



Township of Melancthon
Heritage Advisory Committee
One Room Schoolhouse Project
S.S. #2
Horning's Mills School
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Background

The original schoolhouse was a log building of one room with wooden benches for seating also containing a blackened board of approximately 4' X 4'. This school was located near the Episcopalian Methodist Cemetery. The Canada Presbyterians worshipped in the Schoolhouse. The School Section possessed a Common School Library.

The first teacher was Miss. Vanwick who held a Third-Class Teaching Certificate. Miss. Vanwick gave up teaching when winter came due to the unruliness of the older boys. A Mr. Small was the first Superintendent. Miss. Vanwick was followed by a Mr. Leitch, MD, DD from Edinburgh. In 1873 Charles Threadgold became the teacher. Mr. Threadgold awarded prizes to students achieving the highest marks in their studies.

In 1882 a frame addition was added to the existing school and two teachers were engaged instead of one. The existing brick two story schoolhouse was built in 1888 by George Leitch and cost approximately \$4000. The new brick schoolhouse officially opened in 1890. The children collected money to buy the large school bell. School fairs began in approximately 1914.

As with other schools, the main subjects were reading, writing, arithmetic, grammar, geography, and history

When entering the school from the East entrance, the downstairs classroom was directly ahead. There were two sets of stairs to the upper level. The east set was for the girls, and the west set was for the boys.

In the lower level, the Black boards were directly in the front of the classroom and the teacher's desk was centered in front of the blackboard. Across the top of the blackboard was the Alphabet in Upper and Lower case. Grades 1 & 2 were on the left-hand side and grades 3 & 4 were on the right-hand side of the room.

The Upper level was basically set up the same as the lower level with a Library at the back of the room in the middle of the two cloakrooms that were at the top of each set of stairs. Grades 5, 6 & 7 were on the left side of the room and grades 8, 9 & 10 were on the right. Horning's Mills initially had Grades 1 through 10 until High school opened in Shelburne. Also on the upper level at the front right was a door that led to the fire escape with a platform at the top. This was where the students would bang the chalk brushes against the wall of the school to clean the brushes.

School was always opened with the Lord's prayer and the singing of God Save the King/Queen.

Partial List of Teachers over the Years Beginning in 1914

Morrison, Caverly, Louch, Eisler, Messenger, Ryan, Pye, Stockfish, Thompson, Taylor, Aldcorn, MacDonald, Watson, McKinnon, Chapman, Mather, Hill, Grant, MacBeth, Ellis, McGhee, Jordan, Jackson, Robinson, Taylor, Wilson, Jelly, Webb



Picture from around 1920 Names unknown



1928 Names Unknown



CLASS OF 1937/38

A half-century ago, the school house in Horn-
ing's Mills, boasted 41 pupils and two
teachers. Atop, teacher Alfred Ellis poses for
the year's photo with (back left to right) Edna
Squirrell, Louise Hunter, Helen Webster, Fred
Silk, George Silk, Don Webster, Laverne
Webster, Jack Emerick, Walter Hunter, Bruce
Yokom, (next row down) teacher Marie Moe
Beth, Irma Hardwick, Marie Fleming, Laureen
McGhee, Marion Page, Reina Davy, Jeanette
Yokom, Viola Silk, Lloyd Gallagher, Bob Bax-

ter, Harold Webster, (third row down) Velda
Gallaughier, Marion Mitchel, Ruth Emerick,
Hazel Smitendorf, Mildren McGhee, Marie
Gallaughier, Irma Webster, Kathelleen
Ferguson, Jean Gallagher, Dorothy McGhee,
Carl Webster, (front row) Jack Webster,
Aubrey Webster, Murray Page, Les Fraser,
Leo Webster, Lloyd McGhee, Howard Squirrel,
Harvy Webster, Maxwell Gallagher and Alex
Hunter.



Horning's Mills Senior Class 1939

Top L-R

Ken Horsley, Jack Emerick, Yokum, Bill Webster, Bob Baxter, Harold Webster, Lloyd Gallagher, Teacher, Mr. Jordan.

Next Row

Walt Hunter, Unknown, Irma Webster, Anna Fleming, Unknown, Unknown, Unknown, Unknown, Unknown.

2nd Row

Mildred McGhee, Kay Ferguson, Ruth Emerick, Marion Mitchell, Dorothy McGhee, Marie Gallagher, Unknown, Beth Wallace, Taggart.

