

HISTORY OF DISTRICT FIFTY

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The school was organized in 1875, but the correct map and the correct description of the boundaries were not established until September 10, 1886, by the County Superintendent, A K Goudy.

This district comprises sections 16, 17, 21, the west half of 15, the northwest quarter of 22, the east half and the northwest quarter of section 20 of township 2,, range 11, in Pawnee County. A few years later the east half of section 18 was added on. "Section 16 is known as school land."

In 1889 an addition was built to the school house, 10 or 12 feet. (Original has drawing of school district map).

The persons who have served as members of the board are: Simeon Linealn, George Maddocks, G W Miller, W J Aikins, Marion Pyle, William Dorrance, J W Wagner, George M Miller, Cecil Wylie, Frank North, Frank Blich, John Weinsl,.

The teachers who have been employed in the district are: Mattie Judd, 3 months; Ely Anderson, 3 months; Susie Burlingame, 2 months; Ella Anderson, 1 month; Lizzie Anderson, 4 months; E J Anderson, 2 months; L Townsend, 2 months; M E Tracy, 2 months; Miss M Agneu, 2 months; Lizzie Anderson, 6 months; Ann Davis, 4 months; Minnie McEisland, 4 months; Annie Hammond, 3 months; Nannie Hsmmond, 3 months; Lou Chidester, 7 months; Edwin H Beehe, 6 months; S A Chidester, 5 months; Fannie Butler, 3 months; Minnie Shellhorn, 5 months; Emma Kelly, 3 months; Mary Wilson, 8 months; Lana Ord, 8 months; E J Duff, 5 months; Margaret Campbell, 3 months; E J Duff, 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ months; Helen Ferrier, 3 months; Mary E Miller, 5 months; Lizzie Wallace, 3 months; Hugh Hatton, 5 months; Lizzie Griggs, 3 months; Ella Dorrance 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ months; Margaret Dorrance, 9 months; Mary Little 15 months; Genny Nye, 7 months; Nellie Dorrance, 8 months; Janey Little, 7 months; Gertrude Livermore, 8 months; Florence Pyle, 8 months; Jennie Smith, 8 months; Mae Pyle, 16 months; Alma Perkins, 8 months; Clara McNair, 8 months; Ruth Burton, 8 months; Gertrude

Dorrance, 8 months; Florence P Fuller, 18 months; Ella Gassin, 9 months; Erma Vrtiska (present teacher).

The pupils who have attended the district school are: Charles Martin, Wm Martin, David Martin, Cora Martin, Lydia Martin, Mary Miller, Gladys Miller, Geo M Miller, Frank L Aikins, Lewis D Aikins, Ruby J Aikins, Edwin Aikins, Minnie Maud Aikins, Charlie Maddocks, Ralph Maddocks, Clarabel Maddocks, Dolly Maddocks, Thealine Rhody, James Rhody, Hatty Rhody, Geo Bennett, Elsa Bennett, Frank Bennett, Esther Bennett, Lillie Bennett, William Story, Lola Story, Charlie Story, Marion Story, Ella Dorrance, Ida Dorrance, Joseph Dorrance, Houston Dorrance, Chester Dorrance, John Dorrance, Maggie Dorrance, Jimmie Dorrance, Nellie Dorrance, Walter Hartwell, Minnie Wagner, Nellie Wagner, Willie Wagner, Alfred Wagner, Mary North, Gilmore North, George North, Charlie Pool, Lloyd Pyle, May Pyle, Florence Pyle, John Pyle, Mary Pyle, Bessie Pyle, Oley Watters, Milton Copenhauer, Henry, Anna & Alley Copenhauer; Geo Arnold, George, Willie, Fannie & Annie Turner; Edwin Coulter; Ross Livermore; Gertrude Livermore, Philip, Mary, Annie, & Matilda Hauner; Gertrude Dorrance, Mary Bluha, Joe & Frank Blecha; Erma, Gertrude & Ida Vrtiska; John, Everett m Nargery & Jessie North; Charlie & Atha Shelabaugh; Wm Virgil Winzl; Lloyd Saylers; Leslie Barrett, Christine Barrett; Ruth Calvin; Hilda, Dorothy, Gilmore North; Nellie, Lewis Vrtiska; Esther Wenzl; Archie & Barbara Martin; Helen Pyle; Marion Fuller.

The people who have acquired distinction are D L Aikins, Chas W Pool and W D Hartwell. Mr D L Aikins of Stillwater, Oklahoma is President of the Board Directors of the State Odd Fellows Home and he has held other offices of trust. Mr Pool as our Secretary of State; Mr Hartwell writes Farm Insurance, Farm Loans & Surety Bonds.

Some of the early settlers of the district are: Mr Mills, Simeon Lincoln, Mr Sutton, Ben Pool, S A Hartwell, Wallace Hartwell, Geo Maddocks, Jacob North, G Dorrance, Wm Dorrance, W J Aikins, G W Miller, John Bratton, Mason Story, James Wagner, F L Bennett. Mr Miller, one of the earliest settlers was Treasurer of the school for 27 years, being a retired farmer, has moved to Pawnee City

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The Indians were quite plentiful; most any time you could meet them going to town to do some trading. The men would ride ponies, using large red blankets for saddles. The "squaws" would always follow walking, carrying their little "papooses".

The minutes of the 1904 stated that the total valuation of all the property in the district was worth about \$54,545.00. which this year of 1916 is worth \$75,033.00.

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