

Weymouth School Teachers 1817 – 1956

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There were five Weymouth schools: a log structure from 1817-1829, the yellow building (now a house) on Myers Road 1829-1840, the white house next to it 1840-1872, the two-story building at Old Weymouth and Frantz 1872-1928, and this building 1928-1956. All but the log cabin still stand.

1900s



Lewis H Randall 1901-1902. Lewis Hayes Randall was born in 1876 in Michigan to Sarah & Stephen Randall. They later moved to Medina where Stephen was a vet and Merino sheep breeder. Lewis taught school about ten years, fought in the Spanish American War 1898-99, then studied agriculture at OSU. He lost two fingers at the Root plant in 1904. By 1910 he was a field man for Medina County Creamery, then a successful New York Life insurance salesman with an office on Public Square, living with wife Bessie (a musicia), daughter

Margaret and two servants. In 1915 he sold his 95-acre farm that ran from North Court to State Road for the development of Medina Heights. He served as mayor of Medina and died in 1958.



Norris Parker Clark 1905. Born in Weymouth in 1882 to Jennie and Francis Clark. Attended Roanoke College 1906. The *Gazette* says that ‘NP Clark is one of the best teachers they ever had’ in 1906. In 1910 living in Medina Twp with parents, Jennie, daughter Francis Adelaide and hired hand Clyde Kenyon 21. By 1930 they lived in Akron where he was a principal and superintendent. He died 1956, buried in Spring Grove.



Mary E Dake 1905. Born in Hinckley in 1879 to farmer Clarence and Lenora Dake. In 1906 she married Allan Damon of Hinckley right after school let out. In 1910 Mary Damon 30 is living in Granger with her husband and sons Clarence H and Clayton A. In 1920 they are all living in York. Mary E Damon died in 1933 and is buried at Hinckley Ridge cemetery.



Irma O Hazen 1906-1907 lower rooms. Irma Ordella “Olie” Hazen born Granger March 3, 1879 to George Washington Jr (farmer) and Ordella Hiestand Hazen; she had sisters Genesta and Irene. In 1880-1911 lived in Granger. In 1909 she attended the Weymouth school reunion. She married James Milton Pritchard April 18, 1912 in Granger. They lived in Cleveland in 1920 and 1930. Irma died 1940, buried Granger.

James Pritchard 1906 to teach the upper room for \$45 a month. James Milton Pritchard born Dec 1881 to James and Elizabeth Pritchard. He lived on the same dairy farm in Granger with them and siblings Garret, Joseph and Adalaide until he married Irma O Hazen Weymouth teacher (see above) on April 18 1912. They lived in Cleveland in 1920 when he worked in the automobile industry and 1930 when he was an interior decorator. He died in 1965 and is buried with Irma in Granger.

Ray Lacy Reed 1908 Ray Reed hired for the higher room for \$40 a month for 8 months, his first teaching, to teach the 5-6-7-8 grades the coming year at \$55 per month Jan 1913 paid RL Reed \$60 for teaching. Born 1888 in Granger to Dora & Wilbur Reed. Living in Orville 1917 as a road construction foreman. Married Ethel Wager (daughter of Wm & Ida of Weymouth) 1889. BA Oberlin, MA Wooster College. A well-respected teacher; students referred to him as Professor Reed. He taught commercial courses in the same room at Barberton High School for 47 years. He wrote textbooks on commercial subjects. He was a widower in 1940 with daughter Virginia Reed Androsky, a teacher in Barberton. Died December 17, 1968; buried at Granger Fairview.



1910s

Adah W Wooldridge 4 months at \$7.00. Born 1895 in Middleburg Township Berea to Florence Gray and John Wooldridge, farmer. 1905-1915 living in Weymouth at 3774 Nichols Road. Married Dr Fred Schuerlein Sept 24, 1919. She died in 1962 in Berea, burial at Middleburg Heights.

Conna Hartel "of York" 1910 primary \$80. Conna Magdalena Hartel born July 14, 1890 to Adam (school superintendent near Doylestown) and Effie Hartel in Doylestown. In Medina by 1900. Conna married Alva Washburn in 1912 and lived in Cleveland, then Iowa in 1930 & 1940 where her husband was a sales manager and factory superintendent and she was a stenographer. She was widowed by 1960 and lived in Lakewood. Conna died January 1, 1983.



Marion Augusta Simmons 1910-1911. Born March 30, 1892 in Granger to Marion and farmer Byron. In 1910, Marion is 18, sister Lucile E Simmons is school teacher age 18, both living with parents in Granger. In 1911 Marion graduated from high school and in 1915 and from Baldwin Wallace. In 1919 she received a high school teaching life certificate from Ohio State Board of Examiners. She married Roy Weldon in 1920 and they moved to Toledo. She died there in 1981.



