

SCHOOL SECTION NO. 3

MAITLAND

LOT 29 - CONCESSION 1

TOWNSHIP OF AUGUSTA

Inspected: September 28, 1955.

By: M. Weeks & G. Dowker

Built
1865.

General Construction

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

Interior: Hardwood floor. Frame wainscoating, tentest board walls and ceiling. One blackboard. One small sink.

Separate stone storage shed with a wood shingle roof is used for wood and general coal storage. This shed is not wired or heated.

Heating

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

Water Supply

Water is obtained for fire protection from farm house approximately 300 feet away.

Exposures

None.

Lighting

Hydro with B. X. cabling.

Attendance

At present time, 35 children.

Recommendations

The stove exhaust piping is suspended less than 1' from the ceiling. It is recommended the ceiling is protected above the stove piping with gyp-roc or the piping lowered an extra foot.

Valuation

School

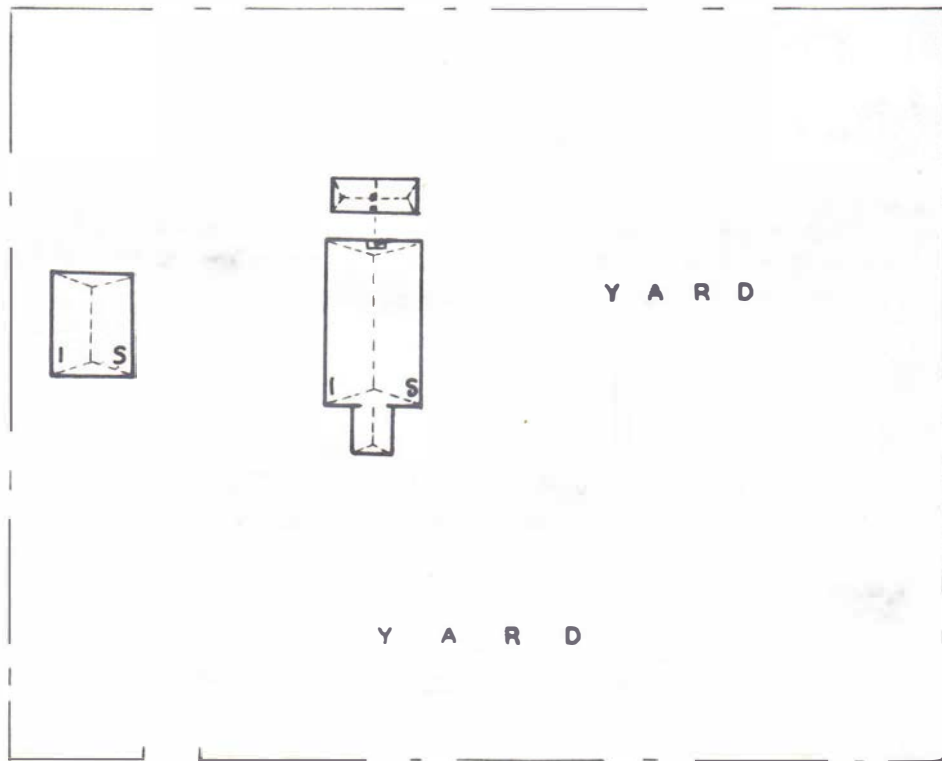
Replacement Cost New	\$11,920
Actual Cash Value	\$ 8,940

Outhouse

Replacement Cost New	\$ 320
Actual Cash Value	\$ 256

Wood Shed

Replacement Cost New	\$ 1,880
Actual Cash Value	\$ 1,316



MAITLAND ROAD

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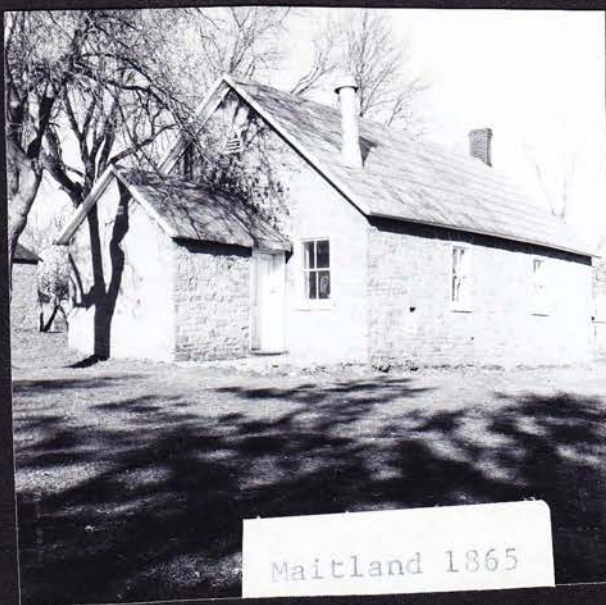
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Maitland 1865



