

# R-016

## Plats of Public Schools of Ashford, Auburn, Osceola, and Eden Early Public School Teachers and Administration Platted Lakes of Auburn Township Census Data

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### The Elementary School System of the Towns

The state Legislature passed a law governing school land acquisitions of one acre of land for elementary school use in 1858.

The first school was taught by Callista Calvin in 1847 in the house of Josiah Perry. Location: The S ½ of the SW ¼ of Section 12. Was where the log house was. He also owned the N ½ of the NW ¼ of Section 13.

The first religious meeting was in Henry Barnett's log home and was conducted by Rev. Sears in 1845. His farm consisted of the SE ¼ of Section 11. And the Ashford Association school and cemetery was on their land. The E ½ of the NW ¼ of Section 14 was the second abstract reading of his land.

He helped Jacob Haessly lay out the roads in many townships of the county while Jacob was county surveyor.

### The Public Schools of Ashford Township

(Table format and explanation of columns by Halbur.)

Column 1 is the School Number.

Column 2 is the school name.

Column 3 is the section where the school is located.

Columns 4-6 are not identified, but it appears that they represent the person from whom the land for the school was purchased, the year of purchase, and the amount.

|   |               |    |                     |      |          |
|---|---------------|----|---------------------|------|----------|
| 1 | Pershing      | 20 | John Mauel          | 1851 | \$1.00   |
| 2 | Campbellsport | 12 | Sylvester Cisco     | 1883 | \$75.00  |
| 3 | Burroughs     | 6  | Thomas Fitzgerald   | 1913 | \$150.00 |
| 4 | Glen Valley   | 2  | Joel McSchooler     | 1858 | \$20.00  |
| 5 | Elmore        | 23 | Ulrich Legler       | 1858 | \$5.00   |
| 6 | South Elmore  | 35 | Christopher Mathieu | 1855 | \$6.00   |
| 7 | Hillside      | 27 | Johannes Senn, Jr.  | 1858 | \$1.00   |
| 8 | St. Kilian    | 30 | Thomas Smasall      | 1870 | \$35.00  |
| 9 | Cleveland     | 4  | Thomas Ward, &      | Not  | Not      |

|    |          |    |                                  |       |        |
|----|----------|----|----------------------------------|-------|--------|
|    |          |    | Thomas McCarty –<br>Verbal Lease | given | given  |
| 10 | Buchanan | 16 | Barthol Jaeger                   | 1858  | \$4.25 |

The Cleveland school land was leased by each farmer with the understanding that it would return to the farm after it was not in use anymore.

The first log school and cemetery of Ashford Association was on Henry Barnett's farm of 160 acres on the 1860 Fond du Lac County Atlas, and was on State Highway 67 about halfway up the hill on the north side of the road. Location: The plat reading was the south center of the SE ¼ of Section 11. It was used many years before it was deeded to Cornelius Dunn on January 18, 1868 consisting of ½ acre. Registered in Vol. 49 Page 450. The elementary school was put in the basement of the old high school in 1914 and was used until the army barracks building was purchased and remodeled for elementary purposes in 1927. The location of the old school is 110 Sheboygan Street.

### **The Town of Osceola Public Schools**

In the April election of 1851 H.R.Longstreet was elected Superintendent of Schools. The duties of the superintendent were to establish the site of the schools and draw out the tax district of each school of the township. The pupils went to the school of which tax district they lived in. In 1850, Sarah J. Walters taught the first school, which was in the house of N Carey. Location: the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ and the NE ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 8.

