

# Weymouth School Teachers 1817 – 1956

## VOLUME I

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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.

### 1817

**Eliza Northrop** *taught April 1817- March 1818.* Born Oct 1798 in Brookfield, CT to Joseph Northrop and Charity Benjamin Northrop, among the earliest settlers to Medina Township. In April of 1817 Eliza taught the first school in the township in the log cabin built for a church, school and meeting place. The first pupils were George, Lucius, Carlos and Lester Barnes; Frank and Philander Calender (Chandler); Jared and Mary Doan; Joseph, Ruth, Elizabeth and Mary Hamilton; Clement and Freeman Marsh; Lois and Luisa Palmer; Anna, Cynthia, Philemon, Chloe, Ruth and Madison Rice, Herschel Banner Seymour and his brother William Harrison Seymour. Eliza married Giles Barnes March 22, 1818 (the first wedding in the township). They had nine children and lived on what was the Sternecker farm on Church Street, razed in 2012. Eliza Northrop Elementary School, which opened in the fall of 2009, is named for her. She died April 30, 1863 and is buried in Weymouth.

### 1830s



**Milo Goodrich** was born in East Homer, NY January 3, 1814. He taught at Weymouth and Brooklyn, Ohio schools between 1830-1838. He studied at the Homer Academy and the Oberlin Institute. In 1838, he went to Massachusetts, became a lawyer and represented the state in the House of Representatives. He married Eunice Eastman in 1844 and died April 15, 1881. The Oberlin archives has a letter from Milo Goodrich to his parents dated November 10, 1835.

### 1840s

**Eleanor Stiles** *Taught next 16 weeks April 1841-Sept 2 1841 \$30. Taught 16 weeks at \$3 per week 21 scholars 1842. April 16- Sept 23 1862* Eleanor Stiles Born in Weymouth November 20, 1820. Her father Jarius Stiles was a miller in Weymouth manufacturing woolen cloths, sox etc. The children went to the noted McGregor School in Wadsworth. Eleanor taught in 1840 but perhaps even sooner in Weymouth. She was paid \$3 per week and had about 16 scholars. She taught 15 terms and attended the county's first teachers' institute in 1847. She taught at Hiram with James Garfield and 'expected greatness of him'. She died in 1902 in Youngstown at age 82, interred at Weymouth.

**EH Warner** taught 3 months prior to Sept 16, 1843 and was paid \$19 per month.

**Clarissa M "Clara" Blakeslee** was born in 1830 in Granger to Bennett and Sarah Blakeslee. She married Nathan M Huntley of Granger February 1848 and had five children. They divorced he remarried in 1877. She moved to Kansas with her daughter Jennie Bemis in 1886 to a farm near Portis. In 1892 they moved to Smith County and she lived out her life there with them In 1905 and 1910 she is 'widowed' living with daughter Jennie Huntley Bemis in Oak Township, Kansas. Clarissa died in Lebanon, Kansas in 1914.

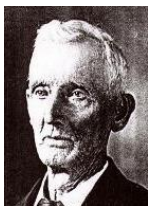
**John Barton Young** was born in Pennsylvania in 1826. In 1830 his family settled on a farm in Granger. At age twelve his kneecap was fractured, preventing him from physical work. He attended Western Star academy and the Twinsburg adjunct of Hudson College. He went south in 1845, but contracted typhoid fever and returned in 1846. He taught at Weymouth school from 1845 until 1851 when he was elected clerk of courts, began to study law and passed the bar. He married Mary Lucinda Allen of Granger in 1848; after her death in 1851 he married Adaline J Sargent in 1858. He was the ‘most brilliant attorney ever a member of Medina County bar’ and clerk of courts 1852-55. He was the uncle of well-known Weymouth Dr Frank Young. Barton was Medina’s oldest lawyer at his death in 1906 and is buried in Spring Grove Cemetery.

**Judge Samuel G Barnard** 1844-1857 was principal at the Normal School at Weymouth. In 1854 JL Seymour and SG Barnard have an ad for the Weymouth Normal School: “Rigid discipline” \$1.80 per quarter in primary, \$3 in middle department, \$3.60 in normal (teaching) dept including common law. In 1844 he was Principal of the Normal School at Weymouth; over 100 pupils with one assistant, so successful that he was later hired at Medina as superintendent, distinguished success. This school may have been located c. 3345 Old Weymouth Road, marked on the 1857 map. By 1857 WP Barnes was principal.

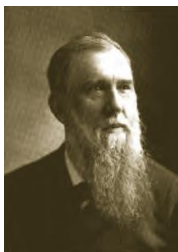
**William P Barnes** *was paid by the township to teach in 1855.* He was principal of Weymouth Normal School in 1857. He was born in Weymouth Jan 7, 1835 to Giles and Eliza Northrop Barnes and died June 30, 1858 age 23, burial at Weymouth. Eliza was taught at the first school in Medina Township in a log cabin near Weymouth, with 24 students.

## 1850s

**Laura “Lura” E Brown** 1853, 1855, 1870 *taught lower grades.* Born in 1834 to Erastus and Cassandra Brown, Weymouth wainwright, mail carrier, Justice of the Peace and joiner. She graduated from Western Eclectic Institute (Hiram College) when James A Garfield was president of it. She spent several years teaching slaves in Alabama under the Freeman’s Bureau and was later principal of high schools in several Ohio towns. In 1870 Miss Brown, “a lady of great experience in teaching” taught the primary grades. In 1871 she married Austin Moore Hale a pioneer nurseryman of Summit County. Their home, Halecroft, was an active station on the Underground Railroad. In 1900 widow Laura Hale lived with brother-in-law Rev Dalton D Fennell and sister Helen in Medina. Laura died in 1930.



**Lewis R Mann** *Taught 1856-1872.* He was born in Medina Township in 1833 to Abijah and Betsey Graham Mann who settled here in 1817. His wife Adella Bleekman was a teacher before their marriage. 1872. He owned one of the Weymouth stores and served as postmaster from 1872 to 1884.



