

EARLY RURAL SCHOOLS

Rural schools were known to exist as early as 1855. At one time nine were shown on Liberty Township maps. Some photos of rural schools as well as a few samples of memorabilia are shown here.

ARTICLE OF AGREEMENT,

Made and Entered Into Between *Wm. W. Bartine* and State of Iowa, and the Board of Directors of the Independent School District of *No 2 Liberty Twp.* in the County of *Marshall* and State of Iowa, and their successors in office.

The said *Wm. W. Bartine* hereby agrees to teach the public school in said district for the term of *eight* weeks, commencing on the *third* day of *September* 18*88*, and that he will faithfully and impartially govern and instruct the children and youth who may attend the same; that he will refrain from every species of profanity and improper conduct while in their presence; will institute no cruel or unusual mode of punishment in the administration of discipline, and will promptly report to said Board of Directors or their successors in office, the names of all scholars who may be guilty of gross immorality or a persistent violation of the regulations of said school. The said *Wm. W. Bartine* further agrees that he will strictly conform to the rules and regulations established by the Board of Directors of the District aforesaid, for the government of said school, and will faithfully perform all the duties required of him by the provisions of the school laws of the State of Iowa.

The said Board of Directors or their successors in office, in the name and in behalf of the District aforesaid, hereby agrees to keep the school-house in which said school is to be taught, in good repair, and to see that it is furnished with the necessary fuel and appendages for the comfort and convenience of the pupils, and to pay the said *Wm. W. Bartine* for his services as teacher, the sum of *(30-00) Thirty* Dollars per month of four weeks of five school days each, provided, that in case the said *Wm. W. Bartine* should be dismissed from said school by the said Board of Directors or their successors in office, for gross immorality or a violation of any of the stipulations of this contract, or in case his certificate should be revoked by the County Superintendent, he shall not be entitled to compensation from and after such revocation or dismissal.

In Testimony Whereof, We have hereunto subscribed our names this *Eighth* day of *Sept.* 18*88*.

Wm. W. Bartine
Teacher.

Thomas P. Chance
President Board of Directors Independent Districts of

ATTEST: *H. H. Howard* Secretary.

*He who does his best does well;
Angels can do no more.*

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Anna Abbott, Prin.

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Otto Abbott	Bessie Dunn	Ella Burns
Edna Convis	Calvin Clark	Sylvester Dunn
Roy Evans	Nora Dolan	Irene Farber
Mildred LaPlant	Clyde Jay	Peter Mayer
Homer Teager	Net Robinson	Della Norman
Gertie Norman	Basil McGee	Robert Drury
Fred Meekins	Irene Tight	Lily Mayer
Gertrude Jay	Arthur LaPlant	Guy Cunningham
Roy Cunningham	Mary Dunn	Fannie Clark
Elsie Abbott	John Burns	Bessie Borton
Gracie Clark	Willie Mayer	Bold Abbott
Julia Dunn	Carrie Norman	Harry Teager
Georgie Norman	Pauline LaPlant	Zoa Robinson
Bess Robinson	Harold LaPlant	Stesia Dunn
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Douglas Cunningham
Louie LaPlant
Raymond Jay
Chester Mabie
Lottie LaPlant
Mary Mabie
Wallace Bacon





Julia Dunn rural school teacher



William Lyons School, Dollie Dunn, teacher. Girls, front row: (?) Knott. Second row: Rena Dunn, Amy Lyons, Irene Lyons. Third row: Margaret Johnson, Cecilia Lyons, Irene Dunn. Fourth row: Agnes Lyons, Vera Dunn. Boys, front row: (?), (?), Ambrose Blayney, Dan Dunn. Second row: Harry Dunn, John Blayney, (?) Knott. (photo circa 1913)



Pay Lyons School, District No. 5 (Sec. 21, northeast corner). Mary Dunn, teacher, and her pony, Fleet, stand at right of students, who are unidentified.



William Lyons School, District No. 4 (Sec. 19, northeast corner). Dollie Dunn, teacher, at left. (photo circa 1912)



Rural school, District No. 10 (Sec. 29, southwest corner). Ed Bartine, teacher. Bernice Spence, Hazel Keoppel, Gall Keoppel, Hattie Bryant, Lula Spence, Bea Middleton, Alta Keoppel, Lloyd Lindquist, Vance Middleton, Russell Bartine, Edwin Keoppel, Frank Lindquist, Burr Atkinson, Henry Bryant, Laurence Keoppel



William Lyons School. Front row: Ambrose Blayney, (?), Dan Dunn, (?), Rena Dunn, Amy Lyons, Irene Dunn, Irene Lyons. Back row: (?) Knott, Harry Dunn, Margaret Blayney, Vera Dunn, Dollie Dunn (teacher), Agnes Lyons, (?) Knott, Cecilia Lyons, John Blayney