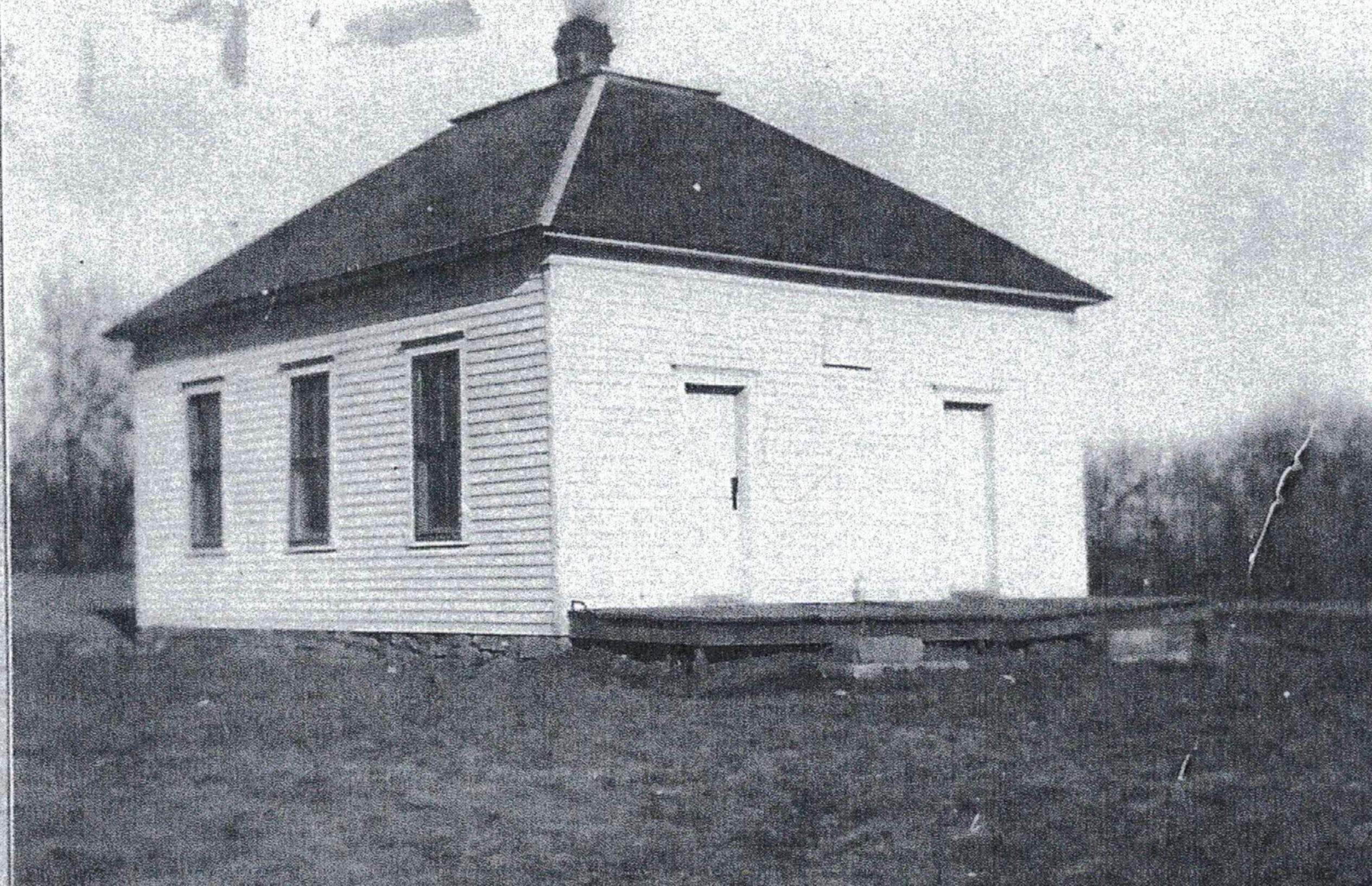
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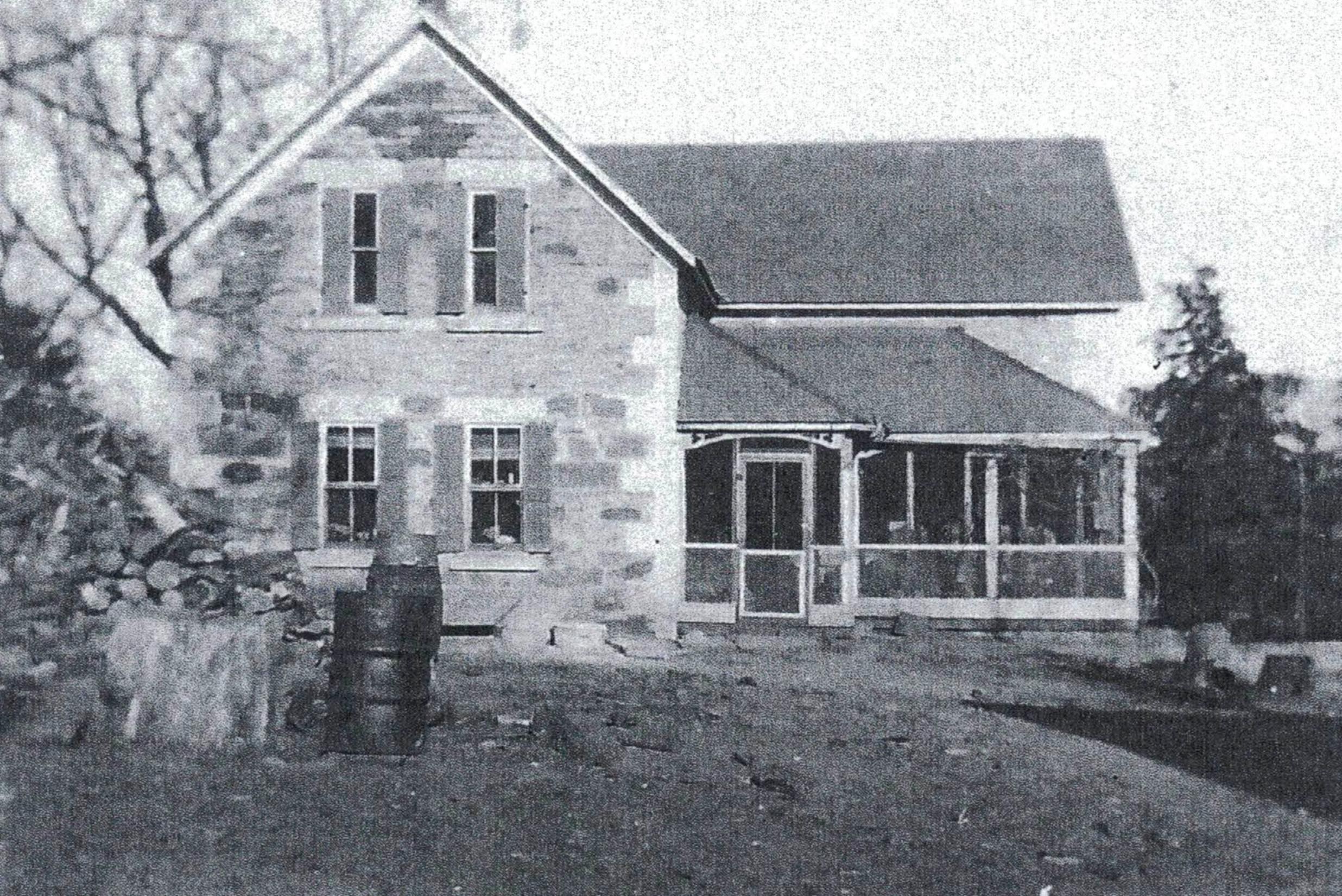
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