**Burke Hinsdale** *November 16, 1857 to March 5 1858.* Aaron Burke Hinsdale was born in Wadsworth on March 31, 1837 to Clarinda and Albert Hinsdale. He taught at Weymouth school from 1857 and 1858. He graduated from Western Reserve University and Hiram College, was professor and in 1868 named president of Alliance College (now Mount Union University). He became superintendent of Cleveland Public Schools in 1882, and a professor at the University of Michigan in 1888. He died in November 1900 and is buried in Ann Arbor.

**George Washington Rudesill** *Dec 1855-March 1856.* Born Columbiana County in 1829 to Jacob and Jemima Rudesill. He came to Sharon with his parents when young. He married Ann Hanchett January 18, 1855, bought the Hanchett family farm, and was a farmer and teacher until 1863 when they emigrated to Woodstock County, MI. They had six children. He died in Michigan in 1910.

**Jane A. "Jennie" Smedley** *June 16 1856-Oct 9 1856 and Nov 17 1856 – Feb 17 1857 \$25 per month, also 1862.* Born in Massachusetts in 1838 to Rachel & Horace Smedley. They lived in Weymouth by 1850 when Jane was enrolled in her first year at Oberlin College. She still lived in Weymouth in 1869. In 1910 Jennie was living in Tyron, Cashiers Valley, NC as a private teacher to the five children of wealthy farmer Jeb & Cora Alley. She was living in Tyron when she attended the Weymouth school reunion in 1915.

**Miss Etta Hill** *May 2 1859-Sept 10 1859 she was paid \$54 per semester to teach the primary students.*

**Alfred J Waters** *1859 and 1860 had a normal school in Weymouth. Dec 3 1861-Feb 21 1862 \$22.64 per month.* Born England 1835. Graduated from Oberlin with high honors in 1847, Oberlin theological school 1857-58. In 1860 he married Electa Chadbourne, a teacher at Weymouth. He was licensed to preach in the Methodist Church and was president of Weymouth Temperance Union in 1861. He was the "presiding genius" of Weymouth school, then principal of Medina high school. In 1865 was general agent for Sun Insurance of Cleveland, moving to Cleveland in 1868. He became one of the foremost field supervisor and adjustors, wrote a popular book on adjustments and articles for many journals and papers. He died in Cleveland in 1881. In the record of the 12<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of Fire Underwriters Association of the Northwest, there were 17 pages devoted to his death. "We all loved to listen to his familiar voice. A manly figure, a great, active brain & heart, a hand, which knew so well the power of friendship's hearty grip, all are still and cold in the grave". "Mr Waters will be remembered as one of the brightest and most efficient men of his time" says a 1908 ad for his book.

## 1860s

**Mary E Alcott** was born in 1847 to pioneer Phineas Castle Alcott, a member of the Connecticut Alcott family of which the authoress Louisa May Alcott is best known, and his wife Sarah Welton Alcott. Mary was one of four daughters including Miss Eva Alcott who gained a national reputation as a singer. Mary married Frank Nettleton in 1882 and had three children. She died in 1926 age 78 at the 1824 Nettleton home still standing on Granger Road in Northropville. *In 1870 she was the teacher of a select school*

**Almyra Stiles** *taught 7 terms to 1870.* Born in Weymouth in 1823 to miller Jarius and Almira Stiles, she was a sister of Weymouth teachers Eleanor and Laura. She taught seven terms in the 1860s, "a very successful teacher". She married farmer William Clark and had a daughter Clara. She died at age 48 and is buried in Weymouth Cemetery.

**Elizabeth 'Libbie' Packard** *Nov 26 1860- March 15 1861. She sued for \$10 pay.* Born in 1842 to Henry, a Weymouth blacksmith, and Jane Packard. She married Clark Thomas Hasbrouck, son of Weymouth merchant Abraham Hasbrouck in 1861. He died 1907. In 1910 she a widow was living in Cleveland, with her widowed daughter Agnes Baker, son Niles, his wife Virginia, servants Lottie Gedeon and Lena Toll. She became a life member of the Cleveland Museum of Art in 1917. She died February 24, 1928. A small gold case with portraits of her and daughter Elizabeth Nutt sold for \$899 in 2010.

**Adaliza “Addie” C Nettleton** *primary teacher 1860.* She was born February 11, 1846 in Northropville to Noble & Mary Ann Blakeslee Nettleton. She married Irving Hamilton Kennedy, a farmer at Hamilton’s Corner in 1872. Their children were Irving, Walter, and Josephine. She died in 1919 age 73, buried at Spring Grove.

**Josephine L Seymour** *Age 16 1860 was teacher - 1862.* Born in Weymouth May 31, 1848 to lumberman William Harrison and Ruth Seymour. They lived in the gingerbread house. She taught until 1862 when the family moved to Michigan. In 1876 age 28 Josephine married (3<sup>rd</sup> wife) William Packard (originally of Chatham) age 68. He died in 1882. They had one child, a daughter Ruth 1879-97. Josephine died in Michigan April 15, 1892.

**Electa Chadbourne** daughter of Elcy and Humphrey Chadbourne, *a Weymouth school teacher 21 in 1860.* She married AJ Waters in Weymouth in 1860. He died in 1881. Electa married George H Holmes October 14, 1885; they lived at 551 Case Ave in Cleveland. In 1888 in they are listed in Cuyahoga County Prominent Families. On October 19, 1892 she married Andrew J Davis in Chicago. She died October 17, 1900 in Chicago age 61 and is buried in Lake View Cemetery in Cleveland as Electa Davis.

**Margaret Fluent**, daughter of Alice and Dan, born in Weymouth. She and her sister Viola taught at Weymouth school. She was born in 1843 and married Elijah Smedley of Weymouth in 1869, so it is likely that she *taught between 1860-1869.*

**Miss AL Spensley** *Aug 1 1864 – Sept 17 1864.* Miss Mary Ann Spensley born England February 15, 1847/48 to Ann and Raw Spensley, a wealthy farmer in Granger. She taught at Weymouth school in 1864. She later married Hiram Lackey, and died in Lawrence County, Indiana on November 14, 1923.