Ruth Simmons 1911-1912. In 1900 Ruth L lives with family in Granger age 11. In 1910 Ruth L Simmons is 21, born April 1889 living in Granger with parents Willie (farmer) and Annie and siblings Gay, E Zoretta and Chester. She married farmer James R Wilcox in 1912. She died in 1922 and is buried in Spring Grove with James and sister Lucile. Photos Ruth and Lucille Simmons 1910 and 1975.



Clarice Corrine Crocker 1914-1916. Born Granger 1895, in 1910 living in Granger with parents Anna L and Jerry O'Dell Crocker farmer,. Graduated from Granger High School 1912, attended Wooster summer school, graduated from Kent State in 1917 described as "not much talk; a great, sweet silence". In 1920 living with aunt & uncle Walter E Holmden in Cleveland. Married house builder Wm George Huntley June 26, 1920. Lived in Medina Twp (may be Perkins house across from Catholic church) 1940. Clarice died Jan 24, 1983, buried Granger.



Caroline A "Carrie" Huntley Connie (sic) Huntley 1912 Caroline A Huntley born 1893 to George and Catherine 'Katie' Huntley. In 1910 she is living in Granger with parents and siblings Arthur J, Henry & Howard. She attended college three years. She was a teacher in West Park in 1920, in 1930 teaching in Cleveland. In 1940 Carrie A Huntley boarding in Fairview Park with Edna Hager and was a teacher in government work. In all, she taught 45 years. On Nov 28, 1942 she married George M Bennett in Henry, Ohio. She died in 1975 in Orange, California.

Wilda Velima Sweet 1913-1914 Born March 14, 1894 in York to Edward & Jennie Sweet. In 1914 she married machinist Gaylord F “Gail” Alexander and had two boys Kenneth and Robert. By the 1960s she lived in Tavares, FL. She died Mar 3, 1995 in San Diego and is buried with Gail in York Cemetery.

Blake M Partlon 1913 paid Blake Partlon \$50 for teaching. Born Medina June 18 1892 to Thomas F and Mildred Kindig Partlon, married Mabel Mary Ewing in 1915, two children. In 1917 he registered for the draft as ‘tall, stout, blue-eyed, blonde’, with a farm in Montville Township age 25 with wife Mabel M. Lived entire life on the farm except two years as treasurer of the Bell PED Co in Akron in the 20s. He died of a shot in the head in a hunting accident in Lodi Nov 18, 1928.

Arthur McQuate 1914-1915. Born Jan 13 1892 in Ashland to Benjamin and Dora McQuate, veteran of World War I, married Lillian Dague July 5, 1921 in Michigan and had four children. He lived in Wellington until his death. He worked as a steam fitter for a heating company in 1920 and 1930, in a feed mill in 1940. He died Feb 16, 1978, burial in Wellington.



Mabel Chidsey primary 1916-1917. Born June 7, 1894 in Brunswick to dairy farmer Frank and mother Mary who died in 1900.. In 1920 Mabel was living in a boarding house in Akron with her sister Ethel, Harry B Northrup, Mollie B Northrup and 81 others, all working at the rubber company. She married Harold V Hand of Granger, a World War I vet and truck driver for an oil company also boarding in Akron, on Oct 14, 1920. In 1930 and 1940 Mable is married but living with her children with her aunt Gertrude (and Tom) Huffman. Mabel died May 1978, buried in Spring Grove with her parents.



Millie Pettit Lower 1917-1918. Mildred Alice Pettit born in Medina July 5, 1894 to Linden and Sadie Webber Pettit. She attended college for a year. She married Elton James Johnson in 1918 in Medina. In 1920 they owned a dairy farm in Hinckley. In 1930 and 1935 they were living in Wadsworth where he owned a coal business. He died in 1980. They were divorced by 1940. 1914 photo

Lucy Walters 1918 hired to teach the primary grades at \$65 per month. May 1921 Lucy Walters \$100. Lucy Maud Walters was born in April 1899 in Spencer. In 1900 she is living with parents Owen and Lillian and grandparents Henry & Abbigail Walters. In 1920 boarding with Wm S & Donna Warner in Weymouth while teaching at Weymouth School. In 1930 she was married to hatcher Harry B Hendricks and living in Spencer. She died July 4 1981, burial at Spencer.

Millie Gaffner May 29 1918 hired for Primary grade at \$55 a month. Sept 1 1918 Miss Gaffner sent word two weeks before school called that she had taken another position. Born in IL 1887. Oberlin College 1908. In 1910 she attended OSU. Was teaching primary work at Washoe, Montana for \$80 per month says Ohio Education Monthly January 1912. She married Jacob “Vernie” Hoffer, and died in Trenton, Illinois in 1951.

1920s



1923 Weymouth School not selected to have music teacher this year; **Miss Ruth Chrisman** will help with students' singing. Attended Kent Normal School



Mildred Holtzberg/Holtsberg *lower 1920-1923*. Mildred Laura Holtzberg was born about 1904 to Flora Belle and Elmer E Holtzberg who lived at the NE corner of Old Weymouth and Remsen in Weymouth. Lived in Granger in 1910, lived with her parents at 132 West Washington in 1922. She married Ernest Harold Hanshue in 1924. In 1940 they lived at 544 W Smith with sons Douglas and Gene. Millie died in 1983 and is buried at Spring Grove.

