

S.S. #2 - MCILMOYL SCHOOL

A log school was built on property given for that purpose by Thomas McIlmoyl in the early part of 1866. Mr. McIlmoyl donated one-half acre of land and a log school with dimensions of about 16 feet by 22 feet was built. In 1890, the log building was replaced by a frame building on the same site. The old log building was removed to the farm of Mr. William Hales where it was used as a stable for a number of years. The new framed school was 24 feet by 18 feet.

Mr. Harry Anderson of Apsley taught in the old log school house and later became a renowned medical specialist in Toronto. The average number of pupils who attended school at this time was about twenty-five. Five maple trees were planted in front of the school and grew to be beautiful shade trees. When they were cut in 1935 the stump of one measured 24 inches in diameter.

Some of the students who attended the school and made outstanding names for themselves were: Miss Gladys Kilborn, who was a Red Cross nurse and served in England and France in World War I, Miss Bertha Kilborn, Miss Mildred Kilborn, Miss Myrtle McFadden, Misses May and Alma Hales were all registered nurses. Miss Alma Hales was matron of Pembroke Hospital. Miss Annie McFadden went to Bermuda Island as captain of the Salvation Army and carried on missionary work among the negroes. She married while there. Duncan Brown was reeve of Burleigh Township for a number of years.

The boys who attended this school and gave their services in World War I were Herman Harris, John McFadden, Burt McIlmoyl,