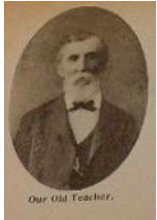
**Fidelia Elvira Brown** *May 1 – June 24 1865 and Sept 4 1864 – Oct 28 1865, Nov 13 1865 – Feb 5 1866.* She was born in 1840 in Brunswick to Sylvester & Elmira Brown. ‘A teacher who assumed family responsibilities when her mother died in 1893’. She began teaching at Weymouth school in 1864. She lived with her brother George in Weymouth from his birth 1856 to her death 1916, over 50 years. In 1900 she, George and servant Mamie Roberts were living in Weymouth. In 1903 she and George owned the Gazette Block in Medina. Fidelia died in 1916.

**Miss Kate Wirt** *taught May 1864 to Sept 28 1864, paid \$45. Kate Wirt was born in 1845 in Ohio.* In 1870 she was living in Meriden, IL with wealthy farmer Joel and Mary Hornell and their son George.

**Miss Nancy B Sloan** *taught Oct 4, 1864 – March 3, 1865 paid \$66*

**Miss Harriet S ‘Hattie’ Tolman** *Was paid to teach May 1864 – July 1864. May 1-June 24 1865, Sept 4 – Oct 28 1865, also Nov 13 1865 to March 2 1866 \$64.* Harriet Sophia Tolman was born in Medina May 5, 1842 to Sarah and Weymouth doctor Lewis D Tolman. She married Norton Wright Welton in 1870 and they lived in the gingerbread house. From his death in 1899 until her death in 1926, Harriet and her sister Louise Tolman rented apartments in Medina. She is buried in Spring Grove Cemetery as Hattie Welton.

**Miss Mary A Curtis** *May 1 1866 – May 14 1866 11 days \$5.50.* Miss Curtis was born in Lafayette Township March 20, 1846 to Sarah M and Samuel Brooks Curtiss, a farmer. They moved to Medina when he was named county auditor in 1858, and was county infirmary director 1876-1892. Mary went to Oberlin College, taught school in Medina township and Medina village, Ravenna, Wauseon, Columbus and Michigan. She was retired by 1910, and died in Medina in 1920.



**TJ Lytle** Says at Weymouth school reunion that he taught 36 years ago (1867). Thomas Jefferson Lytle was born in 1838 to Wilson (farmer) and Elizabeth Brittain Lytle in Sharon. He had eight children with his first wife Frances Jane Porter 1847-1886, and one daughter with second wife Mary J Douglas. He taught at Weymouth school in the 1860s and also taught in Hinckley, and was later a farmer in Sharon. In 1907, Hinckley High School was named TJ Lytle high school.



**Helen Adelia Hunt** taught c. 1869 was born in Hinckley to Horace and Mary Hunt on August 21, 1849. She was the third wife of farmer Townsend Perry Hale of Ohio; they married about 1877 and emigrated to Kansas. They had four children; daughter Clarice was also a teacher. At a Weymouth school reunion in 1905, Helen “spoke in a most pleasing manner of her pleasant recollections of teaching in Weymouth when now grey-haired parents were her pupils.” She died in Winfield, Kansas November 19, 1919.

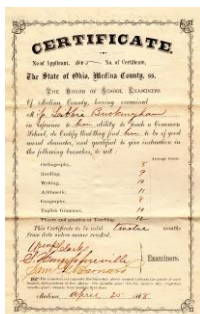
## 1870s

**Josephine Ellen “Josie” Nettleton** age 20 teacher 1870, sister of Addie, born to Noble and Mary Ann Nettleton February 1, 1850. She attended Oberlin Ladies’ College 1868-1869. She died December 20, 1906 and is buried in Spring Grove.

**Laura Stiles** in 1870 she is 44, teaching in common school. A sister of teachers Almira and Eleanor Stiles.

**Maria Carrington** 25 teacher 1870 Medina Twp census. Born in Weymouth in 1845 to Olive and Albert Carrington. Studied at Ladies’ College Oberlin 1868-70. In 1870 she was a common school teacher in Weymouth, living with Sarah and Philo Foskett, her mother and her sister Mary. Maria left Weymouth in 1877 and was teaching in Norwalk. In 1897 she taught at a Chinese missionary school in Sacramento. Maria Carrington died in 1900 in Sacramento, ‘a well-known school teacher of the area’.

**Rowena Morris** taught 1872. Born Nov 3, 1854 in Medina to Rebecca and George Morris. She married station agent and grocery store owner James Perry Newton February 28, 1875 in Medina. She attended the Weymouth school reunion in 1898. Rowena died January 27, 1929 and is buried in Spring Grove. She was the sister of Weymouth teacher Alice Morris Knox.



**Eliza ‘Libbie’ Jane Buckingham** Taught 1870. She was born Sept 27, 1841. In 1860 and 1870 Libbie is living with widowed mother tailoress Lucinda Buckingham and brother Willis in Weymouth. She married Warren C Hatch. In 1898, she signed the Weymouth school reunion book as Libbie Buckingham Hatch. She died in 1908 and is buried in Spring Grove. Libbie’s teaching Certificate from 1868.



**Herbert Clark Knox** April 1872, 1874. ‘high school’ Fall 1877- June 1879. “Professor” Herb Knox was born October 2, 1850 in Brunswick to James & Louisa Knox. He attended Oberlin Preparatory school 1868-1869, and graduated from Oberlin College. He married Alice Morris in 1875 in Medina. In 1880 he was ab ridge builder boarding with Alice with James & Louis Olival in Chattanooga. He presided over the teacher’s institute August 1881 in Wadsworth for 3 weeks. As clerk of the Medina County Board of Examiners in 1884, he felt that “we need a system of superintendency... out school officers show a



liberal spirit in supplying our schools with maps, globes, charts etc . . . Schools are generally in good repair, but they lack proper ventilation, even the new buildings”. He worked for the King Bridge Company of Cleveland and later became co-editor of the Medina County *Gazette*. He spent several years in Kansas trying to recover from tuberculosis. He died in Halstead, Kansas May 20, 1885 and is buried there. His wife, Alice Morris Knox was a teacher in Weymouth School in the 1870s.