Vira Louisa Moffett *Vira Moffett of Lucas, Ohio hired 1921-1922*. Viva Louise Moffett born in Kansas in 1900. She married farmer Oliver Warren Wright (1893-1956) in 1922, lived in Lodi about 1937, then Westfield. She died April 1939 age 38 in Chippewa Lake leaving six children, buried at Westfield.

Irene Keller *Miss Keiler (sic) of Brunswick 1922*. Born about 1901 to farmer Frederick and Kate Keller. In 1920 living with widowed mother while a teacher in a private home. living in Brunswick, a teacher, attended Kent Normal School. She married grocery salesman Thomas Hogue in 1924 and lived out her life in Brunswick. She died in a Medina care home in Medina in 1985



June Ola Scanlon *1921-1924*. Dora Fuller of Brunswick married Chas Scanlon county commissioner. Her children were June, Thomas, John, Myrtie (Myrtabelle), Letha & Zoe. Daughter of Chas H and Dora born Oct 16, 1896 in Granger. Married Willard Wheeler (1891-1984) c 1924. June Scanlon Wheeler bought a house at Fenn's Corners in 1924. They lived on the CCC North of Medina in 1927 and Willard was a dogcatcher. Her obituary Dec 13, 1985 says "retired teacher from two room school house in Weymouth". photo c May 1923. *Aug 24, 1917 Weymouth: June Scanlon teaches grammar school, Mildred Petit the primary. Sept 1921 Gazette says June Scanlon teacher.*

Miss Ruth Woods of Medina *substitute teacher 1923*. She was born in 1905 to Frank and Evalyn Spitzer Woods. She married John C Davis, a coach at a private school, and moved to Shaker Heights in 1925.

Florence Anna Brunskill *lower grades 1923 through 1924*. Born July 18, 1904 in Copley to Fredolin and Katie Brunskill. She was living in Copley when she was hired in 1923. She married Lincoln F Draper. She died in Cuyahoga County Feb 7, 2001 age 96, buried in Strongsville Cemetery.

Beulah P Rockwood *upper grades Sept 1924 to June 1925*. Born in Granger in 1901 to Addie M & Franklin E Rockwood, residing in Granger in 1920. Boarded with Mrs EZ Worden on Frantz Rd while teaching in Weymouth. Married George T Hudek Oct 10, 1925. Died in Houston TX Nov 14, 1986.



Beulah Rockwood and Marjorie Dixon teachers at the new Weymouth School 1925

(Eva) Marjorie Dixon *lower grades 1924 to 1925* Born in 1905 to Edwin and Zella Dixon of Sharon Graduated from Granger High school May 1925. While teaching in Weymouth, she ‘boarded out’ with Mrs EZ Worden. She married Wayne David Owen November 1925 and moved to Glenmont, OH, six children. She married Frank ‘Mac’ McClain in 1946. She died Oct 10, 1965 and is buried in Glenmont, Holmes County.

Laurette Sedgwick “of Murray KY” *Sept 1925 through May 1926.* Lauraette Sedgwick was born to Ardella and Dr Francis M Sedgwick formerly of Weymouth in St Louis MO Sept 16, 1906. She graduated from Medina High school in 1926, attended Murray Normal School and Kent State University, then taught at Weymouth one year. She married Orlando C Duke Medina teacher on July 7, 1928, and worked as a stenographer. She wrote a history of Medina in the third grade under Garfield teacher Miss Millie Tubbs which is lost.



Dorothy Morlock *Taught Sept-October 1926. Taught August through October 1927 for \$1056 plus \$22.50 per month for cleaning the schoolhouse.* She was born in Nov 11 1908 to Elmer and Sophia Bauman Gunkleman. In 1930 she was single, living with her parents in Brunswick, an elementary school teacher with four years of college. She married Aldis H Morlock of Weymouth in Medina June 29 1932. She died Feb 15 1997.



Marion Eugenie” “Jean” Fuller *lower grades Sept 1928 to May 1930* was born June 6 1909 in Brunswick Township to Eugene and Lydia Fuller. She completed four years of college. She married farmer Wm Jacob Schindelholz June 1, 1934 and died in 1993. She taught at Weymouth, Brunswick, Hinckley and Valley City schools. They lived at 2283 130th Street in 1954. John Schindelholz of Weymouth was her student.



Mildred L Mickel *1926 – 1928.* Born Hinckley in 1907 to Sylvia & Arthur Mickel. In 1910 she is living with them in Hinckley. Living with them 1920, 1930 (teacher). Married Kenneth Dolamore born Valley City 1908, he died 1956 in Cleveland. 1935-1993 living in Valley City. Died Lakewood June 17 1995 age 88, buried Myrtle Hill, nickname ‘Queeney’.