Front Row

Aubrey Webster, Unknown, Lloyd McGhee, Harvey Webster, Webster, Fraser, Carl Webster, Jack Webster.



Back Row

Teacher Mr. Robinson, Unknown, Unknown, Beth Webster, Donna Webster, Unknown, Unknown, Irwin Webster, Unknown, Jim Squirrell.

Middle Row

Jessie Webster, Grace Parkhouse, Norma Hunter, Lois Ritchie, Norma Webster, Unknown, Marg Gallagher, Vera Webster.

First Row

Marlene Huxtable, Unknown, Unknown, Unknown, Peter Huxtable, Ken Huxtable, Unknown.



1942

From left to right

Phyllis Taylor (Teacher), Marion Mitchell, Marie Gallagher, Kay Ferguson, Ruth Emerick, Nethercutt, Unknown, Harvey Webster, Les Fraser, Unknown, Barb Redick, Earl McGhee, Tom Fraser, Unknown, Oz Webster, Jack Hunter, Max Gallagher, Proctor, Leo Webster, Joan Squirrell, Lucy Webster, Marg Fraser, Unknown, Webster, Norma Webster, Beth Webster, Eileen Mitchell, Unknown, Donna Webster, Ken, Unknown, Irwin Webster, Flear, Murray Webster, Flear, Flear, Alex Hunter. And of course, Mr. Robinson.

Unconfirmed



Horning's Mills 1945



Horning's Mills 1948

Here's my Dad's Recollection:

1st Row

3rd from right, Peter Huxtable, 4th from left, Johnnie Webster, 2nd from right, Jim Loney (Dad).

2nd Row

3rd from left, Jessie Webster. 3rd Row

3rd from right, Grace Parkhouse, beside teacher, Jim Fraser, Jim Squirrel, Ken Huxtable holding sign, 4th from left, Bud Webster, 1st on right, Norma Hunter.

4th Row

6th from left, Claire Loney (aunt), 2nd from left, Norma Webster, 1st from right, Vera Gallagher, 2nd from left, Norma Webster, 3rd from left Donna Webster



Marie Jelly was our teacher

Back Row

Sharon Brown, Marie Webster, Larry Fleming, Unknown, Len Thompson, Mike Snell, Lloyd Thompson, Unknown.

Middle Row

Unknown, Heather Webster, Carol Rutledge, Johnny Webster, Jim Hunter, Unknown, Richard Harrison, Neil Noble.

Front Row

Donna Huxtable, Joyce McGhee, Audrey Webster, Vivian Fleming, Unknown, Helen Parkhouse, Unknown.



Back Row

Diane McLean, Heather Webster, Unknown, Snell, Harold Ritchie,
Unknown, Wayne Morby

Middle Row

Vivian Fleming, Audrey Webster, Joyce McGhee, Unknown, Unknown, Jim
Hill, Gerald Ferris,

Front Row

Connie Morby, Billy Loney, Wayne Roxburgh, Eddie Webster, Johnny Hill,
Murray Huxtable



1955ish

Back Row

Teacher Mr. Robinson, Ann Gallaugh, Judy Exelby, Gloria Copeland, Connie Morby, Ted Ashton

4th Row

Diane McLean, Sandra Payne, RuthAnn Jacklin, Don Ritchie

3rd Row

Carol Fraser, Sandra Gillis, Ken Reaburn, Unknown, Jim Miles, Allan Webster, Beatrice Webster, Victoria Thompson

2nd Row

Possibly Doreen Ferguson, Maureen Webster, Gary Copeland, Bill Rutledge, Judy Ann Hill, Shirley Exelby, Reid Robinson

1st Row

Caroline Earle, Unknown, Lois McLean, Bob Gillis, Dave Neilson



HORNING'S MILLS SCHOOL - 1953-54
GRADES 1, 2 & 3

1953-1954 Grades 1-3

Back Row

Bill Rutledge, Judy Miles, Lois McLean, Glenda Roxburgh, Jim Miles. Bob Gillis, Shirley Exelby, Barb Brown