**Hannah Hughes/Hewes** April 15<sup>th</sup> 1872 employed Miss Hannah Hughes as teacher in the primary department of school at four dollars and fifty cents per week and her board. Daughter of John and Thulura “Lucy” Hewes, born 1827 in NY. Her mother died soon after their arrival in Montville about 1834 leaving six children. She was the oldest, but “an unfortunate affliction kept her from any work which would help in the home of the motherless children”. She secured an education and spent her early as a teacher in the county. 1863-65 she taught in Clarksville, TN under the Freemans’ Bureau, living upon rations issued by the government, when to be a ‘colored teacher’ meant social ostracism.” She was one of the county’s original Crusaders of the WCTU. In 1880 she was living with Jane E Weeden (temperance lecturer) in Montville. She died in 1904 age 77 in the Episcopal Old Ladies’ Home in Cleveland. She is buried in Old Town Cemetery.



**Oliver W Tompkins** taught about 1873. Born in Weymouth in 1827 to Marshall (a cooper) and Mary Tompkins. In 1850 he was a cooper living with his parents and sister May. By 1860 he was married to Sarah Cushman and had three children. He was later a bridge builder. He died in December 1887 age 60 in Weymouth, buried in Spring Grove.



**Kitty Thomas** August 1873 Miss Kitty Thomas hired to teach intermediate, also 1881. Could be Catherine “Kitty” M Thomas born May 11 1859 to Syndia and Wm Thomas in Ohio. In 1880 she’s a school teacher living with parents in Findlay OH and sister Fanny 9 and sister Lezetta school teacher (Luzetta married Ulysses K Stringfellow). 1881 her scholars presented her with a gold pin and a china cup and saucer. Kitty married John Coontz c 1884 age 25. In 1900 age 41 living in Findlay with John & 5 kids. Died 1938. **William Isolde Baxter** taught writing. Baxter was born in Canada in 1845 to Edwin and Meribah Baxter. In 1870 he was a writing teacher living with a brother Humphrey in Granger. In 1872 he married Florence Garret, daughter of Irena & William of Weymouth. By 1880 he was a wheelwright in Covert, MI and died there in 1903.

**Miss Amelia Bishop** taught small scholars in upper floor of Temperance Hall 1874. Amelia was born in Weymouth in 1856 to shoe and boot maker Orson Tousley and Elizabeth Bishop. Amelia married farmer Richard N Warner in Weymouth 1875. She died in 1909, and is buried in Medina Center.

**CE Huntley** Taught older students 1873, 1874, 1875. Chauncey Elizur Huntley born Aug 13 1835 in NY, was teacher 34 in 1870 rooming with Rufus & Mary French in Granger. In 1880 he was a farmer in Granger married to Sarah. Chauncey Huntley taught 3 terms in Weymouth, the directors were LR Mann, ES Perkins, Dr Young. He bourses at EC Carrington's and Henry Sylvester's. Lewis Mann and BE Blakeslee had store then. There were 61 pupils, 34 boys, 27 girls. He attended the 1898 reunion, but died in 1899.



**Alice Morris Knox**, “was a teacher in Weymouth School in the 1870s”. In 1878 she and Arthur Perkins offered cash prizes for spelling and Holcomb’s tokens of merit. Letter of greeting sent by Mrs Alice Knox she was sister of Rowena Morris Newton. Born August 22, 1852 in Granger to George & Rebecca Morris. In 1870 a schoolteacher age 17 living with her family in Granger. Married Weymouth teacher Herbert Clark Knox in Medina February 1875. Herbert died 1885. She married blacksmith & mayor Jay F Jewett in 1887. After his death, she returned to Medina. She died 1929, buried in Spring Grove. She was a sister of Weymouth teachers Lauraette Sedgwick and Rowena Morris Newton.

**Miss Addie Andrew** taught primary 1874. Addie Andrew born c 1863. In 1926 HW White of Grand Rapids, O said that his father James was a Methodist preacher in the Hinckley area during the Civil War. They lived on a little farm on the Zachary Dean estate just west of Weymouth. His schoolmates were Herbert Blakeslee, the two Painter boys, Will Sedgwick, and a Buckingham boy (this would be the 1860s). One of his teachers was Miss Andrew from Hinckley. He thinks she was ‘a sister of Joseph Andrew who after the war filled some office in Medina’. This would be Joseph Andrew who lost an arm fighting with Garfield’s 42<sup>nd</sup> unit in Civil War, and was a Medina attorney, mayor, and President of Phoenix Bank.

**George Ashmun Morrell** taught “high school” 1875, 1880, lower grades Fall 1876. Born in Chatham in 1856 to farmer Edwin and Charlotte Morrell. In 1877 Students went to Berea to visit their fall semester teacher Mr Morrell the sleigh tipped, cakes and buffalo robes were everywhere. They had to pay for a lamppost and neck yoke. He was a farmer in the 1900 and 1910 census, married Alta Velnette Dyer in 1883, sons Blake and Scott. They were in Berea by 1899. He attended the 1903 Weymouth school reunion. He died in Chatham in 1931.

**Miss Alta Elno Carr** Taught high school 1875 and primary 1876. Born in Granger to tailor Joseph and Lucy Elno Carr on December 6, 1853. In 1870 she was 17, a school teacher living with her parents in Granger. In 1880 age 27 she was a teacher living in Sharon with parents, sister, and head of household brother-in-law. She married Byron Burdette Wheeler before 1886. They moved to Nebraska 1886-1891 and her three children were born there. In 1900 and 1900 they are living in Allegan Co MI (a timber area where many Weymouth people emigrated), where Byron was a painter. Alta died October 22, 1916 and is buried in Allegan.



**Osborne “Rena” Rhoda Ford** Taught 4 years in 1870s \$1 per week and boarded around. Born 1854 to farmer John Henry Ford in York; she had 10 siblings. In 1880 she is listed as Rena R Severcool 25 living in York with husband Orin, a farmer. In 1900 she is living with Orin, daughters Nellie and Arlie, and servant Alvin Merris 20. In 1930 she was 76 living with daughter Carrie and son-in-law Roy W Dimmock, a telegraph operator in Tacoma, WA. She died in 1941 and is buried Mallet Creek Cemetery.

