

History of Emery School - S. S. 12 -
- Township of Front of Leeds and Lansdowne -

During the mid-eighteen hundreds, the Emery family, who lived where the Campbell Clendenning farm now is, gave land for a frame school-house to be built on the side of the road opposite our present site.

After 1850, the present school, built of stone, was erected on land that was part of the farm now owned by Firman Carpenter. The old school, we hear, was moved to the Emery farm to become a pig pen. Mr. Gibson Haig was a pupil in this present school in 1877.

In 1947, an acre of land was procured from Carpenter's to make the playground large enough for playing games.

Some of the earliest teachers were: Miss Stevens; Miss La France of Howe Island; and Miss McCammon. These ladies taught here before 1900.

Early in 1900 came Miss Margaret Haig, who is a sister of Mrs. Tom Clarke; Miss La Chance, Miss Chant from Chantry and Miss Florence Carpenter, now Mrs. Moore.

Miss Susan Sheppard and Mr. Robert Sheppard are thought to have been teachers in the old log school across the road.

In the school, we find some of the old Registers. The first one is for 1905-6 used by Miss Emma Gray, now Mrs. John Post of Eldorado. At this time, the registers began in January and closed in December. Each year a new book was used. There were 27 pupils in that year. Some of them were: Edith Andress, Almeda Perry, Mildred Heaster, Harold Brown, Hazel Haig, Ford Haig, Orna Haig, Martin Carpenter and Charles Andress.

Mr. Lorne Yule was the teacher in 1906-7 while Miss E. Gray attended Normal School. She returned for the year 1907-8.

In the fall term of 1908, there were two teachers - Mr. F.D. Stevens and Miss Blancher.

Miss Reta Carpenter taught from January 1909 until June of that year. She was succeeded by Miss Katie Sykes who was here until June 1910. Beginners were: Oliver Perry and Teddy Bayle.

In September 1910 the teacher was Miss Mollie Garwin. Miss Nelson taught from January 1911 until June of that year.

Miss Jennie Hazelton was here for the year 1911-12. Miss N. Drumm taught the fall term in 1912 to be succeeded by Miss Gertrude Aiken, who is now Mrs. Luman Carpenter.

Teachers following were: Miss Rae Gallagher, Miss Clancy, Miss Hutchison and Mr. Terry Scanlon. Some of the

pupils then were: Marie Bayle, Donald Shaw, Lorne Shaw and Leonard Perry.

Miss Ethel Armstrong, of Brockville, was engaged as teacher in 1914. She is now Mrs. Clarke and is teaching on the staff of the Linklater Public School in Gananoque.

Miss Mason followed Miss Armstrong, but became ill and at Easter, Miss Marnie Melville came, and stayed until 1917, when Miss Hazel Haig, a former pupil of this school, became teacher. Miss Haig became Mrs. Omer Shaw and resides in Perth, Ontario. When Miss Haig attended Normal in 1918, Miss Sue Thompson taught here. She became the very well-known Dr. Sue Thompson and moved to United States.

In October, of the next year, when Miss H. Haig had returned as teacher, there was a severe Influenza Epidemic which necessitated closing the school for one month.

Mr. J. F. McGuire was Inspector of Public Schools at this time. Dental Inspection was carried out at the school by Dr. Mabee and Dr. Stedman.

The year 1920, the teacher was Miss Myrtle Kerr of Oshesnee. She boarded at Mr. Carmen Day's during her stay here.

Miss Agnes Davidson, Miss Edith Sverdisfigger of Mallorytown, and Miss Anna Munroe, who is presently teaching in Willowbank Rural School, were the next teachers here.

From 1929-32, Ella Nuttall, now Mrs. Williard Jackson, taught here.

Miss Aleta Barrett, now Mrs. Reginald Hill, of Sananogue, taught here from Christmas 1932-33.

