



## **DISTRICT No. 7 NORTH ROAD SCHOOL**

By a vote of the inhabitants of School District No. 6 in February of 1823, the district was divided. The northern part started at the Pittsfield/Epsom town line and went as far south as the home of Perkins Philbrick. The southern section included everything southeast and west. It is unclear which schoolhouses were used at this point in time. The 1840 US Census lists households in order, and coming from the Pittsfield line are Elijah Gove, David Philbrick, Ruth Philbrick, Daniel Philbrick, Arnold Thompson, Eleanor Brown, William Brown, and Hannah Philbrick, widow of Perkins Philbrick. These families would likely have been part of District 6. The names continue in the census in this order, Philip Babb, William Foss, Nathaniel Martson, John Babb, Jesse Emerson, Josiah Brown, John Yeaton, Leonard Pettingill, Asa Prescott, John McDaniel, Robert McDaniel, Daniel Griffin, Lewis Brown and John Yeaton Jr.. These families would constitute District No. 7, and lived on the southern part of North Road and east to the Northwood line. These names can be compared to those that signed the agreement to divide the district - *Wm. Yeaton Jr., Edward Gove, Jno Page, Daniel Philbrick, John Babb, Daniel Philbrick 3<sup>rd</sup>, Stephen Johnson, Ebenr Foss, Isaac L. Ham, Elijah Gove, Enoch Brown Jr., Ezra Allen, William Brown, Perkins Philbrick, David Philbrick, Jon Ham, John Yeaton Jr., Jesse Emerson, Saml Prescott.*

In 1841, District No. 6 united with the Dowboro school in Pittsfield, leaving only one school district on North Road, and only one school house on the road, near where the current old school stands. District 7 was visited by William Ham and Moses P. Gray in 1825 when there were 25 students being taught by Miss Nancy Lock. The following year, William Yeaton Jr. was paid for repairs to the schoolhouse, wood, boarding and transporting the school mistress, Jane Critchett. She apparently taught one term, and William Stickney a second term. The year 1827 he was paid for damage done to the school as well as boarding Miss Eliza who taught one term. The second term was taught by Andrew M. Heath. The Selectmen's records do not give any other details other than the annual expenditure and to whom it was given. There also is list of names given in the Selectmen's report of 1843 of those people in District No. 7 who were billed for school repairs: John Yeaton Jr., 32.08, Asa Prescott, 17.11 John Babb, 6.96, S.P. Cilley, 10.75, Philip Babb , 6.65, Newell Brown, 2.79, Arnold Thompson, 7.50, Lewis Thompson, 2.89 - Total, 86.43.

Lists of students in Epsom are almost non-existent. There is one record book that belonged to Joseph V. Wallace (1819-1846) which includes the names of students for two terms in District No. 7. Since these lists are rare, it is worth listing their names. One term for 1842, includes the ages of the students.

***Names and ages &c of Scholars, who have attended school to, Joseph V. Wallace***

***Fall 1842*** - Names &c of those who attended in District No. 7 Epsom during the fall of 1842

*John O. Thompson – 15, William P. Babb – 14, Jaffrey P. Brown, Charles E. Prescott – 10, George P. Yeaton – 11, Benj. B. Yeaton – 3, Alvah T. Yeaton – 8, Joseph Cilley – 11, Daniel T. Cilley – 8, John Emerson – 10, Benj. L. Emerson – 7, Sewell F. Prescott – 11, John Philbrick, George A. Brown – 8, Hiram Emerson – 14, Charles H. Emerson – 3, John G. Yeaton – 17, Charles H. Yeaton – 14, William Wallace, John McDaniel – 10, Emeline Buzzell – 11, Marthy Buzzell – 9, Polly McDaniel – 8, Esther S. McDaniel – 11, Almira Lang Yeaton – 7, Lucy Ann Yeaton – 5, Lydia Babb – 6, Hannah P. Cilley – 5, Sylvina Emerson – 11, Mary Philbrick, Mary Brown – 7, Mary Jane Buzzell – 13, Sarah Wallace – 5, Maria McDaniel – 6*