**Mary Jane Overholt** April 1875 Voted to Mary J Overholt to teach the primary school for the summer term at twenty-five dollars per month. Born Feb 1, 1854 in Medina County to Abraham and Catherine Ault Overholt. In 1870 Abraham was a farmer and blacksmith in Granger and Mary was a school teacher. She married James Keagle Oct 7, 1875 and had children Arthur, John, Walter, Carrie, George. In 1930 a widow living with daughter Carry’s family in Missoula, MT. She died and was buried there July 6 1933.



**Frank Linden Wilbur** *taught high school 1876, 1877.* Born in 1853 in Granger to Oscar F and Mary Wilbur. In 1880 he was a farmer living with parents, niece Jessie W and Hannah Pratt 37 who was making cheese. In 1910 he was 57 living with Eugene and Kitty Wilbur in Granger. As a farmer in Granger township, “he has given careful attention to the details of the work and finds beyond a doubt that a farm well tilled always pays”. He served as township trustee and constable, was a member of the Patrons of Husbandry and the Knights of Maccabees. He died in 1918 of complications caused by "compound fractured caused by accidental overturn of farm tractor crushing him beneath.”



**Roalto F Hamblin** *April 1876 was hired to teach the primary School for the summer term at twenty dollars per month.* Born about 1855 to Sarah and farmer David Charles Hamblin. He received an MD from Cleveland Medical College in 1880 and moved to North Royalton. He was married to Lilian Twitchell of Seville. At the 1905 Weymouth school reunion “Dr Hamblin of Cleveland was called upon for a speech and did himself credit considering it was so soon after dinner.” In 1907 “Dr Roaldo Hamblin of Cleveland was the next speaker and was listened to with pleasure by his old schoolmates, pupils and friends.”



**Lavilla ‘Villa’ Tompkins** *in April 1877 Lavilla was hired to teach grades 1-4 at \$16 per month for four months. She also got \$3 per month for cleaning the schoolhouse. Hired for 3 months April 1879.* Sister of Edith see above, born September 1857 to Charles L & Abby Tompkins. Lavilla married farmer Herbert M Blakeslee of Brunswick about 1890. In 1910 they were living in Artesia, NM with daughter Abbie. In 1920 they were living in Medina where he worked as a carpenter. Lavilla died in 1952 and is buried in Spring Grove.

**Rena Baxter** *April 1878 It was agreed to hire Miss Rena Baxter to teach the small school for sixteen dollars per month for a term of three or four months as the board may choose. March 11, 1882 paid for teaching at #5* Lorena A Baxter was born in Canada in 1864 to Mary & Humphrey H Baxter and arrived in Granger in 1869. In 1870 and 1910 she was living with them in Granger. Her brother William taught writing at Weymouth school. In 1940 she was living with sister Alvina “Vina” Scudder in Akron. Died in Akron 1944 buried in Copley Cemetery.



**Viola Fluent** *August 31<sup>st</sup> 1878 Viola Fluent to teach the winter term of school at the Primary school-house, for eighteen dollars a month. Sept 10 1880 teaching at schoolhouse #3. Sept 1881 to teach Primary School three months to commence first Tuesday in December for fifty-four dollars, also 1883.* Born 1851 to Dan and Alice Fluent of Granger, siblings of Edgar ‘Burr’ & Minnie. In 1900 was rooming in Medina with Jesse, Minnie, Everett and Elmer Warren while a secretary at AI Root Co. By 1910 was head of household in Granger. She died in 1923.



**Arthur Perkins** *November 20<sup>th</sup> 1878 Arthur Perkins to teach the intermediate for the winter term, having twenty-five dollars a month. Listed as teacher in 1880 census.* Edward Arthur Perkins was born in Weymouth in 1858 to Clara and State Representative Edward Smith Perkins. In 1860 he was a law student in Weymouth married to Adalaide Stokes. They had nine children. EA went to Horseheads, NY in 1889 and established the Perkins Co building ‘hiway bridges’ with brothers James & William. Rebuilding after a disastrous fire, the Horseheads Bridge Co ‘grew in volume and reputation for erecting unexcelled bridges and square dealing’. In 1900 the US Steel Corp merged it into the American Bridge Co. Arthur was known for being ‘unusually charitable and sensitive’. He was a silent partner with Frank Worden of Weymouth in



the Medina Monumental Co in 1903. In 1910 he fell over a cliff 30' 'but will be ok'. He died in 1931, leaving siblings Mary French, Bessie Perkins and Milton O Perkins of Weymouth.

**Will Seymour** *Aug 1879 to teach the intermediate Grade for eighteen dollars per month. Nov 1879. hired to teach the intermediate grade for forty-nine dollars for the three months. March 1882.*



*Wm Seymour to teach two months school commencing April 4<sup>th</sup> 1882 for \$40.00 to 1883. Jesse Willotson "Will" Seymour was born in Weymouth in 1856 to Rev John Lathrop & Laura Susan Allen Seymour. He worked on local farms & stores and taught several years, then read law and practiced in Medina from 1887. He married Flora A Mann of Weymouth in 1881. That year "A. Rawe almost didn't make it crossing the river in Weymouth, Will Seymour swam out to him with a rope and towed him in, the horse was found, exhausted, the wagon is over Niagara Falls by now." In July 1899 ES Perkins said at the Weymouth school reunion that 'speeches brought up memories how when he went to school with Will Seymour 25 years ago they played pranks on the teacher'. He died Aug 10, 1925.*

**Irene Anna Stoddard** *Nov 1879 Irene Stoddard to teach the Primary School for eighteen dollars per month* Irene Stoddard was born near Weymouth in 1858 to Harmon and Melvina Stoddard & 4 siblings. She married Henry O Pratt and later moved to Wellington. She died May 20, 1956. It was said that "she was a dear. Very short and very stooped when I knew her. At ten I was as tall as she. She had Parkinson's disease and her hands shook terribly. We loved her very much. She did not need a hearing aid or glasses even at ninety years of age. I asked what kept her busy and her reply 'reading so I can learn something'. A lovely lady".

