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SCHOOL SECTION NO. 2 - 30

READ'S

Water Supply: Water is obtained from house 600 feet away.

LOT 36 - CONCESSION 3

TOWNSHIP OF AUGUSTA

Inspected: September 28, 1955.

By: M. Weeks & G. Dowker

Built
1880.

General Construction

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

Interior: Hardwood floor, frame wainscoating, metal veneer walls and ceiling.

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 600 feet away.

Exposures

None.

Lighting

Hydro with lomex cable.

Attendance

At present time, 30 children.

Recommendations

See General Comments and Recommendations at beginning of report.

Valuation

School

Replacement Cost New	\$10,264
Actual Cash Value	\$ 7,698

Outhouses

Replacement Cost New	\$ 195
Actual Cash Value	\$ 156



S.S. 2+30
Read's

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PROMOTION RESULTS.

Read's School. 1930

V. class—Athalie Read.

Entrance class—Helen Hough, Willie Read.

To Senior IV.—Lillian Read (hon.), Kenneth Landon (hon.).

To Junior IV.—Korleen Landon (hon.), Eddie Hough.

To Senior III.—Irene Throop (hon.), Jack Quartus, Willow Hough.

To Senior II.—Grace Good (hon.), Betty Hough.

To Senior I.—John Watson.

To Senior Primer—Roderick Watson.

Junior Primer—Lorraine Watson, Bernard Watson.

Vera L. Stephens, Teacher.



12A THE RECORDER AND TIMES.

Old Read's Yule parties

BETHEL — During the course of its long history, 1880 to 1962, Read's school near this community witnessed many Christmas concerts and parties.

The school was first established here in the early 1800s, and the stone school was erected in 1880. The school was closed in 1962 and now is used as a private residence.

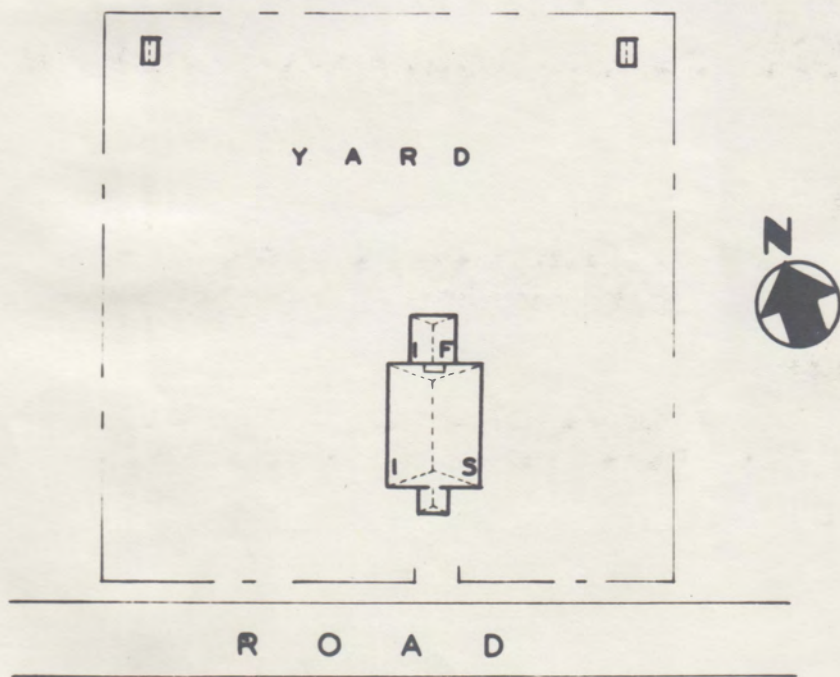
Stories handed down from generation to generation tell of Christmas parties and concerts held at the old school. A hundred years ago, candles lit the traditional Christmas tree. In modern times, Christmas lights twinkled on the tree's branches.

In olden days, the pupils used to march into the bush to cut a suitable Christmas tree. It had to be big enough to do justice to 30 or 40 children who gathered in the one-room eight-grade school, but small enough to fit into the teacher's nook at the rear.