Miss Sadie Allen, now teaching on the staff of the Prescott Public Schools, was here from 1933 until 1937. Some of her pupils were: Blanche Shaw, Nobel Andress, Blain Reed, Mabel Andress, Arnold Carpenter, Eric Clendenning, Ralph Heaster, Keith Conneau, Irene Carpenter and George Andress.

In 1937, Miss Helen Wright, now Mrs. Gordon Akenison of Joyceville, came staying until 1939. Some of her pupils were: John Nuttall, Mary Carpenter, Hubert Perry, Alice Andress, Margel Reed, Thelma Nuttall and Baden Haard.

Miss Doreen McNeely, now the present teacher, Mrs. Ann. De Wolfe, began her teaching career here in September 1939. She stayed until 1941, when she went to Brockville to teach Grade I in Douglas Haig School.

She was followed by Mrs. Effie Kennedy, who stayed until June 1943, when Miss Alice Lynch, from Mallorytown came to Emery. Some of her pupils were: Donnie Clendenning, Pearl Heaster, Edward Perry, Theresa Donohue, Harold Haig, Bryce Nuttall, Helen Perry and Lane Perry.

Miss Lynch left in June 1945 to be succeeded by Mrs. Grace King, of Sananogue.

At present Mrs. King is teaching in the
Pittsburg School Area.

Mrs. Edwin Nuttall taught from September 1946
until Christmas when Mrs. Bernice Green came,
finishing the year. In September, Mrs. Margaret
Landon, of Lansdowne, came, staying until 1948
when Miss Betty Today, now Mrs. Peter Mc
Keinnon, of Ottawa, became teacher until her
marriage in 1951.

Next came Miss Blythe Abrams from
Maple Grove. She spent four years here,
from 1951-1955 when she married Mr.
Ronald Jones. Some of Miss Abrams' seniors
pupils were: Muriel Nuttall, now going to
University in British Columbia; Ormer Perry
who is working on the Pipe Line; Margel Shane,
who is employed in the Office of Rothwell
Perrin at Portland; Margaret Styrton and
Edward Shurtleff.

The present teacher, Mrs. Doran De Holfe,
returned as teacher of Emery S.S. 12 in
September 1955.

During March 1957, Mrs. De Holfe was
privileged to have the Ottawa Teachers'
College choose her as a Critic Teacher and
send to her two student teachers: William
Boulton, from Lansdowne, now teaching on
the Ottawa Public School Staff, and
Douglas Cliffe, nephew of Mr. Jack Cliffe, of
Gananogue, now on the Public School
Staff of Toronto Public Schools. The young men
spent two weeks and made a great hit
with the children of S.S. 12 Emery.

Again in 1958, students are being sent
to Mrs. De Holfe, from Ottawa Teachers' College.
Two are to come for two weeks in January. They

are Cynthia Buell, of Gananoque and Miss Bette Griffin, from Gananoque Lake.

Mrs. Ellen Power, formerly Ellen Fawcett, of Lombardy, will spend two weeks in February and March with Mrs. De Wolfe.

The two weeks after Easter, two more Normal students will visit Emery School. They are: Linda Mills and Loverna Montgomery both of Lansdowne.

During the past year, the school children have all been immunized against Polio, Small Pox, Tetanus, Whooping Cough and Diphtheria.

The Emery Rough Riders Soft Ball Team made themselves known as they played games against Legge's and Hilstead Schools.

In June 1957, Mrs. De Wolfe with Mrs. Margaret Gray of Legge's and Mrs. Janet Lindsay of Hilstead, arranged a trip to Ottawa for the school children. Visiting the Parliament Buildings and other land marks of our Capital was much enjoyed by the students, several parents and friends.

Each Spring brings our Open House Tea, when we display our books and craft work.

Christmas 1956, Emery held an evening Concert but December '57 we had a Christmas Tea and Programme on Wednesday afternoon, December 18th. It was a beautiful afternoon and the school room was crowded with parents and friends who spent an enjoyable couple of hours.