



Township of Melancthon
Heritage Advisory Committee
One Room Schoolhouse Project
S.S. #18
Maple Leaf School
By: Member Kristine Pedicone



Background

In 1870 the first school board was formed by William Marshall, Henry Bates and James Sleightholm with plans to build the frame schoolhouse. The land was purchased from R.W. Jeffrey, and the school was built by C. Dell in 1871 for a price of \$285. Prior to this, students had walked to Horning's Mills to attend school.

The first teacher was John Polley with a salary of \$275 per year. He was followed by Gideon Broderick, Robert Morrow, Nicholas Graham, Miss Castier, Miss Little, Mr. Ebenezer, McGhee, Wm Wood, Fred August, Archie Smith, Ebenezer McGhee, Wm Clark, James Turnbull, Robt McGhee, Will Watson, Sam Findley.



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Teacher: Helen Westcott

Back Row: Don Fluney, Edith Courts, Gary Fawcett, Vera Kidd, Mary Kidd, Bev Newman

Middle Row: Deborah Butcher, Don Marshall, Dale Looby, John Kidd, Jim Campbell, Nancy Campbell

Front Row: Joe Newman, Marion Looby, Barry Looby, Colleen Campbell, Ann Courts

In Front: Paul Mountford, Wayne Fawcett

Some of the Favorite Memories from Students Who Attended S.S #18:

I attended Maple Leaf for grades 1 to 3 (1963) until Maple Leaf closed in 1966. My teacher was Mrs. Ada Patterson. My older siblings Ron, Joan, Colleen, Jim and Nancy all attended Maple Leaf. Fondest memories were Christmas concerts when they would set up a stage and we would perform for our parents. I also fondly remember area schools getting together 1x yearly for field day. Occasionally they would cover the windows, and we would enjoy a day of National Film Board of Canada films. Mr. Gable, I believe he was the inspector) would attend the school, I remember being called up and I would nervously show him my work. Nothing could beat the taste of the water that we would have to pump (so yummy, so cold). I attended Conover for grade 4 and Redickville until Christmas of grade 5 when Centennial Hylands opened. – **Darlene Campbell**

I attended Maple Leaf School 1941 – 1948. My teachers were: Mr. Rintoul, Marion Siddal (Hawkins), George McCutcheon, Ruth Butcher. We would use daylight through the windows as we had no electricity. For Christmas concerts we used gas lanterns. Dave Butcher fired up the wood stove every morning. All the inkwells would be frozen until noon. In most cases we walked through the bush to get to school other than in the Spring as it was too muddy. We would go to other schools for celebrations such as St. Patrick's Day etc. When my dad and family were combining, I was allowed to walk down to where the quarries are now on the 4th line, and I was only in grade 2. Once we stopped and drank the syrup in the maple forest and I drank so much I developed an allergy to maple syrup. My dad, William Fawcett, was a trustee in the late 1940's.

Robert Fawcett