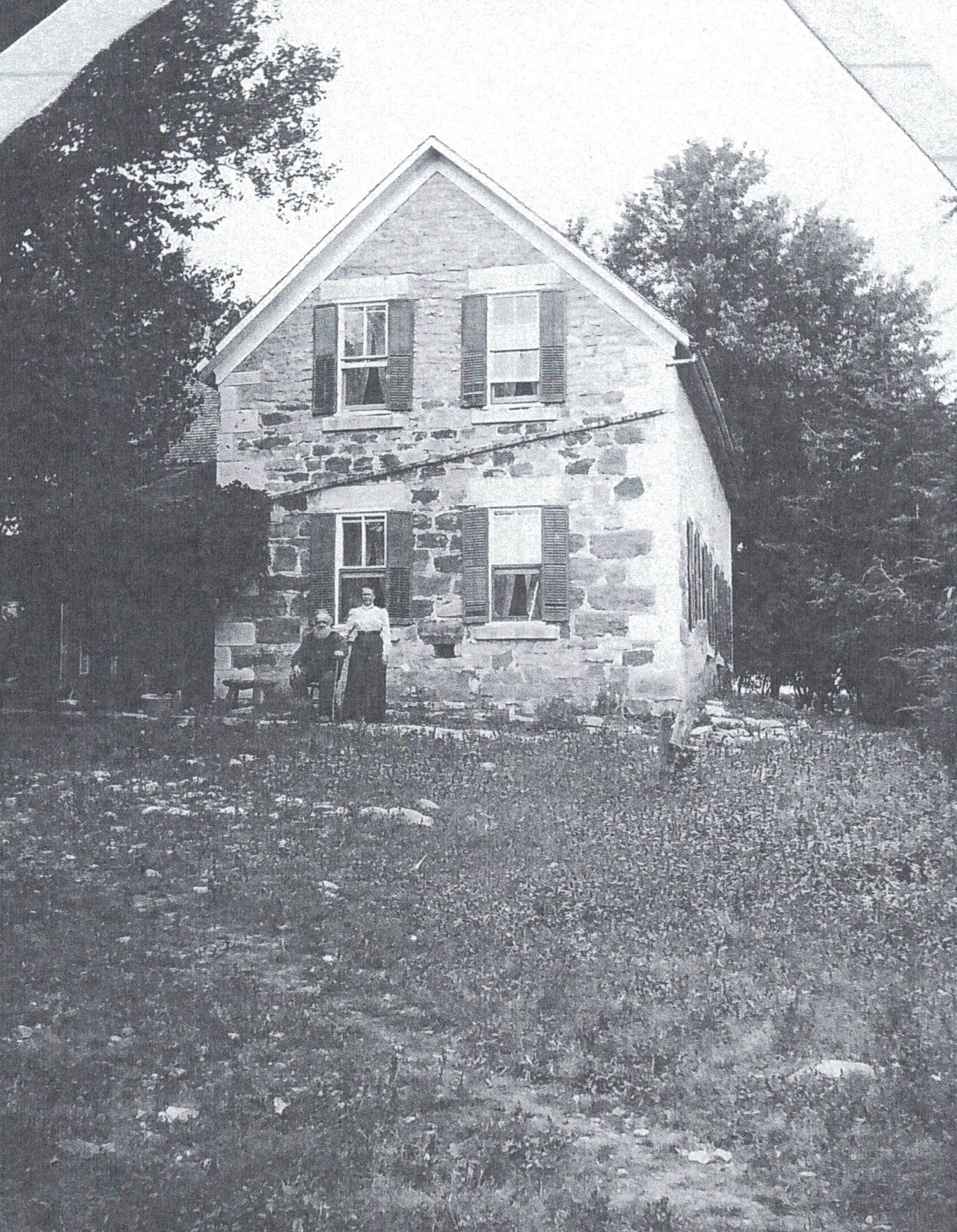
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Note: There are pictures of the school and students; also of home and two of the early pioneers.