Louise C Moutoux *taught 5-8 1926 through 1928.* Daughter of Merrill and Lucile Moutoux born Sept 13, 1907 in Granger. She married Curtis V Cady. She died July 22, 1987 in Wadsworth, formerly of Hinckley, “retired teacher from Weymouth and Hinckley”. Burial at Maple Hill, Hinckley.



Anna ‘Ann’ Palek *1928 - 1930.* Born March 29, 1908 in Cleveland. Mills Palek taught school 45 years, mostly in Hinckley with two years in Weymouth and one in Valley City. She began her career at the Weymouth two-room schoolhouse teaching grades 5-8. Husband George Schindelholz was a well-known carpenter in the area. She taught at Highland 1966. She died Oct 13, 2008 age 100. An oral interview of her in her 100th years tells us much about teaching in our county. Photo 1929





Jeanette/Janette/Jean/Jeanne Hill later Isted *Jean Hill taught music 1928 – 1935.* Jean was born with twin sister Elizabeth Feb 22, 1905 to Horace & Sophia Hill in Cleveland. Attended Miami University 1924-27. Portsmouth *Daily Times* 1927 says “Miss Hill from Miami University is in charge of music in Wheelersburg and Green Township schools”. When she was hired to teach at Weymouth, the two sisters boarded with widow Carrie Bell and two other roomers in Medina Twp. Jean married Weymouth music teacher Leslie Isted June 30, 1934.



Henry Zuengler *taught music 1929 - 1931* “Zuengler was instrumental music teacher and band director at Brunswick High School where Willia Chidsey also taught. He would come to her class for cookies after school, and romance blossomed. They married. Henry owned a shipping business in Cleveland from 1935 until his death in 1960. Henry was a Wisconsin farm boy at heart and after a hard day at work would delight in coming home to putter around the farm on Grafton Road.”



Hattie Rosalie Bare Overholt *taught art 1929 to at least June 1934* Born Feb 24 1904. Born in Iowa, graduated from the Art Institute of Chicago, taught in Conneaut in 1929. Attended summer school at the Art Institute of Chicago in 1931. Married Henry Arnold “Bovie” Overholt (1905-1972) who owned a machine shop in Medina. She died Aug 7, 1992 and is buried in Poe Cemetery, Montville Township.

1930s

Mary Etta Bissell *lower grades 1930 to at least June 1934* *Miss Mary Bissell’s father died, Mrs Harrington substituted 1931.* Born in Leroy to Angie and farmer Roy Bissell in 1903. She graduated from Kent State University and taught school in Medina County many years. In her last several years she taught in the Alliance schools. She died June 7, 1959 age 55 and is buried in LeRoy (Westfield) cemetery.



Zella Viola Indoe *Sept 1934 to Aug 1936 lower.* Born Oct 18, 1913 to Dessie & Frederick Indoe in Granger, freshman at Kent state University 1932, married Carol Allard 1939 in Remsen, they had six children. Her obit says she taught at Hazel Harvey School in Doylestown and Valley City Elementary. She died in 1997 in Doylestown. The Allard family farm is now a Medina County park. Photo 1936



Bernice Valentina Betzer *upper grades September 1930 to at least June 1934.* Nov 12 1931 *Bernice Betzer upper grades ill, (sister-in-law) Mrs Ellis Betzer substituted.* Born February 14, 1893 in Wyandot, Ohio, to Elisha and Laura Betzer, brother Ellis Howard Betzer. They lived at 1926 Wilbur Rd for many years. Bernice taught twenty years in Hinckley, Sharon, and Granger Townships. Of a Music Supervision Conference held at the Hotel Cleveland May 1932, the Music Education Journal said, “A choir of 350 drawn from the 5th and 6th grades of 18 elementary schools of Medina County demonstrated the type of work that is possible where adequate supervision is provided”. In June 1947 she was cited in *Central Headlight* vol VIII no 6 for her work with the 4H club in Medina.

Miss Emmeline *taught 8th grade 1931.*

Leslie Isted *taught music Jan 1935-May 1935.* Leslie studied music at Northwestern, AM Indiana U, Oregon State College, U of Oregon and received a PhD at Illinois State U Bloomington in 1940. He was professor of music and Director of the university orchestra in 1940, well known for his collection of Lutheran music. Professor of Music at Illinois State at Normal 1964. Married Dr Jean Hill, Weymouth teacher. He died August 19, 1978 in Honey Creek, WI. His obit says that Leslie Isted was a music psychologist for 30 years, and social worker for Social Advocates for Youth.



Eleanor Heintz *Taught art Sept 1935 - June 1936.* Eleanor Heintz was born in 1907 to Theresa & Arthur W Heintz. She attended Akron University as an art major in 1929, graduating from OSU. Eleanor Heintz of Akron U was a county art teacher taking place of Betty Hill who left in 1931. In 1936 she was hired as art supervisor at Greensburg grades 1-12. In 1945 art teacher at Ashtabula High School. MA in art education Cleveland School of Art. Married Raymond Paul. Endowed Eleanor Heintz Paul scholarship for art majors at The University of Akron. Photo of art club at Akron U 1929.