(The table format and explanation by Halbur)

Explanation of columns in table below:

Column 1: School Number

Column 2: School name

Column 3: Section in which school is located

Column 4: Person from whom land was purchased

Column 5: Year of purchase

Column 6: Amount

|   |                           |    |                              |              |                   |
|---|---------------------------|----|------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Waucousta State<br>Graded | 29 | Alvin Buslaff                | 1917         | \$350.00          |
| 2 | School # 2                | 8  | William Mitchell<br>property | Not<br>given | Not<br>given      |
| 3 | School # 3                | 11 | Michael McGrath              | N. G         | NG                |
| 4 | School # 4                | 22 | B. Van Buren                 | NG           | NG                |
| 5 | School # 5                | 25 | Edward McIntosch             | 1861         | Quit<br>claim \$1 |
| 6 | Edgewood                  | 2  | D.A. Bratt                   | 1862         | NG                |
| 7 | School # 7                | 18 | J. Manning                   | NG           | NG                |
| 8 | School # 8                | 29 | __ Hamilton                  | NG           | NG                |

|   |            |    |                 |    |    |
|---|------------|----|-----------------|----|----|
| 9 | School # 9 | 34 | S. Cisco(Sisco) | NG | NG |
|---|------------|----|-----------------|----|----|

This is taken from the 1860 and 1874 Fond du Lac County Atlas, and also from the single name index file in the Fond du Lac County Register of Deeds [Office].

**The Township of Eden Public Schools**

(For column identification, see the table for Ashford.)

|    |   |    |                      |      |                                     |
|----|---|----|----------------------|------|-------------------------------------|
| 1  | Lafayette                                 | 28 | Anna Smith           | 1884 | \$13.00                             |
| 2  | Hayes                                     | 5  | John Thurston        | 1864 | \$1.00                              |
| 3  | Not established by town board to be built | NG | NG                   | NG   | NG                                  |
| 4  | Not established by town board to be built | NG | NG                   | NG   | NG                                  |
| 5  | Harcum                                    | 10 | Thomas Alexander     | 1853 | \$1.00                              |
| 6  | Not established by town board             | NG | NG                   | NG   | NG                                  |
| 7  | Woodside                                  | 26 | Jirah [Sic] Odekirk  | 1859 | \$5.00                              |
| 8  | Dewey                                     | 18 | Archie & John Bishop | 1867 | \$65.00                             |
| 9  | Not established by town board to be built | NG | NG                   | NG   | NG                                  |
| 10 | Ethan Allen                               | 19 | Christopher Flood    | 1864 | \$10.00                             |
| 11 | Jackson                                   | 12 | John Hardgrove       | 1868 | “No records checked out”<br>(Reese) |
| 12 | Marblehead                                | 6  | John Abel            | 1886 | (Same as above)                     |
| 13 | Eden Village                              | 8  | J. Batterson         | 1908 | NG                                  |

**The Township of Osceola Public Schools**

The headings for the columns are the same as for Eden Township, above.

|   |                                    |    |                   |    |    |
|---|------------------------------------|----|-------------------|----|----|
| 1 | Waucousta SE ¼ of NW ¼ of 20 acres | 29 | Trentlage & Iding | NG | NG |
| 2 | Mitchell                           | 8  | William Mitchell  | NG | NG |
| 3 | NG                                 | 11 | Michael McGrath   | NG | NG |
| 4 | NG                                 | 22 | B. Van Buren      | NG | NG |

|   |                        |                         |                                  |      |          |
|---|------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|------|----------|
| 5 | Dundee                 | 25                      | Edward McIntosh                  | 1861 | \$1.00   |
| 6 | Edgewood               | 7                       | J. Manning                       | NG   | NG       |
| 7 | Edgewood [Sic]         | 34, E ½<br>of SW<br>1/4 | S. Sisco                         | NG   | NG       |
| 8 | Edgewood [Sic]         | 2                       | Sarah Armstrong or<br>D.A. Bratt | NG   | NG       |
| 9 | Waucousta State Graded | 29                      | Alvin Buslaff                    | 1917 | \$350.00 |

### **The Town of Auburn Schools**

In the April election of 1847 Martin Miller was elected superintendent of schools and was assigned to establish the school districts of the town and the sites of and also the supervision of the building of the schools. The outlay in the town budget for the tax roll for the building and operational cost of the town schools. [Sic] This procedure was done in all the townships of the county in the early years.