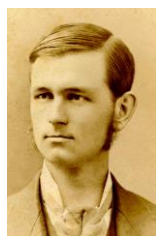


**O Wilcox** *Nov 1879 O Wilcox to teach the High School for thirty-five dollars per month. May 1881. O Wilcox to teach six months school at \$35 per month. Sept 1881 to teach intermediate school for seven months at \$20 per month. June 1882 to teach the high school six months at \$45 a month \$270 through May 1884.* Orlando Wilcox was born in Hinckley in 1851 to Lucy and Orlando Wilcox. He married Azelia 'Zella' Severance of Hinckley in 1874. He graduated from Baldwin University (now Baldwin Wallace). He was US District attorney for the Indian Territory 1898-1900 and in two years tried 64 murder cases. He prosecuted notorious western outlaws and aided Teddy Roosevelt in setting up Rough Riders there. He moved to Cuyahoga Falls by 1900. His 1932 obituary called him "one of first members of Akron Bar Association and one of best-known men in Summit County."



**Azelia M Severance Wilcox** *1881-1882.* "Zelia" Wilcox was born in Hinckley in 1855 to Ala and Mary Pierce Severance. She married Orlando Wilcox of Hinckley (see above). She died July 24 1936.

## 1880s



**Edward Arthur Perkins** *Paid \$25 per month 1878-1880. Born Weymouth February 28, 1858 to (Clara) Adaline Stoaks Perkins and Edward Smith Perkins. He became a local bridge builder and by 1881 was foreman of the King Iron Bridge Company of Cleveland. He went to Horseheads, NY in 1889 and started ES Perkins & Co with brothers James & William building highway and river bridges. A modern shop with a large force of employees as well as engineering, sales and business forces became the most important industry in Horseheads.*

*They built many important river bridges, including one over the Delaware River at Dingman's Ferry which EA kept and operated as a toll bridge. Fire destroyed the shop in 1893 but it was rebuilt. In 1903 a marble works in Medina was sold for \$2200 to EA Perkins of Horseheads and Frank E. Worden of Weymouth (his brother-in-law) to be operated as the Medina Monumental Company, with Worden*

operating it. In 1900 the Horseheads Bridge Co merged into the American Bridge Co. In 1910 Arthur fell over a cliff 30' but "will be okay". Edward died in 1931, remembered as "unusually charitable and sensitive".

**Miss Lucy Miller** *hired to teach primary Oct 7, 1883.* Norman Miller was a Board of education member, perhaps he was related to her. A Miss Lucille Miller was teacher at Medina Center school 1923.



**Mary Delight Perkins** *December 1880 Miss Mary Perkins to teach the Primary, eighteen dollars. April 1881 Miss Mary Perkins to teach the primary school for four months commencing at first Tuesday in May for \$17 per month- her father was on school board.* Born 1861 to Edward Smith and Clara Perkins. Sister of Bessie. In 1880 Mary is school teacher born 1861 to Edward S and Clara. Married Richard Elroy French of Medina, 5 children, he died in 1928 in Kansas, son Arthur Perkins French born in Weymouth, Mary had 5 children, died Jan 10 1958 in Scotia NY, buried in Weymouth. Photo 1879.

**William I Bracy** *1880, 1881 history says William I Bracy, teacher of the high school. Sept 1880 to Jan 1883.* Born in New London 1854, wife Frances. In 1880 teacher, wife, sons and nephew Frank Bracy live with them in Townsend Huron County, in 1900 they are in New London. Attended reunion c. 1902 and signed as New London. Justice of Peace new London 1914, 1920. In World War I as a signalman in the 43<sup>rd</sup> Balloon Co, Aviation Services. He died in 1935.



**Miss Lena Perkins** *1885-1886 Miss Lena Perkins primary teacher.* Adeline Perkins was born in Weymouth in 1868 to Edward S. Perkins and Clara Adeline Stoaks. Sister of EA Perkins who also taught at Weymouth. She married Frank Worden of Weymouth right after school let out in May 1885. Lina Perkins Worden said her head was not full but her heart was when she met the dear old faces at the 1905 school reunion.



**Kittie Adella Mann** *to teach the Primary School at sixteen dollars per month for four months commencing the first Tuesday in May 1882. March 1883 Miss Kittie Mann to teach three months term of school at twenty dollars per month. School to commence the first Tuesday in April.* Married Eugene C Wilbur of Granger 1883. Kittie Mann was born in 1861 to Weymouth store owner Lewis R. Mann and Adella Bleekman. In 1883 married Eugene Wilbur of Granger. "They spent 52 years of married life on the farm in Granger, two children Meade and Mary. She was a woman who lived true to her convictions of right and wrong and held in reverence the highest thing in life". She died in 1937.



**Bertha Napier Colt** *taught 1884.* Born to Ashley Colt and Frances Warner of Medina in Rockport IL 1865. Bertha and sister May were raised by aunt and uncle Carlos & Amelia Warner in Medina after the death of their parents c 1880. MHS 1883, went to Cornell 1884-1885; in Medina in 1886 married her rhetoric and composition teacher Henry Winchester Rolfe prof Latin T Swarthmore 1885-90; associate prof of Greek 1900-10; publications include Petrarch, the first modern scholar and man of letters he died in 1945, 15 boxes at UCLA. In 1905, 1908 at Stanford. She died in 1957 in Los Angeles.

**Bert Fisher** 1884 Mr. Bert Fisher to teach the high school for the term beginning the first week in



*September at fifty dollars per month. March 1885 Mr Bert Fisher paid \$2.15 for paper and matches furnished by him. Mr Fisher to teach a spring term of school at thirty dollars per month. Also to admit to such school such pupils above the primary grade who desire to attend, the Board reserving the right to exclude them if the number shall prove to be so large as to overcrowd the school.*

Bert Alvertes Fisher was born in Ohio Sept 8 1854, married Kate and lived in Medina 1882 as a realtor. Studied at Normal University in Lebanon OH. Taught school 7 years. In 1900 Bert 45 was traveling hardware salesman throughout west and south, real estate salesman sells 8" steel nickel-plated ball bearing self-sharpening scissors, sells clover hay in Medina. In 1910 he was living in Medina with Kate and adopted daughter Pauline 3. He lived at 603 East Liberty from 1916. A 'commercial missionary' sells hand power corn or grist mills 1917. He died helping to build a house for Mr Flickinger 570 South Court in 1919. Mrs Febia/Phoebe/Kate/Katherine Fisher widow of Hon Bert J Fisher died at the home of sister Miss Lavina Ogden 1920. His house sold for \$5000 in 1920.

