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GARDNER SCHOOL

Gardner School used to occupy the southeast corner of Walker and Airport roads in section 7 of Bingham Township. According to the 1980 *History of Clinton County*, it was named after Samuel Gardner who long ago operated an inn near there. Records show the last school structure there was 735 square feet and was built on the half-acre site in 1880.



GARDNER SCHOOL - Ca 1913

This is the only original photo of this school at the archives. Those pictured are: Blanch Dikeman ; Maragaret LYONS; Oral HALSTEAD; Clare BEAREND; Ambra SIEFERT; Devere RIDENOUR; Edna BECKER; Delma DIKEMAN; Corenna BECKER; Alfred EARNEST; Carl SIEBERT; Laura EARNEST; Lucy L. BALLINGER, Teacher; Oliver MATTER; Johnnie HALSTEAD; Vivia MCCULLUM; Bertha MILLE; Harry EARNEST; Leo L. DIKEMAN; William LYONS. ☺

Contract Between District Board and Teacher



It is hereby Contracted and Agreed, between the District Board of School District No. 2 Frl. in the Township of Bungham County of Clinton and State of Michigan, and Bernice H. Hettler a legally qualified teacher in said county and township, that the said Bernice H. Hettler shall teach the school of said district for the term of Nine months, commencing on the 31 day of August, 1925 and that there shall be _____ vacation periods of _____ days, beginning on the following dates: _____

The said Bernice H. Hettler agrees to faithfully keep a correct list of the pupils, grade and age of each attending school; to faithfully observe and enforce the rules and regulations established by the district board of said district for the external management of said school; and endeavor to preserve in good condition and order the school grounds, furniture and such other district property as may come under her supervision. The said Bernice H. Hettler further agrees to teach the subject of physiology and hygiene with special reference to the effects of alcoholic drinks and narcotics as is required by law, also to give instruction in regard to the mode by which dangerous communicable diseases are spread, the best methods for the restriction and prevention of such diseases, and will report the facts in regard to all such instruction to the director at the close of the school term or year. The said Bernice H. Hettler further agrees to prepare a report at the close of the school term or year showing the foregoing facts, also the number of days each pupil attended school, the aggregate attendance, the average daily attendance, and the percentage of attendance, together with such other items as the said district board or the commissioner of schools may require, and that all this information and all these reports shall be placed in the hands of the director at the close of the school term or year and prior to receiving the wages for the last month's labor.

The said district board in behalf of said district, agrees to provide a water supply for the school, to keep the schoolhouse in good repair, and the school grounds in good and sanitary condition, to provide proper and necessary fuel, ~~to provide the teacher with a house~~ ~~to purchase and place in the schoolroom the necessary appendages specified in the law,~~ to purchase and place in the schoolroom the necessary appendages specified in the law, to provide the teacher and pupils with proper charts and appliances for giving instruction in the subject above mentioned, and to do all things that will promote the welfare and success of the school, and to pay said Bernice H. Hettler for said service as Teacher, to be faithfully and truly rendered as above stated, the sum of One Hundred Fifteen DOLLARS per month, the same being the amount of wages agreed upon, to be paid on or before the 1st day of July, 1926; provided, that in case the said Bernice H. Hettler shall be dismissed from school by the said district board for gross immorality or violation of this contract, or shall permit her certificate of qualification to expire, or shall have said certificate annulled or suspended by the county board of school examiners or other lawful authority, ~~she~~ shall not be entitled to any compensation from and after such annulment, suspension or dismissal.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names this 2nd day of July, 1925

<u>Oliver D. Liggett</u>	Director.
<u>Ray Simer</u>	Moderator.
<u>Geo. Becky</u>	Treasurer.
<u>Bernice H. Hettler</u>	Teacher.

The archives holds a wealth of records on the Gardner School, including copies of other certificates like the one above naming **Bernice H. Hettler**, teacher for the school year 1925-6 in district No. 2 Frl. See also on page 15 the certificate naming **John Foerch** treasurer for 1926-7.

Among the class lists which cover the years 1878 to 1937 the following students are named with ages:

Term Commencing August 10, 1878

Nellie M. Clancy, Teacher

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| Becker, Mary - 9 | Haynes, Hattie - 14 | Seibert, Amelia - 7 |
| Blackmer, Frank - 9 | Nestell, Albert - 12 | Seibert, Katie - 12 |
| Coffman, John - 16 | Nestell, Eddie - 9 | Seibert, Tilla - 9 |
| Crichton, Lottie - 7 | Nestell, Freddie - 7 | Sherman, Clarence - 9 |
| Davis, Freddie - 6 | Nestell, Jennie - 14 | Tombs, Addie - 6 |
| Fidling, Charley - 7 | Plunket, Annie - 9 | Wellington, Artie - 9 |
| Foley, Lizzie - 10 | Plunket, Clara - 8 | Wellington, Harvey - 12 |
| Gardner, Celia - 9 | Ridneour, Addie - 13 | Wellington, Katie - 7 |
| Grooves, Claud - 8 | Seibert, Albert - 12 | Wellington, Lulu |
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**Term Commencing March 15, 1886
H. A. Thompson, Teacher**

Atkinson, Willie - 11-1/2
Clapsaddle, Ella - 8.9
Clapsaddle, Willie - 6
Feightling, Charley - 13
Feightling, Helen - 9.4
Ferry, Eddie - 12.1

Ferry, Emma - 9.3
Ferry, Freddie - 7.2
Gardner, Eddie - 8
Haynes, Hattie - 20
Kneeland, Don - 8
Krull, Amanda - 8.3

Krull, Lizzie - 6.4
Moneyheffer, Ransom - 14
Nestell, Freddie - 12.2
Weaver, Sarah - 7
Wellington, Arthur - 15
Wellington, Harvey - 18☺

Acceptance of Office by District Officer.