*[The columns for the table below are the same as in the tables for the other townships.]*

|    |                                     |    |   |      |          |
|----|-------------------------------------|----|---|------|----------|
| 1  | Five Corners                        | 29 | William Eichstadt                             | 1892 | \$40.00  |
| 2  | New Fane                            | 35 | Henry Heberer                                 | 1868 | \$25.00  |
| 3  | Virgin Creek                        | 4  | George James                                  | 1864 | \$5.00   |
| 4  | Quit Claim Deed after<br>not in use | 6  | J. Denison                                    | 1875 | NG       |
| 5  | Gage                                | 34 | Carl Backhaus                                 | 1868 | \$30.00  |
| 6  | Quit Claim Deed after<br>not in use | 18 | F.X. Strobel                                  | 1875 | NG       |
| 7  | New Prospect                        | 11 | Louis Van Blarcum                             | 1861 | \$6.25   |
| 8  | Quit Claim Deed when<br>not in use  | 21 | Henry Schrooten                               | 1859 | NG       |
| 9  | Lake Fifteen                        | 15 | From Charles Oder [Sic]                       | 1864 | NG       |
| 10 | Jt East Valley [Sic]                | 24 | From Christian Volz                           | 1875 | NG       |
| 11 | Crouchville School                  | 18 | From Ludin Crouch, Quit<br>Claim Deed in 1849 |      |          |
| 12 | Columbus School                     | 18 | From Orson Raymond                            | 1903 | \$500.00 |

**The Five Corners Log School:** The first log school outside of Crouchville was on the L. Childs property and was on the south ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 29. 1851 *[No doubt the year of first purchase of land]* The **Crouchville School** was on block 15 lot 6 – 1850. It was made of stone and mortar. The roof of the school was of hard wood and without a bell tower. The hand bell was used at this time.

### **The Early School Teachers of the Four Townships; Administration of the Schools**

J C Senn came from Switzerland in 1847 and lived in Section 27 and taught school in the first Ashford school which was Pershing No. 1 in Section 20 in 1851. Location: the west ½ of SW ¼ of Section 27.

A. Senn came from Switzerland in 1847 and lived in Section 27 and taught in the Elmore School No. 5, Section 23 – 1858. The east ½ of the SW ¼ of Section 27 and the South ½ of the SE ¼ and 10 acres of the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 26.

Robert Carlin came from Ireland in 1847 and lived in Section 30 of the Town of Eden. Location: NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 30 & the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 19. Consisted of 80 acres.

J F Kelley came from Ireland in 1852 and settled in Section 16 of the Town of Osceola and became one of the first County Superintendent of Schools.

Comment [by Mr. Reese]: In the early years the people of the township voted for their superintendent of schools and also for the superintendent of roads. The county surveyor laid out almost all the roads and tried to stay with the section lines if the terrain would allow it. The town board appointed a bridge superintendent and hired additional men for maintenance of the historical Stockade Bridges of our early years.

In the early years a town superintendent of schools was elected in the April election and his job was to establish your school districts and the location of all the schools in the town. The districts were established so that a tax base could be made for a cost budget. After most of the schools were built in the town, the state approved of a school board for each school in the township. After this was finished, a county superintendent of schools was elected for supervision of all the schools in the county.

### **The Platted Lakes of the Township of Auburn; Population Statistics; Town of Auburn Schools**

Section 12: Location on county Trunk Highway Triple G (GGG). The lots are from 1 to 132 and where registered by \_\_\_\_\_[Space empty]. It was registered in January 2 [The 2 could be a 20], 1902 – Volume 1B- Page 155

Section 15: Auburn Lake – Location off of County Trunk Highway Double D (DD). Lake Auburn Heights recorded July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1929 – Vol. 8 – page 35. The subdivision on the southeast side of small lake. Lake Auburn Heights Addition No 1# - recorded July 16, 1942, Vol. 9, page 20. The subdivision on the northwest side of the large lake. Auburn Heights was platted in 1935.

#### **The early population of the town of Auburn:**

|      |      |
|------|------|
| 1850 | 248  |
| 1860 | 1180 |
| 1870 | 1626 |