

The first school in this district was on the McKee line at the top of Johnston's or (McKee's) hill on lot 19, concession 4 on the site of the Johnston buildings. In the 60's this school had an average attendance of about 100. This was a log building and a Mr. Hughes, the father of the celebrated Hughes family, was one of the teachers, as were also James Parr and Captain Lavis Kirley of the Cartwright Fusiliers. Mr. Hughes came from Manvers to teach but purchased a farm in the section from a Mr. McKee and became a permanent resident. Mr. Hughes was an ideal, up-to-date teacher and brought the school up to perfection and in line with the best schools in the country. He opened school with singing and prayer and during school hours did not permit any loafing or killing time. He was a good sport and played games with the pupils. One of the pupils was Wm. St. Pierre Hughes who later became a general in world war 1 and was one of the chief officials at Kingston penitentiary for years. Another pupil was D.J. Goggin, born 1849, received M.A. from Manitoba University, became principal of Millbrook school, Port Hope school, Port Hope Model school, Manitoba Normal school and Supt. of Education in the North West Territories. In 1902 he was literary manager of Can. Publishing of Toronto, then Text Book Commissioner and general ~~editor~~ editor of text books for Ontario. He died 1935. This account came from E. Floody, another pupil, whose parents came here from Enniskillen in the early 1850s. The Floody family moved west to Blyth.

After some years a school was built on the Devitt line at the north west corner of the Robt. Bruce farm and the old school ceased operation. We do not know the date of this school or have any of its records but in 1897 a new school was built on the same site at a cost of \$475. However, it was in a low, wet spot and after much bickering it was moved across the road and a little to the west to the Robt. Carscadden farm in 1929. The moving was done by Wm. Buckley who charged \$1300 for the job which included extras as a new foundation and cement basement, a set of steps and two entries. Expense for teacher's salary and heating school are compared ;

1896	salary \$ 235	wood 1.39	single cord
1932	1000	2.50	
1933	700	2.20	
1957	2000	20.00	double cord

This school continued to operate until 1962 when it entered the Cartwright School Area and the pupils go by bus to the Area School in Blackstock. Chas. Fee purchased the school. Some of the early teachers at this school were : Emma King, 1897; Wesley Bruce 1899; Miss Button 1900; Rowena Fallis and Milliard Fallis 1911.

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