils alike wore heavy socks and boots to keep feet comfortable.

#### MUSIC

Miss Lydia Earle was the first itinerant music teacher in the township. She began her weekly visits to this school in September 1938, with a 45 minute lesson. Miss Earle was a competent teacher, with a very pleasing personality that soon endeared her to pupils and teachers alike. Her untimely death in a motor accident was a great blow to all, May 1942.

Mrs. Arnold Connerty, Merrickville, came to replace Miss Earle. Following her, Walter Hofmann held the position very capably, and when he went on to South Grenville District High School, Kenneth Mara was hired. He remained as long as there was an itinerant teacher.

The method was to lay out songs for the teacher to practise with the children during the week, and to hear them when he/she came next time. There was always a time for enjoying old songs, and planning for special events. The doh, me, soh came in for attention, as well.

# PLAYGROUND

During the time that Goldie Perrin was teacher (1937-39) some needed improvements were made in the grounds. She called in parents for a "bee" to remove stones and clear a space for a ball diamond on the west side of the school. Several men responded with wagons and teams, and 3 loads of stones were taken away. The children picked stones and gathered debris.

Miss Perrin secured small pine seedlings from Kemptville Agricultural Farm, and they were planted in a nursery plot for two years before being set out in the grounds. At that time, there was also a school garden, each child has a Plot to tend.

## INSPECTORS OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

JAMES CLAPPERTON, born June 28, 1798, in Scotland, emigrated to Canada 1831, was the first Superintendant of Education in Upper Canada. He taught in various schools, once in Domville, S.S. \*8 Augusta, and in 1851 he boarded in the home of Charles Row, Maynard. He is buried in the old section of Maynard Cemetery.

THOMAS ALLAN CRAIG, Dec. 29, 1857-July 20, 1933, with office in Kemptville, served for many years as Inspector of Public Schools for Grenville County. He was a big man who inspired awe in both teacher and pupils. He is remembered to have driven a Model A Ford coupe, and his wife often came with him. She sat in the car, parked on the grounds under a big maple tree, and busied herself with needlework whilst he did his duties. She was the object of great curiosity on the part of the pupils. Mr. Craig inspected our notebooks and workbooks, sometimes asked pupils to read aloud, quizzed them on various subjects, checked the teacher's courses and the register and stressed upon all the importance of clear articulation of speech. I recall that it was with a great feeling of relief for all when we saw him depart, not that he was unkind or overly critical, but with hope that we had passed muster, and not brought disgrace upon our teacher or our school.

Others who came as inspectors included:

GORDON YOUNG, transferred to Middlesex in 1938;

W. H. CARIETON, who moved the office from Keptville to Prescott, the area to be covered having been lessened.

R. A. A. McCONNELL

W. H. KNIGHT 1943

C. A. HOLMES 1950

HAROLD KNISLEY was the last to hold this office, which was abandoned when the Leeds & Grenville County School Board was set up. In place of inspectors, they appointed superintendants. Each of these was assigned territory where they held jurisdiction over a number of schools. No longer was the visit of the Inspector the highlight of the school year.





George M. Ball Chairman of S. S. #5 Augusta School Board 1903-1933 Truant Officer for many years.

Photo-Mrs. Mabel Joynt

THOMAS ALLAN CRAIG
Inspector of Public Schools