**Kate Fisher** wife of Bert see above *hired September 1885, Kate Fisher, at thirty dollars per month for the primary.* The first time a married woman is hired.

**Alexander Louis Aikman** September 15<sup>th</sup> 1885. fifty dollars per month, to teach the High School.



*December 29<sup>th</sup> 1885. Mr Aikman teacher of the high School resigned on the grounds of his health being too much impaired to continue his work. Resignation was accepted, with sincere regret.* Born Feb 17, 1838 to David (farmer) and Isabel Aikman in Sharon. Went to Iowa with his parents in a prairie schooner but ill health of several family members caused them to return to Ohio in a year. Married Pauline Lockhart 1863. Farmer in Granger 1880 with Pauline, sister Isabel, mother Isabel and children Perry, Hugh, Albert & Neal. In 1885 Albert Aikman of Weymouth area was a student at Granger High school. Died 1921 at Massillon State Hospital Stark County. "taught school many years".

**Ellen Lillie Blakeslee** born Nov 1863 in Weymouth to Asher and Elizabeth Betsey Perkins Blakeslee. Her father died when she was four, and her mother died the next year of tuberculosis. During her illness, Betsey's parents Edward and Delight Perkins and Edward Smith went to get her and her five siblings in Lucas County, Ohio. Her sister Sarah who was single and living with her parents Asher and Betsey became guardian. Ellen married Farnham H Gibbs in 1885 *when a "school teacher at Weymouth"*. By 1910 they lived in Brunswick with 7 children: Calla (Calista), Elbridge, Anna, Edward, Earle, Esther, and Ellen. They also had his mother, a boarder, a hired man and a hired girl living with them. In 1930 widow Ellen 66 is head of household, a \$6000 home, owning a radio. Her daughter Esther Kinton a school teacher and son-in-law Russell Kinton, mechanic at a steel mill lived with her, also her daughter Ellen P 20. By 1935, the census listed her as living with her daughter Calla (Calista). The 1940 mentions that she had two years of high school education. Ellen died July 1940, buried in Westview Cemetery Brunswick.



**Scott Bennett** *Gazette says taught Weymouth c 1885, 1887* Born 1867 to Laura and ira Bennett on Montville farm,. By 1887 he was a leading Medina contractor. By 1910 he was widowed, left the farm and moved to Medina with his children. He founded the Medina Bending Works. Brother Grant was also a Weymouth teacher. He died in 1940 and is buried in Spring Grove.

**Earl Hazen Wilbur** June 1906 teach the upper room for \$45 a month. May 1907 Hired Earl Wilbur for the higher room for \$40 a month. Born in 1885 to Emma and Charles C Wilbur in Medina Township. In 1920 he married Leda Thomas (1888-1983). In 1953 he died at the home farm near Weymouth where he lived all his life on Co Road 131 (Medina-Southern Rd now known as Nichols). Had the first TV in

Weymouth in 1948.

**Grant E Bennett** *Taught high school 1887.* Born March 29, 1864, in 1870 living on Montville farm with parents Laura and Ira. He attended the school reunion from Windfall 1899, studied medicine but went back to the farm when his father died before 1900. He married May McCoy in 1897 and lived in Sharon. He died July 7, 1909. Brother of teacher Scott S Bennett.



**Carolina Melvina "Carrie" Blakeslee** *Taught primary April 1887 – May 1888.* Taught summer 1887 school at the small school house (on Myers) as the larger one (at Old Weymouth and Frantz) was being repaired. Born Nov 10, 1862 in Medina Township to Caroline and Charles Hiram Blakeslee. She married Weymouth blacksmith Melville Edbert Foskett in 1888. She was Postmistress of Mallet Creek. Died Nov 13, 1951 in Mallet Creek, son was Theodore Foskett Medina mayor. She is buried in Spring Grove. Photo in 1909.

**Edith Tompkins** *On April 25<sup>th</sup> 1888, Miss Edith Tompkins was hired to teach the primary school two months for \$48. In July, 1888, she taught in the primary school 6 months at \$25 per month. In 1889 she was teacher in Primary School for two months at \$25 per month, commencing April 30<sup>th</sup>. On July 21, 1892 she taught high school (grades 5-8) for the year of 1892 and spring term of 1893 at \$35 per month.* Edith C Tompkins born 1867 in Ohio to Abbie & Chas L (foreman of Iron Bridge Co, Weymouth store owner and postmaster), living in Medina 1880, siblings Charlie E and Edna J. In 1870 living with parents. In 1893 she married Ora A. Ridiker, postmaster and merchant at Brunswick. Edith died 1952, buried in Westview Cemetery Brunswick.

**LA Mason** *July 1888 hired LA Mason in the high school 6 months at \$45 per month.* Lewis Anson Mason born Nov 10, 1848 Columbiana County to John and Mary. In 1880 farmer and teacher 31 single, living with widowed mother in Center Township, Columbiana Co. Married Orra B Bowman in Medina in 1886. In 1900 and 1910 living same place with Orra and daughters Lucile and (Ruth) Ramona. About 1902 he attended the reunion and gave his address as Lisbon, O. Died July 20, 1912 in Lisbon. *Jan 22 1887, Nov 22 1887, Feb 1888 paid for teaching at #7.*

**HS Ross** *Fall 1889 - May 1891* Herbert Smith Ross born in OH Sept 2, 1845, living in Guilford 1850, enlisted in the Civil War 166<sup>th</sup> OVI Mar 2 – Sept 9, 1864. Married in Medina Nov 17, 1868 to Malinda/Melinda R "Linnie" Fritz born April 4, 1850. Opened wallpaper etc. store in Medina 1891. He had one daughter Mary Ross (Mrs Robert R Smith). In Medina in 1910 census. HSR died at White Cross Sanitarium July 2, 1911. Linnie boarding at 603 W Main in Jackson 1912, died in Jackson 1938, both buried in Jackson.