## HISTORY OF DISTRICT No. 15

Mr Henry Hunzeker, Sr., one of the earliest pioneers of Sheridan precinct, was born in Kirchleeraun, Canton Aargan, Switzerland in the year of 1835, October 8. He died at his home April 5, 1911.

More than fifty-six years had elapsed since he filed on the homestead where he has resided ever since, in the Dry Branch neighborhood, enduring the hardships and privations, which were the common heritage of the pioneer, and in the years that interviened he came to be known and recognized as one of the most substantial, as well as the host generous and considerate residents of that community. He set sail for this country at the age of nineteen.

Mr Hunzeker's real estate contained five hundred acres from which he granted one acre for school beneficiaries from the northwest corner of his land. This is located five and one-half miles east of the County Seat Pawnee City.

The first school house was exected in the year of 1872 by Mr Jim Bleeha, who now resides south east of Table Rock. Mr Frank Bleeha and Mr Stohn helped also. It was a stone structure and located in the same place as the one which now stands. It was about twenty-four feet wide and twenty eight feet long, having six windows, three on each side and only one door. It was erected in the same year and by same people as the stone school house north of it.

The furnishings were very crude and simple; benches were placed around entire room. Dispute arouse as to the teacher, whether they should have a German or English teacher. It was finally decided that all those wishing their children to become enlightened in the German language should secure private tutors in their home. The school term was not of seven, eight or nine months in succession and then several months vacation. Instead there were three month terms then one month vacation. This being repeated throughout the year.

Each pupil providing their own supplies as to books and other accessionies. At first these supplies were secured by the school board and then pupils purchased them. This system of furnishing supplies were kept up by the board until just a few years ago. Now the books

are being purchased by the pupils.

The following teachers taught from 1872-1903: 1880 Mrs Hershey daughter of J P Moss (who cares for poor of Pawnee City);. Later Mrs Hershey studied for a nurse and now holds position as one of our prominent trained nurses of Pawnee City.

1881 Miss Anna Davis, now better known as Mrs Geo Flory, wife of Mr Geo Flory, one of Pawnee's leading druggests. 1882 Anna Ord, she taught later in the Pawnee schools; she was married to Mr Chester Marsh moving from here to Sherman County, California on a five acre poultry farm. 1883 R M Hayslip; 1884-85 Mary Tracy, 2 terms; 1886092 Howard Chapman, teaching six terms, he now resides in Marshall, Oklahoma on a farm. He has one daughter now who graduated from Pawnee High School and is now teaching school in Oklahoma. She also graduated in music. 1892-Mr Dopp, Myrtle Hildebraind, Lizzie Hildebrand and Sadie Dickey, daught of C A Dickey of Pawnee City. She now resides in Scramento, California and is still providing for herself and child. Mr John McDamiel and Mr MxAllister.