***Fall 1843*** - Names of those who attended in District No. 7, Epsom, during the fall of 1843 - John

*O. Thompson, Parsons J. Brown, William P. Babb, Joseph Cilley, Sewell F. Prescott, Hiram P. Emerson, John P. Emerson, Charles E. Prescott, John Philbrick, Alvah T. Yeaton, Daniel T. Cilley, George P. Yeaton, John Emerson, Benj. L. Emerson, John McDaniel, Benj. B. Yeaton, Charles H. Emerson, Nancy Fowler, Mary O. Emerson, Sylvina Emerson, Mary Brown, Lydia A. Babb, Almira L. Yeaton, Lucy A. Yeaton, Polly McDaniel, Mary Philbrick, Mary E. Dow*

School reports continued through 1859 giving only the yearly expenditures, and there are a couple annual school reports which gives additional information on the North Road School. In 1860 there were 24 students in the first term and 22 in the second. Teaching the first term was Abbie M. Holmes, a first year teacher. The winter term was taught by Benjamin Towle. The 1863 report was taught both terms by Miss Annie Fowler, with 21 and 19 students respectively. The report was not glowing:

*The school made a good beginning, and judging from circumstances we concluded that it was an exception to the maxim that a good beginning makes a bad ending. Towards the last half of the winter term there was considerable irregularity in attendance, as well as a lack of interest by those that attended regularly; consequently the school did not make that improvement that we had expected it would. We fear that the parents do not interest themselves as much as they should in order to have their children punctual and good scholars.*

The old school was replaced in 1871 when Warren Yeaton sold one fourth of an acre to School District No. 7, from a deed dated June 15, 1871. Comparing the location of the school on a map of 1858 and a map of 1892, the placement of the school was in about the same location.

1879-1886 annual town reports gave district by district accounts of each district. This information included names of teachers, salary and number of students. Some of the more interest comments printed included the following:

*1880 - A class in Colburn's Mental Arithmetic knew as little about some problems they attempted to solve as a modern Choctaw Indian knows of the ancient Sanskrit. The reading classes received little or no drilling and some scholars could read nearly as well at the close as at the beginning of the year. 15 scholars.*

*1881 - could be improved much by putting in patent seats. 23 scholars.*

*1885 - This school was under the very excellent instruction of Miss Vesta G. Fowler. Miss Fowler possesses genuine love for her work. The advancement made by her classes gave evidence of untiring faithfulness on the part of the teacher, and close application by the scholars. 18 scholars summer, 22 winter.*

Individual district reports were replaced in favor of School Committee and School Board reports, though some information relative to the well being and maintenance of each district were included. The North Road school was closed for two weeks about 1892 because of an outbreak of whooping cough. The following year, heavy snow forced early winter terms to close early. The schoolhouse exterior was painted by 1896, and for several years reports indicated that it was in need of a good interior paint job. Finally by 1902 the schoolhouse and shed had been shingled, the schoolroom and entry plastered and painted, making the school 'as neat and comfortable a place for a school as one could wish.' In 1909 the wood shed was rebuilt and painted.

By 1915 the school population for the district had dropped and the school was closed. For that year all the pupils attended the school in South Pittsfield, as those pupils lived closer to it than the North Road building. It remained closed, but might have opened by 1924, but no provision was made to put the schoolhouse in order. From the district, 4 students attended the Center School, and four attended South Pittsfield, as they had been doing for several years. Repairs were made the following year, including shingling the schoolhouse and the shed and it was re-opened. It closed its doors for good in June of 1935.

The building was sold to John P. Yeaton, November 18, 1842. His heirs sold it in 1963 and it has been a private residence ever since.

## **DISTRICT No. 7 NORTH ROAD SCHOOL**

**Established prior to 1808, one of original six districts as No. 5.**

**Re-numbered District 6 by 1823.**

**Divided from District 6 February 1823, the southern portion.**

**First location near the present building.**

**Last used building built 1871, still standing.**

**Closed 1935.**

**Still standing and used as a residence.**

**1823, February 10**

*The inhabitants of the District No. 6 on the North Road met at the house of Enoch Brown in said district, voluntarily agreed to divide said District – agreed that the North end shall extend as far south as Mr. Perkins Philbrick's house, the south end having one half of said Perkins Philbricks school money yearly, all southeast and west shall belong to the south district – it is agreed that Perkins Philbrick belongs on the North end district, we the undersigned agree to the above - Wm. Yeaton Jr., Edward Gove, Jno Page, Daniel Philbrick, John Babb, Daniel Philbrick 3<sup>rd</sup>, Stephen Johnson, Ebenr Foss, Isaac L. Ham, Elijah Gove, Enoch Brown Jr., Ezra Allen, William Brown, Perkins Philbrick, David Philbrick, Jon Ham, John Yeaton Jr., Jesse Emerson, Saml Prescott.*