Evelyn Viola Steck *Taught music Sept 1936 – Aug 1937.* Evelyn was born 1913 to Henry E and Viola Steingass of Valley City. She graduated in 1931 with a music degree from Oberlin Conservatory. She taught music at elementary and secondary schools in the Median County. When she married Harold Schmidt June 18, 1938 at Zion Lutheran Church in Valley City, Mabel Grabenstetter & Wilma Steck had wedding shower for her. She died November 27, 1995 at a long-term care facility in Medina.



Pearl Kirschner *Taught art Sept 1936 through Sept 1937.* Born in Cleveland in 1915 to Michael and Antoinette Kirschner. Graduated from Ohio University in 1936. Married John Briggs in 1938 and moved to Cleveland.



Velma 'Babe' Kelsner *Sept 1936 – May 1940 lower.* Velma Kelsner was born March 12, 1917 in Montville, taught fifteen years at Poe, Weymouth and Litchfield. Her first marriage was to Norman Effinger; she later married Maynard McFadden. She died March 4, 2005 and is buried at Spring Grove.

Margaret Ley *taught art Sept 1937 through June 1938.* May have been born Oct 16 1914 and died Dec 1 1980.



Thelma E Bowman *1936 to 1945.* Thelma Bowman was born February 2, 1917, and lived near Remsen Corners with parents Sloan and Cora Bowman and sister Florence until her marriage. She married Leland G 'Doc' Smith (manager of the stationery department at High's in Medina) after 1945, and they lived in Medina. She died April 7, 2010, burial at Fairview Cemetery in Granger.



Jane Louise Burmeister *taught music Sept 1937-June 1942.* Jane Burmeister was born in 1914 in Lakewood to Louis H and Stephanie Burmeister. She graduated from Oberlin Conservatory of Music. In 1940 she boarded with Lavern and Almerin Chaffee in Medina while teaching. She married bookkeeper Louis Frederick Dienst in 1946 and retired from teaching. In 1939 he donated a "Shortwave & Television Corporation/Baird Boston, Mass" television receiver to the Henry Ford Museum in Michigan. He said that he used it to receive

pictures from experimental transmitting stations along the Atlantic Coast in 1929. From 1958 until her death in 1967 she was a vocal music teacher for Cleveland schools. Lakewood Park Cemetery in Rocky River.



Mabel Grabenstetter *taught art Sept 1938 through June 1939.* Mabel was born about 1914 to Helen & Edwards, lived in Liverpool, graduated from Kent Normal School in 1935 with a BS in Education, living in Valley City. She married Arthur Hammon of Valley City on July 13, 1940. In 1966 Mabel Hammon is living in Medina, an art teacher at Buckeye who entered students in the Scholastics Student Art Contest . She died in 1969 and is buried at Myrtle Hill.

Santa A Browand *Taught art Sept 1939 – May 28 1942.* Santa Browand was born about 1899-1901. Her father Jacob A Browand bought a lot in Weymouth in 1927. She lived with her widowed mother Bertha in Spencer 1930 and 1940. She died in 1952, “Miss Santa Browand 51, art teacher in the Medina County school system, has died,” was reported in the Elyria telegram.



Orley Gingery *Instrumental director Sept 1939 to May 29 1943* Orley Gingery was born in 1914 to Emma & Fred Orley Gingery, a grocer at Remsen Corners. He was a teacher in 1938 when he married Beatrice Evans, also a teacher. They lived in Medina from 1938 to 1945. He was instrumental director at Amherst and Sandusky 1949, band director at Midview School in Grafton 1954. He died in 1965 and was buried in Brooklyn Heights.



Eleanor V Wright Born c 1901. BS IN Education form Ohio state. In 1930, 1940 teacher living at 316 West Washington with father Myron T a printer for the Gazette and merchant and mother Mary a teacher. Lived with her sister Ruth in Medina 1941, 1948. Taught Domestic Science at Medina High School.

1940s

Clare Riley *lower Sept 1940 – Aug 29 1941.* Clare Riley was born February 17, 1911 in Washington, PA to Clare Amos and Margaret M Riley. She was employed nineteen years by the Medina County Welfare Department. Married Henry Charles Osterland about 1940 and they moved to Cleveland. He died in 1954. She died in Barberton Hospital February 22, 1986.

Dorothy Jane Guinther *1941 through 1945.* Dorothy Guinther was born in Japan June 24, 1914 to missionary parents Rev Ezra and Mary Ethel Guinther. They sailed home on July 15, 1925. Living Canton, she graduated from Kent State University in 1940. She married Paul Howard Nettleton (a pipe fitter) in December 1944. She taught at Highland in the 1960s. She died in Medina February 9, 1997.



