

CHAIN LAKES SCHOOL NO. 783

Chain Lakes School No. 783, built in 1895, was located about a half mile east of highway 21 on land now owned by Mr. Frank McLeavy—Section No. 3-5-23. It was a one-room school built by the pioneers of the Chain Lakes area to meet the educational needs of their children.

All subjects in Grades I - VII were taught and sometimes also Grade IX. With smaller farms in the area this rural school had a good enrollment. When Chain Lakes closed in 1918 there were 29 children attending.

1918-19 ENROLLMENT

GRADE I

Wilfred Norton, Jonas McPhee, Jean Mullett, Alban Norton, Sadie McPhee, Annie Agnew

GRADE 2

Dorothy Hodgson, William Whetter, Lois Dunning, Grenville Douglas

GRADE 3

Gordon Douglas, Beatrice Jordan

GRADE 4

Russel Douglas, Clifford Norton, Jack Whetter, George Agnew

GRADE 5

Philip Jordan, Pearl Hogle, Harvey Holden, Olive Fogal

GRADE 6

Donald Hodgson, Thelma Norton, Marjorie Douglas, Reginald Whetter, Stella Douglas

GRADE 7

John Agnew, Melville Wood, Joe Agnew

GRADE 8

No pupils

GRADE 9

Edythe Dunning

The first teacher at Chain Lakes School was Mr. Ed Woodhull.

Of the teachers who taught at Chain Lakes School, the following married local boys and stayed in the district. Miss Marguerite Morrison became Mrs. J. A. Dunning and lived on the farm now owned by Victor J. Hodgson. Miss Orpha McCulloch became Mrs. Elwood Hodgson and lived on the farm now occupied by William Grierson. Miss Coral Spencer married Deber Hogle and lived where Cameron King now lives. Miss Elizabeth (Bessie) Sutton (daughter of the Minister of the Friends Church of Chain Lakes) married Harry Dann and lived on the farm now owned by William L. Whetter. Miss Jessie Andrews married Mr. L. Hogle and lived in the Melgund district. The last teacher at Chain Lakes School in 1918 was Miss Jessie Andrews.

Some of the other teachers were Miss Lillian Beynon, Miss Young, Annie Tiernan, Samuel Everton, Miss Jean Burns, Miss Alice Jones, Miss Ida McCulloch, Miss Janet More of the Dand district, Miss Collier, Miss Martha Reekie, Grace Woodhull (Mrs. Forrest), Miss Jamieson, Miss M. Sulley and Ethel Sutton (Mrs. Jobbins).

Chain Lakes School District became a part of Dand Consolidated School District in 1919. A new two-room school was built at Dand.

LUTHER SCHOOL

Luther School No. 1018 was built on the S. W. 22-4-23, one-quarter mile east of highway 21 on the farm

where Jim Day lived for years and now operated by Ken McGee.

It was Hugh McDougall and his son, Ed who chose this site for a school and named it "Luther", after their home school in Ontario.

Luther School was built in the summer of 1900 and opened in August with Miss Messer as teacher. She stayed only two days—rumor was that she was not pleased with the crowded quarters where she was taken to board.

The next teacher was Miss Kennedy who taught until the end of the year. She boarded at John Wright's part of the time and finished up at the George Weidenhamer's.

There was heavy snow that winter. School did not re-open until March with Duncan Cameron teaching.



Luther—1918 A. Smith, Teacher

Records are not available but from memory of several residents the following were the teachers at Luther School:

Miss Sadie West	Miss Nora Hallan
Miss Edith Johnston	Miss Mary E. Halls
Miss Edith Irvine	Miss Alma Wall
Miss Frances Logan	Mr. James Maynard
Miss Jean Sutton	Miss McGregor
Miss Vera K. Morton	Miss Anna B. Smith

Only one of these teachers married a local farmer. Miss Mary E. Halls became Mrs. William R. Day and lived the remainder of her life in the district. Mr. W. R. Day was Secretary of Luther School for many years and when Luther School closed in 1919 there were 31 names on the roll as follows:

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| 1. Mabel Day | 17. Pearl Hogle |
| 2. Violet Bates | 18. Olive Fogal |
| 3. Lillian McBurney | 19. Marie Weidenhamer |
| 4. Howard Tiernan | 20. Verna Smith |
| 5. Garnet Wright | 21. Cecil Day |
| 6. Wray Bates | 22. Harold Day |
| 7. Emily McBurney | 23. Noah McGowan |
| 8. Mary McBurney | 24. Marjorie Wright |
| 9. Irene McDougall | 25. Darcy Reynolds |
| 10. Ivan Day | 26. Dorothy Reynolds |
| 11. Hilda Tiernan | 27. Reta McDougall |
| 12. Ruth Wright | 28. James Day |
| 13. Clare Day | 29. Rob. McGowan |
| 14. James McGowan | 30. Harvey Holden |
| 15. Edna Tiernan | 31. Doris Tiernan |
| 16. Wallace Tiernan | |

It was interesting to note that school was closed during the flu epidemic from October 11 to December 2, 1918, and again from March 11 to April 22, 1919. This was during the term of Miss Anna Smith who was the last teacher at Luther.

Road conditions were not good in the early days and rural schools often closed in the winter. The pupils who lived close enough walked to school; others came by pony, buggy or cart.

The teacher's salary at the time of closing was \$800 per year.

The school districts of Luther and Chain Lakes were reformed and consolidated. A new school was built at Dand in 1919.