*February 10<sup>th</sup>, 1823, we the Selectmen of Epsom hereby agree to the foregoing report. Hanover Dickey, Levi Locke, William Ham, Jr.*

### **SCHOOL REPORT from JAMES BABB DIARY 1825 May 28**

District No. 7 by Messrs. Ham and Gray

25 Whole number

10 Unclasped

(3 Writing)

(1 Arithmetic)

4 English Readers

2 Testament

2 Easy lesson Spelling Books

7 in two syllables

Miss Nancy Lock, Instructress

### **1826 Selectmen Accounts in the town on Schools**

1826 District No. 7 \$30.22

Paid William Yeaton Jr. for Boarding Mistress, repairing

Schoolhouse and wood and carrying Mistress home 5.67

Paid Willie Fosse for wood .67

Paid Jane Critchett as per Acct. 8.00

Paid William Stickney as per Acct. 15.90

### **1827 Selectmen in the town of Epsom report on schools - \$522.77**

1827 District No. 7 \$31.84

Expenditure in 1826 more than proportion which was paid out of the town's money, .02

Paid Miss Eliza Johnson for keeping school 9.00

Paid William Yeaton Jr. for boarding and carrying Miss Johnson home and damage done school house 5.08

Paid William Goss for wood .50

Paid Andrew M. Heath for keeping school 15.67

Paid John Babb for 1 cord of wood 1.00

Paid Asa Prescott for wood for said district, .40

**1828 Selectmen in the town of Epsom \$409.28**

1828 District No. 7 \$42.29

February 7, paid William Yeaton Jr. for expenditures 1829 in said district 42.29

**1829 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**

1829 District No. 7 \$38.52

Dec. 12, 1829 paid William Yeaton Jr., in full said districts proportion of school money, 38.52

**1830 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**

The whole to assessment \$410.27, Interest, 81.56, total \$491.83

1930 District No. 7, \$40.35

February 26, paid Joseph Philbrick in full said districts proportion of school money, 40.35

**1831 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**

The whole to assessment \$492.05

District No. 7, February 25, paid William Brown the proportion of district No. 7, 46.58

**1832 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**

The whole to assessment \$494.36

District No. 7, March 8, paid Asa Prescott 47.59

**1833 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**

The whole to assessment \$457.61

District No. 7, paid Ebenezer Foss Jr., 44.59

**1834 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**

The whole to assessment \$474.629

District No. 7, paid William Foss, 40.72

**1836 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**

Paid John Yeaton Jr., District No. 7, 42.61

**1837 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**

Paid John Yeaton Jr., District No. 7, 45.50

**1838 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**

Paid John Babb, District No. 7, 39.31

**1839 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**

Paid Asa Prescott, District No. 7, 44.00

**1840 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**

Paid William Foss, District No. 7, 40.87

**1841 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**

Paid Samuel P. Cilley, District No. 7, 42.25

**1842 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**

Paid John Yeaton Jr., District No. 7, 41.45

**Names and ages &c of Scholars, who have attended school to,  
Joseph V. Wallace Fall 1842, 1843**

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George P. Yeaton – 11, Benj. B. Yeaton – 3, Alvah T. Yeaton – 8, Joseph Cilley – 11, Daniel T.  
Cilley – 8, John Emerson – 10, Benj. L. Emerson – 7, Sewell F. Prescott – 11  
John Philbrick, George A. Brown – 8, Hiram Emerson – 14, Charles H. Emerson – 3, John G.  
Yeaton – 17, Charles H. Yeaton – 14, William Wallace  
John McDaniel – 10, Emeline Buzzell – 11, Marthy Buzzell – 9, Polly McDaniel – 8, Esther S.  
McDaniel – 11, Almira Lang Yeaton – 7, Lucy Ann Yeaton – 5, Lydia Babb – 6, Hannah P.  
Cilley – 5, Sylvina Emerson – 11, Mary Philbrick, Mary Brown – 7, Mary Jane Buzzell – 13,  
Sarah Wallace – 5, Maria McDaniel – 6