During the Second Great War, 1939-1945, the pupils turned their talents to raising funds for the Red Cross. A Christmas concert was held December 22, 1944 in Bethel Hall, and the net proceeds of a silver collection, \$11.65, went to the Junior Red Cross.



South Augusta historian, Howard W. Warner, wrote a detailed history of this School and life there.



SCHOOL SECTION No 2-30

LOT 36 CONCESSION 3

READ'S

Concession 3, Lot 36

READ'S School was one of the first rural centres of education in the United Counties of Leess & Grenville. The first schoolhouse was erected very soon after the United Empire Loyalists settled here in 1782.⁴ The original site of the school was about 10 rods northeast of the present building. It was a small log structure, on a stone foundation.

In 1820, it was felt that the log structure was too small for the number of pupils resulting from the ever-increasing population, and a stone building was erected. The land was donated by Mr. Moses Read, on whose farm it was located.

By 1877 there was need for a more substantial building, and the present one was a result, a one-storey stone schoolhouse, with frame entrance porch, both with wood shingle roof. A brick chimney forms part of the wall, and there is a small frame bell-tower. Interior had hardwood floor, frame wainscoting with wood lathe and plaster, and ceiling of same. A frame addition was used for wood and storage. There is a well on the schoolyard.

Events listed in the logbook:

March 21, 1936, the pupils held a quilting bee. They made the top, and the mothers came to quilt. When it was finished, it was presented to the Junior Red Cross. Pupils were taken to Athens to see Lady Tweedsmuir unveil a cairn in memory of soldiers who lost their lives in World War I.

Pupils took part in a Music Festival in Maitland, presenting an operetta "The Magic Forest", and the boys sang "Wish me Luck", June 27, 1941.

Teachers included - Muriel G. Gibson, Athens 1933-36

- Eleanor E. Campbell, Brockville 1936-39
- Mildred K. Lorimer, Brockville 1939-1943
- Emma McGuire, Smiths Falls 1940-1943
- Leafa McCrady, Brockville 1943-1945
- Mrs. Horton Tanney

When no longer needed for school purposes, the building and lot were sold to Miss Athalie Read, who converted it for dwelling. For years, it was vacant.

Out of the past READ'S 2 & 30



This is another in the series of school photos, this being the student body of Read's public school in South Augusta. The photo was taken June 2, 1921. Reading from left to right are: back row, Lorne Barton, Harry W. Kyle, Harmon Towsley, Edith A. Read, Eunice A. Barton, Miss Elsie Doak (teacher), Elsie Chase, Florence Read, Howard W. Warner; middle row, Thelma M. Quartus, Muriel Yates, William M. Read, Lila Towsley, Dorothy Chase, Katie Barton, Hilda Sargent, Muriel Chase; front row, Riley Burns, Guy C. Read, Elwin Quartus, Bruce A. Burns, Douglas Simpson, Gerald Chase, Robert Burns, Leonard Sargent, Fred Towsley, James C. Simpson.

The honor roll of school sections 2 and 30, Augusta and Elizabethtown, with Mary A. Rath as teacher, carried the following names: Lorne Dalton, Annie Throop, Laura Shipman, Ada Sargent, Gordon Manhard, Edith Murray, Lottie Read, Clara Rath, Flossie Read, Clarence Sargent, Ethel Landon, Guy Read and Mary Warner. Oct. 18 96

Friday, September 22, 1978

Out of the past



This photograph was taken at Read's Public School, S.S. No. 2 and 30, South Augusta, Ont., in the year 1903. Reading from left to right (back row): Carrie Field, Edna McCrea, Florence Manhard, Mary E. Throop, Mabel Landon, Miss Luella B. Daniels (teacher); (middle row): Clarence Sargent, James Bissell, unidentified, Hilton Towsley,

Delbert Sargent, Wilhelmina Kyle, Etta Bissell; (front row): Jessie Bissell, Clara Throop, Mabel Field, Gladys Landon, Leora Kyle, Edna Landon and Edna Towsley. This photo and information were jointly submitted by Howard Warner and Mrs. E. M. Byers, the former Ethel Landon, who had graduated from school the year before.