

The first Bent River School 1887-1912

Built in 1887

Mr. John Young and his wife sold the land from the sidelines between lots 25 and 26 concession 12, Watt Top. with a frontage of 7 rods a depth of $12\frac{1}{2}$ rods (a $\frac{1}{2}$ acre lot) for S. S. #7 school for the sum of 25 cents.

The school trustees were Robert Fullerton, Alfred Langton and William Kinghott.

The year before the school was built the Snyder Lumber Company purchased the pine off the Fullerton property from the government, and Charlie Judd of Judd-haven (who had a team of horses) was paid \$100.00 to transport the logs to Mitchenbacker's mill at Rouseau Falls.

The school board borrowed the money to pay the Eatons ~~to build~~ one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to complete the building.

It was a small frame building. Desks lined the walls with benches for the students to sit on until proper desks and seats were installed a few years later.

Miss Martha Suffern, later Mrs. Clem. Bunn was the first teacher.

After the new brick school was built the old school was moved to the Clement House property where it was used to house a group of students with a tutor and physical education instructor who came from universities in Texas. While here they participated in a combined study and recreation program and later as housing for female staff at the resort.

An important part of the school use was church and Sunday school for the community.

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