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All other records of teachers and directors were destroyed by fire when rock school was burned about mid-night during winter months of the year 1902. The fire was caused from defective flue; nothing was saved. When the neighborhood found the burning building it was all under flames and soon afterwards was destroyed. Some of the rocks of the old school were used for the foundation of the new school which now stands. The rest were disposed of in different ways.

## THE NEW SCHOOL HOUSE:

The new school house, now standing, was erected in the year 1902. It is frame structure and was contracted for by Mr John R Hunzeker and Mr Nedela for six hundred dollars. It is twenty-four feet wide and twenty-eight feet long. The building faces east with a porch and two outside doors, three windows on each side.

The furnishings are sixteen double seats, library containing sixteen volumes furnished by school board. An organ, teacher's chair and desk, long recitation bench and large globe on frame.

The wood school house was built in year 1912. And a well purposed with a pump and cement platform in the year 1916. The school house was painted in the year 1915. It was painted by a painter from Du Bois. The pain has never been marked or scratched in any way.

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The children of Henry Hunzeker, Sr attended this school and now their children are attending the school. The school board at this writing are as follows: Director, Mr Henry Hunzeker, Jr. one of our County Commissioners, this being his second term. His term expired last June, but he was re-elected.

Treasurer: Mr Lew Hurzeker, Sr - he is the boungest son of Mr Teury Hunzeker, Sr and resides on the old homestead; he has been treas-wer of the school board for the last 17 years. Mr August Hunzeker now holds the position as moderator. His term expires at the next meeting.

The following are the names of the pupils enrolled in Dist. 15:

\*\*Imer Hunzeker, Leland Hunzeker, Leona Hunzeker, Minnie Hunzeker, Joe

\*\*Tichy, Leo Hunzeker, Eleanora Havelick, Lois Wissler, Bohuman Svauda,

\*\*Paul Sibl, Anna Kosek, Emil Jun, Emma Hunzeker, Lyle Hunzeker, Charles

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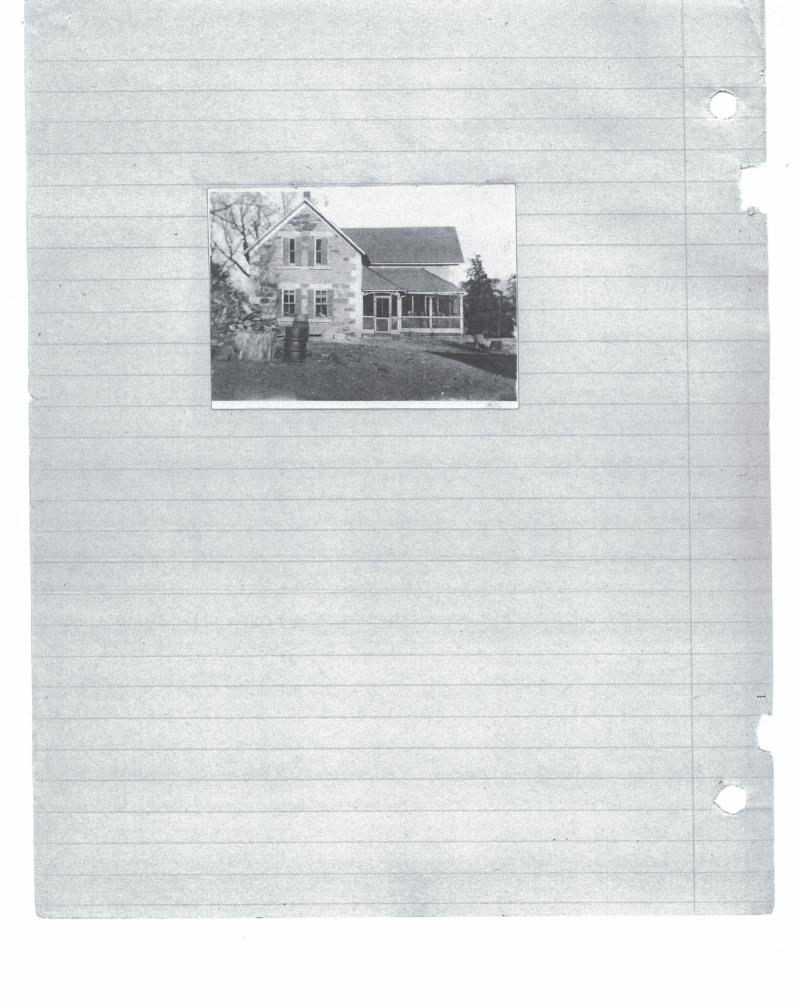
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