



Township of Melancthon
Heritage Advisory Committee
One Room Schoolhouse Project
S.S. #6
Oldfield's School
By Member: Dennis Scace



Background

S.S. 6 began as a log home turned school in 1864. At the time Melancthon was part of Grey County and Miss Jane Ludlow was the first teacher. The number of students who attended was approximately 7. The new S.S. 6 was proposed and passed in a meeting in a local home attended by John Funston, James Montgomery, John Montgomery, John Charter, George Scott, James Oldfield, John McGrath, John Jack, J Hammond, Hugh Skelton and Thomas Oldfield. On March 15, 1890, it was moved by James Montgomery and seconded by John Jack that one acre off the Southeast corner of Lot 250 Conn NE TSR Melancthon be procured for a school site. The first meeting was held on October 29, 1891, in the new school. Miss Annie Marshall was hired as the new teacher at a salary of \$275.00 per year. Mr. Thomas Oldfield was the first Secretary/Treasurer of the school and was a school trustee for 36 years. S.S. 6 was special to most schools as it had a tributary of the Grand River in the backyard where lots of fishing and skating took place.

S.S. 6 closed in 196?

SS#6 Melancthon (Oldfield's / Grand River)



The school was in the Northwest corner of Melancthon Township, about half a mile Northwest of the Corbetton Post Office. The site for the school was agreed upon in March, 1890, and the frame school was erected on this spot in the same year. There were weekly visits from the music teacher, who would often rotate school sections to teach most children in the township. The music teacher was also instrumental in helping the students prepare for their yearly Christmas concert. **Image:** *MoD Collection P-2972*

Previous Teachers

- ❖ Mrs. Annie Marshall
- ❖ Sarah James
- ❖ Elizabeth Hayle
- ❖ Anne Hoggs
- ❖ Ina Huxtable
- ❖ N. Walker
- ❖ A Friendship
- ❖ Lucy Wellbanks
- ❖ Adina Pohplen
- ❖ Tena McCaulay
- ❖ Delilah Devlin
- ❖ Ethel McKinnon
- ❖ Lilee Brigg
- ❖ Margory Gardiner
- ❖ Grace Noble
- ❖ Rhoda Pilcher
- ❖ Isabell Oldfield
- ❖ Mabel McCaulay
- ❖ Victoria McMillan
- ❖ Sarah McKenzie
- ❖ Mr. John Karstedt
- ❖ Miss Evelyn Giles
- ❖ Laura Fee Dyce
- ❖ Ina Lavery
- ❖ Bertha Ottewell
- ❖ Muriel Ritchie

- ❖ Teresa Austin
- ❖ Helen Hannon