Eliza Plum *1942, 1946 county music teacher* Born 1908 in Ashville to William and Clara Plum. She graduated from Ohio University in 1929, Graduate Study at Teachers College, Columbia University. Musical director in t McConnelsville, Ashville, Medina, and retired from Willis school in Delaware, OH. Choir director of St. Mark's, Delaware. She died at Circleville age 96.



Betty Zane Beroset *Taught art at Weymouth 1943-1944.* Born Betty Zane Miller April 3, 1919 in Toledo, graduating from Toledo High School. She received a BS in Education from Ohio University 1940. Betty married Walker W. Beroset in Galion, Ohio on July 12, 1942, and went to housekeeping in New Carlisle. She was an art teacher in West Toledo, Galion, and in Zanesville 1964, 1974. She died February 4, 2003 in Zanesville.



Philip George Swartz *Taught Music Sept 1944 – May 27 1949.* Philip Swartz was born March 15, 1913 in York to Oda & Louise Swartz. In 1934 he graduated from Baldwin-Wallace University with a music major. He received a Masters in Music from the University of Michigan in 1939. After serving in World War II, he went to Beaumont, Texas. In 1960 he is a teacher living in Beaumont with wife Doris. He died April 13, 1964 while band director at James Bowie Jr High School, in TX, buried in York.



Jane A Lose *Oct 26 1945- June 1946 lower, quit to “finish her college”.* Born 1927 to Helen and Wilbur Lose who owned B&L 5/10 cent store in Medina. Graduated from Oberlin. In 1981 she was Jane (Mrs Ernie) Eddy of Mansfield. Jane wrote, “After graduating from Medina in 1944, I studied at Oberlin for 4 straight semesters, completing my sophomore year at the end of summer 1945. In early fall of '45, I received a call from Superintendent Babcock to come to interview for a teaching job! Dorothy Nettleton, who

had been teaching at Weymouth for several years, had recently married become pregnant, so would be unable to complete the school year. My good friend Ella Mae Colburn (later Brewer) was Mr. Babcock's secretary at the time & told him of my situation. So at age 18, with 2 years of college, no education courses (I was an English Lit major), I became the teacher of first - fourth grades at Weymouth for the 1945-1946 school year! What an experience it was for an 18-year-old in this country school: outside privy; no food service, everyone brought lunches. It was a challenge, teaching all classes for all four grades; classes lasted 10 min. each! I noticed that because all the students heard everything that all the classes were studying, the younger students learned what the older students were studying. By the time first graders got to fourth grade they must have been a little bored, because they already had heard it all! A couple of things stand out in memory. I directed the traditional 8th grade graduation play, performed on the stage in the middle room/auditorium. Also, one day I opened my desk drawer to find a little garter snake wriggling inside. The kids must have been sorely disappointed in my reaction, as I've never been wary of snakes so calmly picked it up & released it out the door! When I returned to Oberlin as a junior in the fall of 1946 I took at least one education course, during which I presented a paper on my experience teaching 4 grades in one room at Weymouth School. After graduating from Oberlin in 1948 I taught at Wadsworth for one year, after which I moved to Uniontown PA where I was executive director of the Uniontown Girl Scout Council. Ernie & I married in 1950, eventually moving from PA back to Medina where Ernie went into business with my dad in the B&L 5c to \$1.00 Store & we started a family. I substituted for one year in the county schools in the '60s, then for several years was on the staff of the Medina Co. YWCA, first as program director then as executive director”. The last time I visited Weymouth School was several years ago when my husband & I attended a square dance there. I'll be 90 in Feb. I was surprised to see the picture. I don't remember who took it or why, nor of wearing my hair in that style”!

Agnes C Houseman *taught music Sept 1946 to Dec 1947.* Agnes was born in Findlay, Ohio in 1897. She lived in Medina with husband Burton C Houseman, rating board specialist and county YMCA Executive Secretary. Agnes died in 1961.

Dorothy Anderson *1946 through 1949 \$1600 per year, substituted 1952.* Dorothy N Hanson was born in 1897, a daughter of Frederick M Hanson blacksmith of Weymouth and Remsen Corners., and graduated from Granger High school in 1913. She married Finley C Anderson of Granger. Dorothy & Finley

(Lightning Rod Co. insurance agent and appraiser) later lived in Medina. Buried Granger Fairview Cemetery.



Lena B Ainsworth *Sept 1942 – June 1943.* Born July 23 1889 in Plain City. Taught in Athens 10 years before moving to Medina in 1928. She was art teacher in county school system for 20 years. Her first husband John R Brown was a Medina dentist who died in 1931. By 1940 she married Medina attorney Willard P Ainsworth. Buried Spring Grove.



Mrs Evelyn Ritz *Aug 30 1946 through May 31 1947.* Evelyn Mae Wood was born in Hinckley to Walter & Dorene Wood Sept 7, 1921. She graduated from Western Reserve University in 1943. She married Lloyd A. Ritz. When Weymouth school closed, Evelyn taught at Highland High School from 1959 to 1979. She was known as a very good skater. She died March 12, 2006 age 84 and is buried Maple Hill Cemetery Hinckley.



