

## History of S.S. No. 4, Saugeen

1855 - 1967

Today we are gathered for a reunion of the pupils, and their families, who have attended S.S. No. 4, Saugeen, as the school is soon to be closed and the children transported to a central school in Port Elgin.

At this time we think back to the pioneers who established this school. The first school, a log one, was erected in 1855 on lot 10, con. 3, on the corner of the farm presently owned by Mr. Alex Lamont.

The first board of trustees was David Anderson, Joseph Schell and Archibald Lamont. The first teacher was Mr. Hugh McKechnie. The only seating was benches along the wall.

The first school was burned and another log school was built on the site of the present school. It was only used a few years when the brick school now used was built in 1866 by Mr. Tom Richards of Tara.

In 1863, when the second log school was built, one quarter acre of land was purchased from Jacob and Louisa Rawn for the sum of \$1.00. Another quarter acre was purchased from Lydia Seibert, widow of Adam Seibert, in 1888 for the sum of \$1.00.

The trustees secured the water rights from Jacob Howe in September 1891, and these rights were renewed with George Jamieson on January 1st, 1942 for 50 years.

The first teacher in the brick school was Mr. John A. Greig. During his term as teacher a Sunday school was started in the school with Mr. Allan Barber the first superintendent.

### Names on First Register

(1892)

It is regrettable that the first registers have been lost or destroyed. The earliest one in possession of the School Board is dated 1892. Names recorded in this register are:

Teacher—James Pollock

Pupils—

Bella McTavish  
David Lamont  
Amos Ewald  
John Anderson  
Clara Smith  
Robert Anderson  
Willie Ducker  
Ellen McTavish  
Duncan Campbell  
John McTavish  
Hector Anderson  
Albert Ewald  
Mary Lamont  
Lillie Baker  
Lizzie George  
Laura Bock  
John Durward  
Tena Ferguson  
Mary Ferguson  
Maggie Baker  
Maggie Graham  
Katie Christman  
Lucinda Sitler  
Emma Wankel  
Enoch Siebert  
Arthur Bock  
Arthur George