3rd Row

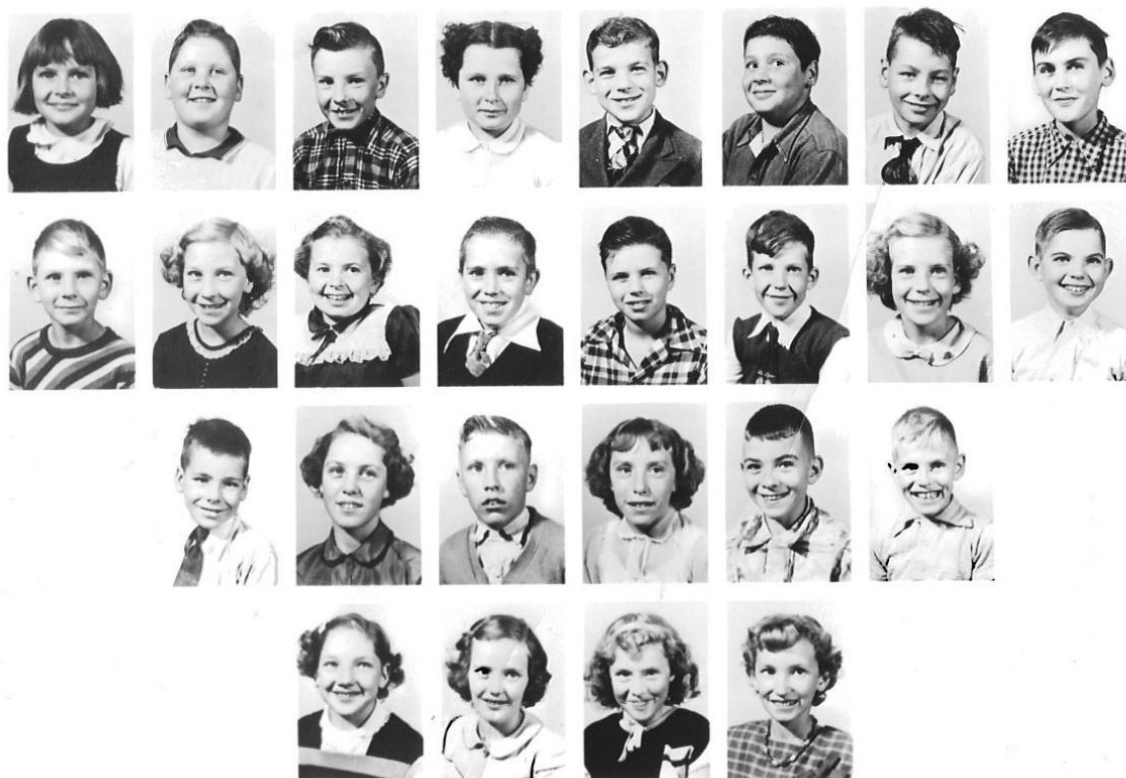
Barry Harrison, Alan Webster, Ken Reaburn, Charles Ireland, Judyann Hill, Sandra Payne, Mary Gillis, Suzanne Earl

2nd Row

Don Ritchie, Beatrice Webster, Unknown, Murray Huxtable, Karen Brown, Sandra Gillis, Gloria Copeland, Connie Morby

1st Row

Shirley Daniels, Reid Robinson, Judy Exelby, Ann Gallagher



HORNING'S MILLS SCHOOL - 1953-54
GRADES 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8

1953-1954 Grades 4 - 8

Back Row

Unknown, Harold Ritchie, Jim Hunter, Helen Parkhouse, Ed Webster, Barry Daniels, Jim Hill, Ken Brown, Unknown.

3rd Row

Wayne Roxburgh, Joyce McGhee, Dianne McLean, Richard Harrison, Wayne Morby, Ivan Keating, Heather Webster, Bill Loney

2nd Row

John Hill, Lois Ritchie, Johnny Webster, Donna Huxtable, Gerald Ferris, Randy Thompson

1st Row

Vivian Fleming, Doreen Ferguson, Sharon Daniels, Carol Rutledge



1960?

Back Row

Mr. Robinson, Valerie Thompson, Caroline Earle, Bonnie Solomon, Lorraine Cook, Monica Wattam, Suzanne Earle, Mary Gillis

3rd Row

Linda Exelby, Shirley Exelby, Anne Payne, Sharon Cook, Judy Miles, Alan Webster, Garry Copeland

2nd Row

Janice Ferris, Diane Earle, Sharon Robinson, Nancy Emrick, Barb Payne, Beverley Robinson, Marion Ferguson, Paul Duffin

1st Row

Bob Emrick, Roy Gillis, Barry McLean, Glen Ferguson, Roger Webster, Harold Wattam, Bob Gillis



1964/65

Back Row

Larry Kirkpatrick, Norman Paquette, Martin Hunt, Thomas Reaburn, Tom Hunter, Leona Yokom, Nancy Copeland, Reta Seaborne, Brenda Webster, Tom Hodgson.