I do hereby accept the office of Treasurer
in School District No. 2 of the Township of Bingham
Dated, this 22 day of July 1926
Signed, John Faersch

STATE OF MICHIGAN, }
County of Clinton } ss. Affidavit of District Officer.

John Faersch being duly sworn, says that he has been elected to
the office of Treasurer in School District No. 2 of the Township of
Bingham, that he is a legally qualified voter in school meetings of the said
Township, and that he is the owner in his own right of the property so assessed.

Signed, _____
Subscribed and sworn to before me a Notary Public this 22 day of
July A. D. 1926
My Commission Expires _____ day of _____ 19____
Asa Green
Justice of the Peace or Notary Public.

**SEVERAL PHOTOS OF GARDNER SCHOOL GROUPS ARE HELD AT THE
ARCHIVES.**

This list gives names and year of photo (if known) of people shown: (Some females are listed twice--once under married name with maiden name in parentheses. See photo details under maiden name.)


Aldridge, Hattie - 1884
Aldridge, Sadie - 1884
Altvater, Amelia (Miller)
Atkinson, William - 1884
Becker, George - 1884
Becker, John - 1884
Becker, Mary - 1884
Becker, Tillie - 1884, 1891
Bottom, Nellie (Lamb)
Brenner, George - 1884, 1891
Brown, Clyde - 1900

Brown, Elva/Eva (Ridenour)
Brown, Harriett - 1900
Brown, Millie - 1900
Brown, Nettie - 1900
Burnett, Mary (Teacher) - 1884
Burnett, Wess - 1884
Creighton, Jessie - 1884
Curtin/Curtain, James - 1900
Curtin/Curton, Willie - 1900
Drew, Etta - 1891
Feightling, Cash - 1884

Feightling, Helen - 1884 - 1891
 Foerch, Edwin - 1884
 Foerch, Emma - 1884
 Foerch, John - 1900
 Foerch, Minnie - 1900
 Folley, Lizzie - 1884
 Gardner, Edwin - 1884
 Gardner, Eva - 1891
 Gardner, Minnie - 1884
 Gardner, Nellie - 1884
 Haines, Hattie - 1884
 Hunt, Amy - 1891
 Jackway, Helen - 1900
 Jackway, Leo - 1900
 Kentfield, Anna (Kasper/Krisper)
 Kasper/Krisper, Anna - 1900
 Kneeland, Catherine - 1891, 1900
 Kneeland, Dow - 1884, 1891
 Kneeland, H.B. (Director) - 1891
 Kneeland, H.B. (Mrs) - 1891
 Krull, Amanda - 1884
 Krull, Lizzie - 1884
 Lamb, Nellie - 1900
 Miller, Amelia - 1900
 Miller, August (Moderator) - 1891

Miller, August (Mrs) - 1891
 Mummery, Edna - 1891
 Nessell, Albert - 1884
 Nessell, Edwin - 1884
 Nessell, Fred - 1884
 Nessell, Hattie - 1884
 Reeb, Jake - 1884
 Reeb, Lena - 1884
 Ridenour, Elva/Eva - 1900
 Ryan, Ann (Teacher) - 1891
 Seibert, Albert - 1884
 Seibert, Amelia - 1884
 Seibert, Catherine - 1891
 Seibert, Freida - 1891
 Seibert, Paul - 1891
 Seibert, Walter - 1884
 Seifert, Maggie - 1884
 Seifert, Valentine - 1884
 Shaver, Catherine (Kneeland)
 Shubel, Harriett (Brown)
 Siebert, Amelia (Teacher) - 1900
 Stoerch, Elmo/Elmos - 1900
 Stoerck, George - 1891
 Weaver, Sarah - 1884, 1891
 Wellington, Harry - 1884 ☺

Acceptance of Office by District Officer.



I do hereby accept the office of Moderator
 in School District No. 2 Fel. of the Township of Bingham
 Dated, this 13 day of July 1925
 Signed, Guy Limerick

STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss. Affidavit of District Officer.
 County of Mac }

Guy Limerick being duly sworn, says that he has been elected to
 the office of Moderator in School District No. 2 Fel. of the Township of
Bingham, that he is a legally qualified voter in school meetings of the said
 district, that his name appears upon the assessment roll of Bingham
 Township, and that he is the owner in his own right of the property so assessed.

Signed, Guy Limerick
 Subscribed and sworn to before me a Justice of the Peace this 13th day of
July A. D. 1925
 My Commission Expires July 4 day of July 1927
Wm B. Limerick
 Justice of the Peace or Notary Public.