



Township of Melancthon
Heritage Advisory Committee
One Room Schoolhouse Project
S.S. #5
Maple Grove School
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Background

The School, as referenced in the story on Section School #17 (Mayburne), has its original history tied to the Mayburne school until 1891.

In 1891 it was decided to divide the Section and form two Section Schools. Section School #5 was then located and built on Part Lot 37, Concession 3 N.E. Melancthon to serve the northern most part of the Township. The land for the school was donated by John Durkin conditional on it being used for both a school and a church and never the site for a hotel.

Unfortunately, there are very few historical notes or records pertaining to the operation of what became Section School #5. The school was in fact used also as a church and community centre for many years.

Reference source: The History of Education in Dufferin County, 1834-1983, Ernest H Dodds (page 43)