Middle Row

Wayne Flear, Mike Emrick, Pauline Earle, Keith Edwards, Warren Squirrel, Wayne Seaborne, Don Edwards, David Edwards, Garry Peterson, Mertz, Alan Hunter

Front Row

Dee Dee Mertz, Bob McLean, Debbie Orr, Blake Harper, Ken Snowden, Denise Paquette, Rosemary Edwards, Linda Yokom, Irene Earle.



1964/65

Back Row

Joanne Hannath, Ruth Gallagher, Gordon Earle, Glen Edwards, Phillip Knowlton, Dennis Ritchie, Nancy Webster, Debbie Cook, Mr. Robinson

Middle Row

Kim Miles, Janice Hunt, Julie Harper, Howard Seaborne, Bob Cornfield, Carl Edwards, Bruce Earle, Jim Jacklin

Front Row

Linda Kirkpatrick, Carol Gillis, Jane Hannath, Joanne Earle, Paul Flear, Wayne Squirrel, Gene Edwards, Brian Cornfield



Back Row

Marion Webb Teacher, Roy Gillis, Glen Ferguson, Nancy Emrick, Sharon Robinson, Barbara Payne, Bonnie Martin, Tim Saul, Paul Duffin, Linda Exelby, Bonnie Solomon,

3rd Row

David Edwards, Warren Squirrel, Larry Kirkpatrick, Tom Hunter, Wayne Seaborn, Brenda Webster, Kristine Robinson

2nd Row

Bob Emrick, Glen Edwards, Phillip Knowlton, Bob Cornfield, Joanne Hannath, Ruth Gallagher, Janice Hunt, Marilyn Webster, Beverley Robinson

1st Row

Martin Hunt, Reta Seaborn, Julie Harper, Linda Kirkpatrick, Carol Gillis, Kim Miles, Paul Flear, Gene Edwards,



Back Row

Janice Ferris, Bob McLaren, Lorraine Cook, Debbie Cook, Dennis Ritchie,
Nancy Webster, Teacher: Mr. Robinson

3rd Row

Wayne Flear, Keith Edwards. Lois Jacklin, Leona Yokom, Nancy Copeland,
Gayle Emrick

2nd Row

Howard Seaborn, Gordon Earle, Lorne Flear, Barry Solomon, Carl Edwards

1st Row

Jim Jacklin, Bruce Earle, Brian Cornfield, Wayne Squirrell, Joanne Earle,
Jane Hannath



1966- 1967

Back Row

Larry Kirkpatrick, Keith Edwards, Phillip Marzack, Wayne Seaborne, Allan Hunter, Marion Webb, Mike Emrick, Pauline Earl, Wayne Flear, Garry Peterson, Charlie Johnson

Middle Row

Denise Paquette, Rosemary Edwards, David Edwards, Cathy Peterson, Debbie Orr, Debbie/Darlene Cole (twins) Anne Lawson, Valerie Coe, Linda Yokom, Sheila Edwards

Front Row

Yolonda Johnson, Bob Monk, Rick Orr, Lana Yokom, Lori Staveley, Irene Earle, Gordon Edwards, Margaret Henry, Lloyd Hunt, Bill Monk, Bob McLean

Memories from Golding Foster Teacher:

I applied to Horning's Mills as a teacher in 1921, at this point there had never been a female Senior teacher. Jeanne Taylor was the teacher in the lower room. In 1921 there were 26 students in grades 4 to 8. In 1922 grade 4 was moved to the lower room. In the winter we would skate on the pond. I was paid \$1000 per year. It was while I was teaching in Horning's Mills that I met my husband.

Memories from Marion Webb Teacher:

I began my teaching career in 1960 at Horning's Mills School. Shortly after 8 a.m. all the students were there to see the new teacher, I was so nervous that I tripped up the stairs.

I took the grade ones to Wasaga Beach, and I accidentally locked my keys in the car, thankfully the trunk was open and one of the students went through the trunk and opened the door to the car.

On a trip to Niagara Falls, we were missing one student when it came time to load the bus for our trip home.

We would oversee yard duty from the fire escape.

One of my students broke their leg and I tutored at home for several months.

Hours were spent at the Horning's Mills Hall preparing for the annual Christmas concert. It was always well attended.

