

## History of Goshen School

We believe Goshen School to be erected some time prior to 1861, as records show that Goshen School Board engaged Amelia Smith to teach in 1861. The site sold by Thomas Hudson Sr. for one dollar, was covered with bush and stumps. James Brown came with his team of oxen and with the help of the bigger school boys, the land was cleared and a log building was erected. Five years later Thomas Hudson, a lad of sixteen years built the woodshed. In 1896 Mrs. Trood had the school hauled across the road to be renovated into a dwelling and the present building, now the private dwelling of Mr. & Mrs. Riopelle who have renovated it.

A combined woodshed and horse stable was built in 1929. A wire fence was built along the front of the school yard in 1934, but it was not until 1946 that the log fence on the other three sides was replaced with a wire fence. This work was done voluntarily by the men of the section. During the same year, the outside of the building was covered with brick-siding, the porch repaired and a new window and door added. This work was done in 1953 by Mr. George Reid.

In the Spring of 1947 The Junior Girls Club donated money to buy shrubs, which were planted in the flower bed beside the school, in 1948 a low wire fence was placed around the bed for protection. A well was dug during 1946-47 which proved unsatisfactory, the present well was drilled in December 1950. In order to make the school warmer and more attractive in 1949 insulation was added to the attic and a wood circulator was purchased. The floor was covered with gaily patterned linoleum, and walls were painted pale green. The old time desks were replaced with single movable ones. In 1960 the teacher's desk, was also replaced with a modern one.

In 1892 Miss Hattie A. Wallace was engaged as teacher, with an enrolment of 58 pupils, some of which were Lizzie McDermid, Andrew Cook, Peter J. McArthur. Records show that up until 1910, the school year began in January ended in December, with regular breaks at Christmas and Easter, but a shorter holiday during summer, July and first two weeks of August.

In 1901 School was closed all of March and the first week of April due to a small-pox epidemic. In reading the names of teachers who submitted their efforts to the young, I found the name of one gentleman, Mr. Harry C. Airth.

The school was closed in 1965, when the pupils were transferred to Burnstown being transported by buses, at the present all pupils are transported to McNab Public School.