Mrs Edna Tebbit *Taught upper Sept 1947 – May 1948.* Edna M Tebbit was born in Erhart Oct 19, 1892 to Rose and John Neufield. She was a teacher in Medina and West Richfield schools for 35 years, retiring in 1966. She married Ralph Herthneck by 1908, they had two children and he died in 1921. She lived at 340 E North as Edna Herthneck 1926-1940. She married Mrs Ben W Tebbit who owned a large ice and ice cream company in Medina, but he died soon thereafter. She married Minor T Olinger December 1948.

Edna Herthneck Olinger died in 1969 age 76 and is buried Valley City.

Eloda Halliwill *substitute teacher 1947-1948* Eloda Pelton daughter of grocer Dan Pelton was born in Medina Aug 20 1904. She married Harold (Harry) Halliwill, a clerk at Pelton's in 1934. She died Nov 4 1993, and is buried Spring Grove.



Lucile Wilcox *Sept 1948 –* Lucy was born in 1891, and grew up in Brunswick, with parents John & Barbara Miller. They moved to Medina in 1924. She married James R 'Jim' Wilcox (a mechanic at Feckley's). Lucille died in 1968 and is buried in Spring Grove with her husband and daughter Mavis.

Margy Ann Stewart *Taught art Sept 1947 – Dec 1948.*

Leonard L Crawford *5-8 grades \$2000 per year Aug 27 1948 through August 1949.* Leonard Lorain Crawford was born in Cumberland, Ohio in 1908. He attended high school in Ada. He died in Claysville, Guernsey County May 19, 1995.



Betty Jean Morey *Sept 1949- Dec 1951 taught music.* Born to Ora and Irwin Houtz in 1928 in Lakewood. A graduate of Baldwin-Wallace Conservatory of Music major in violin, minor in voice. "Mrs. Morey has sung under the direction of Robert Shaw and Pablo Casals at the Casals Festival in Puerto Rico, and was soprano soloist at the Fairmount Presbyterian Church". She married W. James Morey, also a music instructor in the Medina County Schools. She later became a member of the Unification Church and served as a missionary in Kenya and Zaire.



James “Jack” H Meredith *Taught upper grades Sept 1949-May 1951.* As teacher of the upper grades, he was known as the principal. In 1949 he rented an 8x16’ room at Edna & Guy Myers’ house across the street from the school with his wife and children.

1950s

Jean Margaret Young *Upper July 27 1951 – July 31 1953.* Born July 25, 1929 in Lima OH to Ernest Dee and Mary Young (sic). She married George Alfred Young (see below) June 17 1951, then began teaching at Weymouth Elementary, a two-room school house. She died September 8, 2000



George A Young *Upper July 27 1951 – July 31 1953.* Born June 3 1927 in Lorain, OH, received a BA at Otterbein College in 1951, and a master's in education at Bowling Green. On June 17, 1951 he married Jean M. Young (see above). ‘He began his teaching career at Weymouth Elementary, a two-room school house, along with his wife. He moved to Shelby in 1953 and taught at Central Elementary, Dowds Elementary and the Shelby Junior High School. He served as principal of Auburn Elementary from 1964 until 1980, retiring in 1982 from Central Elementary School. Died in Shelby OH Dec 13 2008. Buried in Lorain County.



Elfreda L Johnson *Taught music fall 1951 to at least June 1953.* Born Elfreda French to Celia & Earl French April 28, 1921, in Ghent, Ohio. She married Harry Johnson. She was a music teacher for more than 32 years, the majority at Buckeye schools. Choir director and organist at Granger Church. She died July 15, 2008 in Granger Township.



John R ‘Jack’ Fenwick *Hired to teach 6-7-8 grades Sept 1953 - .* Jack was raised in Medina. His mother Helen Fenwick was a beautician at Duo-Art beauty salon and his father owned a beauty shop in Akron. Rob Shurell: “I remember one day, after a big snowstorm, he let us out to build opposing snow forts and have a great snowball battle. Another time we spent much of the day landscaping around the school, which included digging and transporting plants from down by the river. He had us write checks for ice cream to the Weymouth store to learn finance”. He married Alice Becker (see below). Died 1981, buried Cambridge, OH.



Alice E Becker Fenwick *Hired to teach first and second grades Sept 1953 - 1955.* Born in 1927 in Akron to Christian and Virginia Becker. Graduated from Heidelberg in piano and music education in 1949, masters from Akron U, PhD from Ohio State. Retired after 30 years with Akron Public Schools, then served three years as Deputy Mayor of Akron. She was not from Medina, but after her husband Jack Fenwick got his degree, both could teach at the same school so they took it. They later taught in Germany and England. As a Junior League member in Akron, she got a bus company to donate a bus, and volunteers checked every student for hearing and sight. She wrote the manual “Motor Development and Learning Activity”. She also wrote a book “Different Strokes for Little Folks” under Alice Becker Collier. She wrote, “I had a very interesting and happy experience at Weymouth. The children were well behaved and the parents were so kind and supportive”. She was living in Venice, Florida in 2015.