Playing ball against some of the other schools and Conover was always a favourite.

I recall a conversation that I overheard with some of the older boys talking about what they wanted to be when they grew up and one wanted to be a bachelor and teach his kids to be the same.



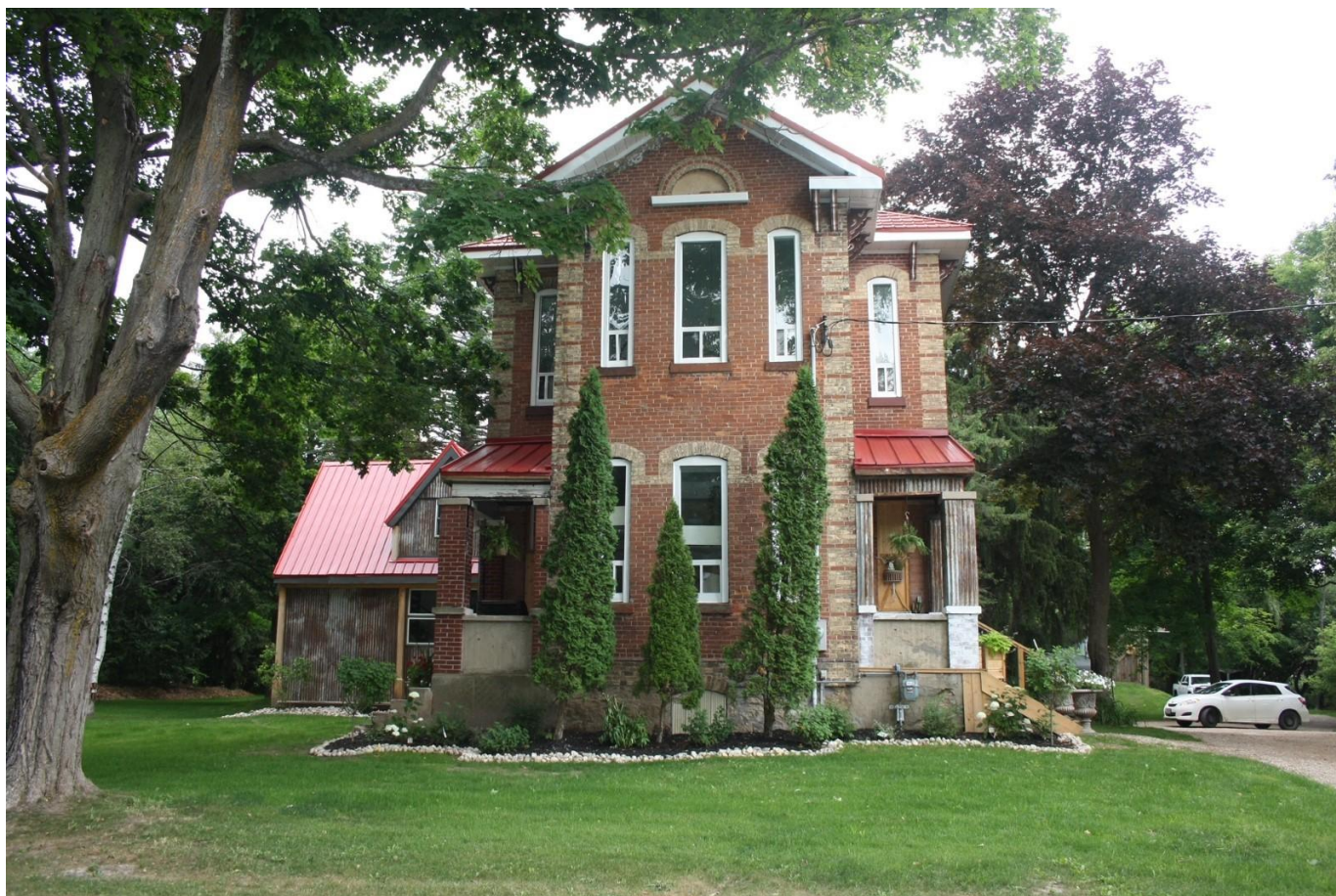
Teachers that Attended the 75th Horning's Mills Reunion

Front row

Marion Webb, Mrs. McGhee, Miss Jelly, Mrs. Lowrey, Mrs. Foster,

Back Row

W.J Messenger, B. Robinson, G.P Keyes, Mr. Chapman, D. McGhee



Horning's Mills School is now a Beautiful Private Residence