Restored 1816
School -

Education began early in Maitland, possibly because of the concentration of population there. It is believed that the school established here by the U. E. Loyalists of the District of Johnstown was the first in Upper Canada. It was organized by private individuals wishing education for their children in 1788, and was known as the JOHNSTOWN GRAMMAR SCHOOL. In the early days, pupils were of elementary level, with a few advancing to the "High Form". Pupils walked daily to and from the school, coming from Prescott and Brockville as well as from the immediate environs. REV. JOHN BETHUNE, son of a pioneer Presbyterian at Williamstown, was ordained and appointed to the 'cure of souls' in Elizabethtown and Augusta. He became the district schoolmaster at Maitland where he made his headquarters until moving to Brockville. Dr. Bethune subsequently became the first principal of McGill College, Montreal, and first Dean of Montreal. In 1818 an act was passed for the removal of the Johnstown District Grammar School to Brockville and this was done the following year or so.

Subjects taught at the school included reading, history, arithmetic, spelling, geography, surveying, geometry (euclid), English composition, Latin, French and Greek. Sessions were long and holidays few and far between. Discipline was of the old-fashioned type, and salaries were very low, teachers having to rely on donations from private individuals, and other gifts of food and clothing for their livelihood. Textbooks were difficult to obtain, and were for the most part procured in New York State. Since they were biased in favour of the United States against Britain, they did not please the Loyalists and other British settlers. MR. ASA STARKWEATHER was the first teacher in this early school.

The second school built in Maitland was erected probably in 1816, and the ruins of it are still standing, now restored by Mr. Richard Dumbrille. The third one, on the same grounds, is known as the 1865 school. The contractor was John L. Wood, and the first teacher JEREMY SUDBY. Trustees: JOHN ANDERSON, ALBERT PEARSON, JOHN DUMBRILLE and ALBERT LONGLEY.

Teachers and secretaries of this section since 1891 include: Mrs. Alice Gray; Samuel Mars; Wm. W. Roche, with E. M. McTaggart, sec.-treasurer; Mary A. Walsh; J. P. Baker, with sec.-treasurer, Ernest Kendall; In 1901, Rev. E. Scammell was in that office, and teachers listed Mary A. Walsh, Gertrude Scammell, Beatrice Scarlett, In 1905, J. P. Baker listed teachers Susie McPherson, Ida G. Wayss, Blanche Storey, Edythe A. Glazier, Jennie Ralph, Leah Beehler, Nellie Griford and Clara I. Brown. In 1916, C. F. Dumbrille was elected secretary, a post he held until 1946 when Augusta Township School Area Board came into effect. He listed teachers Frank Yates, Harriet Wallace, Margaret E. Moulson, Myrtle Rappee, Evelyn Kearney, Harold Johnston, Lola G. Horton, and Kathleen Dawson. From 1946 until the school was finally closed, Mrs. Roy Simpson, Shirley Hodgins, Mrs. Alwilda King and Mrs. Marjerrison were there.

One pupil who achieved fame during World War I was MAJOR THANE McDOWELL, who won the Victoria Cross at Vimy Ridge on Easter Monday, April 9, 1917.

This building was used by the Augusta firemen for a time until their building was completed nearby. It was used by the Maitland Educational and Recreational Committee as a place to hold meetings and teach crafts to local children.

1970 Both schools were released by Leeds & Grenville Counties Board of Education to Richard Dumbrille for restoration project. In November of that year, they were sold to Mr. Dumbrille.

1974-5 Mr. Du,brille had the 1816 school restored to original, at his own expense, after careful study and expert workmanship had been secured. He plans to set up a school museum there at some future date.