**Mary A Rush** *July 1889 Miss Mary A Rush of Seville to teach the primary School for six months at \$25 per month the fires to be built at the expense of the District School to commence October 1<sup>st</sup> 1889.* Mary Aldila Ida Rush was born in Canada in 1871 to Nathaniel and Victoria Rush but grew up in Seville. She married Robert minister Almon Spencer 1899 and moved to Canada. They had eight children. She died in 1908 and was buried in Ontario.

## 1890s

**Jay J Wilcox** *1890s to 1900.* Jay Wilcox was born in Weymouth in 1861 to farmer James & Caroline Wilcox. His brother Frank was also a teacher. In 1900 Jay is 38 and living in Hinckley with his brother Frank. He worked for a Cleveland post office ten years and for the IRS for 20 years. He retired to Medina in 1932 and died December 30, 1938.





**Olive A Sedgwick** 1890-1902 *Miss Olive Sedgwick to teach the spring term of 8 weeks at \$30 per month, to do her own janitor work.* Olive Almira Sedgwick was born in Weymouth June 24, 1868 to farmer Amasa P & Mary Ann Sedgwick. She cared for her widowed father for many years. She married Robert Clyde Webber in 1908. They lived in Oklahoma from about 1910 to 1940.

**AW Rounds** 1891 *taught high School 6 months at \$50.00 per month.* William A 'Will' Rounds was born in 1865 in Ohio. He married Viola E Huntley in 1896; she was born in 1865 in Granger to pioneer Carter Huntley. In 1900 realtor Will and Viola were living in Cleveland. Viola died May 29, 1960 in Cleveland age 95. Wm A Rounds died in 1933, both are buried in Spring Grove.

**Miss Luie Holcomb** 1891. Lewella Holcomb born May 13, 1872 in York to Arirea and Austin Holcomb. In 1880 age 8 she was living in York with her parents, grandparents Eli and Emily, sisters Lottie and Margrat. In 1910 she was married to Freoff/Fruehoff C Hoppe, her sister Lottie was living with them, children Selin Segal 8, Wayne Holcomb 7, Joris Frueauf 5, Charlotte M 2 in Liverpool. Daughter Legai Georgette born 1913. She died in 1957 age 85 burial Myrtle Hill under Luelle E Hoppe.

**Bessie Louisa Perkins** 1891-1894 Born May 1869 in Weymouth to Edward Smith and Adaline Perkins. In 1900 Bessie is 31, born May 1869, father Edwards S is a farmer, mom Ada. In 1910 Bessie is 41 living with Adaline 76 and Morton 40 and hired man Harry E Brooks. In 1920 Bessie L is 50, living with Adeline 85, Mary French 58 and grand-nephew Howard Van Epp 7. In 1940 lives with sister Mary Delight French 78 and cousin Anna Root 78 at family homestead (razed for Weymouth Road extension to I71). Died in 1943 after a long illness with which she was bedfast for a year, buried Weymouth Cemetery.

**John Wesley Steiner** Sept 1893 to teach High school for six months at \$45 per month. March 1894. JW Steiner to teach the fall and winter school of 1894-1895 at fifty dollars the month he to do his own Janitor work. April 1895 to teach the coming fall and winter 6 months for \$50 per month to do his janitor work. April 1896 to teach the High School this coming fall and winter, seven months at \$50 per month, to do the janitor work. John Steiner born 1861 in Wayne County to Esther and Peter Steiner, living with them in Guilford as farmer 1880. JW Steiner HS principal, quit to farm, returned to Wayne County 1896. He rejuvenated old-fashioned game of horseshoes. In 1904 he attended the school reunion and gave his address as Sterling, living in Wooster with wife Mary and his father 1910, died in Wayne County 1921.

**Martha Hatch** June 1894 for the school year for \$25 the month. She to teach 6 months. June 1895 to teach the primary school the coming winter and spring 6 months at \$25.00 per month, the district to do the janitor work. Born Jan 27 1874 in Granger to Warren and Eliza Hatch Taught at Weymouth and Northropville. Married Owen Lovejoy Blakslee right after school closed in 1896. She died in 1958.



**Bernice Einhart** May 1896 to teach the Primary School the coming fall and winter at \$25 per month. and to do the janitor work in the spring term. April 1897 to teach the Primary school the coming year in all 8 months at \$25 per month. Berenice Einhart was born December 1877 in Granger. In 1880 she lived with parents John B & Lillie Einhart in Weymouth. 1895 Bernice Einhart teaches at Pompey Street school (Laurel Road in Brunswick). She married Weymouth store owner James Crooks in 1898, son Maynard, remained in Weymouth. Died 1964; buried in Spring Grove.

**Jacob K Nold** 1897 - 1901 Born 1875, grew up in Guilford Township with parents Nancy and farmer Jacob Nold. 1902 he is taking classes at Wooster College. Lived with wife Loriane "Lora" Sydenstricker and daughters Ruth and Helen in Weymouth. In 1915 he was on military duty on the Mexican border with



Co H of the 8<sup>th</sup> regiment, took him 6 days to get from El Paso to Indiana where he mustered out 1917. Moved to Wooster, teacher and Wooster Township Supervisor. When he retired there was a party at David Huffman's in Weymouth for him. He died in 1949 in Guilford. His obituary says he was a farmer, Justice of the Peace, and teacher in Medina and Wayne Counties for 35 years.

**Charles E 'Charlie' Tompkins** born in Weymouth in 1862 to Charles and Abigail Seymour Tompkins, lived on parents' farm, got teaching certificate 1882, then worked for the King Bridge Company. Weymouth storekeeper and postmaster, farmer, married Grace Nichols in Wyandot, Ohio in 1891. He died in of typhoid fever in 1896 in Pennsylvania.

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