Janice Eileen Holden Buck *Sept 1953 -1954*. Born May 16, 1928 to Ethel (teacher) and Gordon Holden (haberdasher) in Medina. Graduated from Medina in 1946. Masters from Akron University. Married David F Buck in 1950. Taught elementary at Buckeye High School many years. Died Nov 8 2003 in New Pittsburg, buried in Western Reserve National Cemetery. Caroline Sigmon said that she had her as a teacher at Weymouth 1953-54 and that her mother and Mrs Buck shared a room at the hospital when they both delivered daughters in 1954.

Nancy



Ann Lizotte of Spencer. *Substitute March 8 through May 1953*. Born Nancy Ann Clark in Parma to Carl and Marie Streblov in 1930, graduated from Baldwin Wallace 1952. Married Frank Jackson "Jack" Lizotte, sixth-grade teacher, elementary school principal, and school superintendent in Medina County 1953-1965, educator and administrator at Findlay College, then principal of Blanchard Valley Center school for children with mental retardation and developmental

disabilities. Nancy taught for 27 years, primary at Lafayette and Brunswick, and first grade 24 years at Northview Elementary in Findlay. She died in 2016.



Richard Lee "Rich" Crabbs *Sept 1953 -* . Born in Berea Dec 25, 1931 to Lucile and Burnell Crabbs, graduated from Baldwin Wallace in 1953, in 1954 won a scholarship to KSU. He earned master's degrees from Fuller and Northwestern Universities. He married Juliet, was ordained in United Methodist Church, serving in Berea, Cuyahoga Falls, Elyria, and Warren. He also worked as a chaplain at First Community Village in Columbus and the Elyria Methodist Home. He died July 26, 2011.

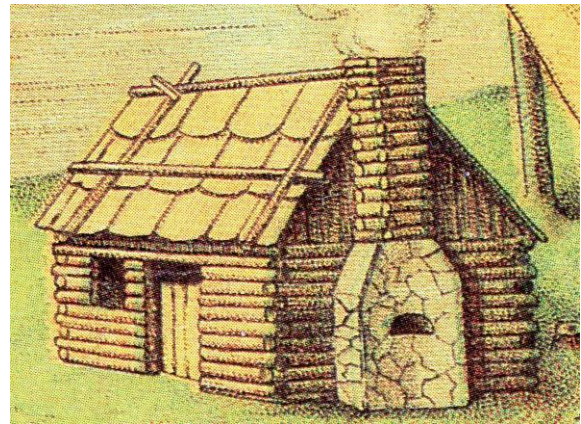


Mrs Margaret B Bost *hired to teach middle grades July 16 1954*. Co-worker Alice Becker Collier says that she was 'very nice, very gentle'. Nancy Lizotte says that in 1953 Margaret lived in Chippewa Lake, in her 40s, had 2 sons age 8-10 or so. Died in Brunswick Dec 1976.

Weymouth school was #1. School #9 was Northropville 1859. At the SW corner of Granger and Nettleton Roads. 1896 Ella Carroll of Medina Center teaches at Northropville school. Medina Center school diagonally across from Medina township hall was district #5, closed 1924. Windfall School was at the NW corner of Windfall and Medina Roads closed 1937, the last one-room schoolhouse in the county.



Weymouth school students at the Rocky River in 1898.



A rendering of the one-room log cabin, built in a day March 11, 1817 which served as a church, school and community center. The first teacher was Eliza Northrop.



The Weymouth School built in 1829.
It became a residence in 1872.



A larger school was built next door in 1840 for \$200
plus painting. It served until 1887.



Weymouth School about 1896. Grade 1-4 were on the lower floor
and “high school” grades 5-8 on the upper. This was Weymouth
School from 1860 to 1925. It still stands on the NW corner of
Old Weymouth and Frantz.



Weymouth School 1925-1956, taken in 1947.
It was designed by noted Cleveland architect Paul Cahill
is now the Weymouth Preservation Society and museum.

THE LITTLE OLD FASHIONED SCHOOL

In this wonderful country of ours;
There is a little town called Weymouth.
It isn't quite as big as Mars,
But then, at least, it's ours.

Within the pupils' desks are seen;
Deep marked by pupils' officials,
The sagging floors, the battered seats,
The jackknife's carved initials.

The painted pictures on its walls;
It's doors worn through, betraying
The feet that walked slowly to school,
Went running out to playing.

We love our school the best of all.
It has many beautiful scenes.
Even though it is quite small,
We think its very keen.

Dolores Meinke and
Mary Ellen Takacs

From the Weymouth Wildcats yearbook 1954.