

**Cheval School History  
and Teachers  
1901-1965  
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**1901-1902 — Retta Shanks** Miss Retta Shanks had the honour of being the first Cheval School teacher. She commenced teaching October 21, 1901.

The trustees were Mr. M. Pirt, Mr. H. Johnston, and Mr. J. Huchison. Her salary was \$40 per month the first term and \$42 per month the second year.

The pupils attending her school were:

Flossie Saunders	Age 7		
Maggie Saunders	9	Margaret Pirt	9
Martha Saunders	11	Wilfred Pirt	15
Mary Saunders	14	Lawrence Topley	10
Fred Rombough	10	George Topley	12
Austin Pirt	12	Willie Graham	11
Claudia Cram	8	Merle Rombough	7
Charlie Barret	7	Percy Rombough	9
John Graham	7	Leah Rombough	11
Minnie Graham	9	Ethel Pirt	11
Wilfred Graham	12	Alice Pirt	17

She had 22 pupils in her first year and William Keir, age 8; Laura Topley, 6; Mabel Armstrong, 13; and Lizzie Topley, 15 were enrolled in 1902 making a total of 26 pupils.

**1902-1905 — Nellie Borthwick and Bessie Borthwick** In 1903 Nellie Borthwick taught at Cheval School from January 5 to May 18 at a salary of \$480 per annum.

Bessie Borthwick then taught from May 18, 1903 at a salary of \$480 until the end of 1905.

Her trustees were H. Johnston, Uriah Jickling, and William Keir, Senior.

**1905-1906 — S. A. Maguire** followed Miss Borthwick, and taught the term of 1906. His trustees were Henry Johnston, Uriah Jickling and George Cram.

**1907 — Bertha M. Patterson** taught at Cheval in 1907; enrollment then was 18 pupils. A beginner that year was our next door neighbour for many years, Mr. Clifford Cram.

The trustees were the same as listed for the previous year.