1865 School now a residence.

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MAITLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL

Inspected: September 28, 1955.

By: M. Weeks & G. Dowker

Built
1955.

General Construction

Exterior: One storey and part basement, brick and brick tile building with built up tar and gravel on 2" tongue and groove roof. Brick chimney is built from ground, not rodded.

Interior: Part basement has concrete floor, walls and ceiling. First floor is built of terrazzo, mastic tile and hardwood on concrete on metal pan on steel truss. Walls are of brick tile and gyproc and plaster. Ceiling throughout is of acoustic tile.

Heating

One hot water boiler, oil fired, located in basement. Oil tanks have been buried outside.

Water Supply

Water is obtained for fire protection from 200 gallon storage tank located in the basement. This tank is supplied from a well dug beneath the basement and is pumped direct to the 200 gallon storage tank.

Exposures

None.

Lighting

Hydro with B. X., conduit and lomex cabling.

Attendance

At present time, 130 children.

Recommendation

It is recommended that two fire extinguishers of the dry chemical type be installed in the building.

Valuation

School

Replacement Cost New \$79,150

Actual Cash Value \$79,150



MAITLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL

The Maitland Public School was the first to be built by the Augusta Township School Area Board, and the first in the township in a quarter century. Located in the village of Maitland, on high land, with the four-acre site midway between Highway #2 and the C N R right-of-way, a block and a half west of the Maitland-Merrickville Highway, it became the centre of village activities. Augusta Township Council purchased the right-of-way to the new site, and ran a new road past the school.

Built at a cost of approximately \$78,000, fully equipped, the new four-room school is modern in every detail. Construction is of brick, with natural lighting on one side of each classroom, and recessed artificial lighting for each room. Floors of the rooms are vinyl tile, and terrazzo in the halls and washrooms, where walls are protected with kalyston plastic.

The colour scheme is one of the finest in district schools, and each room has chalkboards of high grade slate, with tackboards across the top and at one end. Shelving for books is open and adjustable, there is a project area and sink with running water. Heating is by oil-fired hot water system.

There is also a combined principal's office and nurses' room, and each teacher has a cupboard for supplies in her room. Cloakroom space in each room has a ventilator at the top to assist in the drying of pupils' clothing.

Designed by H. H. Roberts, Westport, additional classrooms may be added as the need arises. The general contractor was J. B. Hughson, Brockville. Opening date had been planned for November, but was delayed by unforeseen circumstances until March, 1955.

First staff: Principal - Mrs. Isabella Roseberrygrades 7 and 8
Mrs. Bertha Wilsongrades 5 and 6
Mrs. Pearl Birchgrades 3 and 4
Mrs. Marjorie Morrisongrades 1 and 2

School Inspector at the time was Mr. C. A. Holmes. Other teachers who served here include: Elaine Empey; Mrs. Eileen McDonnell; Miss Tyers; Mrs. Ruth McInnes Ronald Duncan; David Downing; Mrs. Marion Stone; Mrs. Carol Running; Mrs. Doreen Sunderland; Marjorie Davis; Ronald Whitteker; Eric Coville; Helen Ryan; Carclyn Couch; Carole Hall; Roger Barrington; Mrs. Gail Burrell, Mrs. Dorothy Davis; Mrs. Lorna Porter; Margaret VanDort; Mrs. Holmes.

Principal 1964 - Mrs. Marion Greenham

1967 - Mrs. Ruth Casselman

Caretakers - Mr. and Mrs. Henry Boer.

In September 1964, Grades 7 and 8 were bussed to the Senior Public School at Maynard. In September 1968, Grade 6 pupils also went to Maynard. It was found necessary to add 2 classrooms, an auditorium, staff room and kitchen, with Doug Snelling, contractor.

In 1976, Mrs. Casselman retired, having been principal for a number of years. John deVries assumed principalship succeeding her. In 1982 ~~Eric~~ Mike VanDyke became principal when deVries was transferred.

1982 update --

The school building is used extensively by the community - Maitland Educational and Recreational Committee holding weekly bingoes and other fund-raising events in their effort to improve the school grounds. They hold a large winter carnival there, and a summer event, and are working on making the grounds a community sports field.

1984 - Gerald Hough, principal