**1843 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**

Paid John Yeaton Jr., District No. 7, 47.39

Paid Sundry persons their bills for repairs of School House in District No. 7

John Yeaton Jr., 32.08

Asa Prescott, 17.11

John Babb, 6.96

S.P. Cilley, 10.75

Philip Babb, 6.65

Newell Brown, 2.79

Arnold Thompson, 7.50

Lewis Thompson, 2.89

Total, 86.43

**1843** - Names of those who attended in District No. 7, Epsom, during the fall of 1843. (Jos. V. Wallace)

John O. Thompson, Parsons J. Brown, William P. Babb, Joseph Cilley, Sewell F. Prescott,  
Hiram P. Emerson, John P. Emerson, Charles E. Prescott, John Philbrick, Alvah T. Yeaton,  
Daniel T. Cilley, George P. Yeaton, John Emerson, Benj. L. Emerson, John McDaniel, Benj. B.  
Yeaton, Charles H. Emerson, Nancy Fowler, Mary O. Emerson, Sylvina Emerson, Mary Brown,  
Lydia A. Babb, Almira L. Yeaton, Lucy A. Yeaton, Polly McDaniel, Mary Philbrick, Mary E.  
Dow

**1844 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**

Paid Newell Brown, District No. 7, 47.04

**1845 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**

Paid Newell Brown, District No. 7, 47.79

**1846 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**

District No. 7, 44.05

Henry F. Sanborn, School Committee

B. L. Locke, School Committee

**A pre-printed chart was filled out by the superintending school committee of Epsom for 1846, and listed the following:**

District No. 7, Mary A. Nealey, teacher, first term, 27 students. William Ham, teacher, second term, 27 students.

**1847 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**

William Ham, school committee

B. L. Locke

Henry F. Sanborn

District No. 7, 41.83

**1848 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**

Henry F. Sanborn

B. L. Locke

William Ham, school committee

District No. 7, 42.15

**1850 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**

William Ham, Superintending School Committee

Nathan Griffin

Paid Warren Yeaton, District No. 7, 55.60

**1851 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**

William Ham, Superintending School Committee

Nathan Griffin 2<sup>nd</sup>

H.F. Sanborn

District No. 7, 60.27

**1852 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**

Henry F. Sanborn, Superintending School Committee

Paid Charles J. Brown, District No. 7, 65.78

**1853 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**

Paid William Babb, District No. 7, 50.15

**1854 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**

Paid Charles E. Prescott, District No. 7, 66.19

**1855 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**

Benjamin Towle, School Committee

Paid Lewis Thompson, District No. 7, 68.79

**1856 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**

Paid Samuel Brown Jr., District No. 7, 72.68

**1857 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**

B.L. Locke, Superintending school committee

Paid Warren Yeaton, District No. 7, 70.60

**1858 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**

George W. Gardner, School Commissioner

William Ham, Superintending School Committee

Paid William Yeaton, District No. 7, 78.61

**1859 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**

B.G. Howe, Superintending School Committee

Paid William Yeaton, District No. 7, 78.20

**1860 – Annual School Report Year ending Feb. 25, 1861** [NH Historical Society]

District No. 7 – Warren Yeaton, Prudential Committee

Amount of school money assigned to district, \$75.49

Number of scholars, summer and winter:

First term, 24

Second term, 22

Length of school in weeks:

First term, 8

Second term, 9

Wage per month, including board:

First term, \$14

Second term, \$18

Summer Term. Abbie M. Holmes, Teacher. Miss Holmes labored under the same disadvantage of all beginners. She is young, quite so, yet the scholars made an advance in the path of knowledge. Young persons would do better to wait until their judgment becomes more matured, when they can act like men and women in the school-room. The classes in mathematics showed a want of thoroughness, a lack of understanding. Miss Holmes is ambitious and alive in the school, and will make an excellent teacher.

Winter Term. Benjamin Towle, Teacher. We were not notified of the close of this, consequently did not visit it but once, but taking the appearance of the school at our first call, and



the former reputation of the teacher, they are a sufficient guaranty to success. And we learn from other sources that it was a profitable term.

**1863 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**

Paid Warren Yeaton, District No. 7, 66.99

**1863**

Annual report of the superintending school committee of the town of Epsom, New Hampshire, 1864 from the NH Historical Society, 379.778b E641 [manuscript]

District No. 7 – Warren Yeaton, Prudential Committee

Teacher both terms, Miss Annie Fowler

Whole number of scholars, summer 21, winter 19

Average attendance, summer 15, winter 13

Length of school, summer 6 weeks, winter 11 weeks

The summer school closed sooner than we were informed it would, consequently we did not visit its close.

The school made a good beginning, and judging from circumstances we concluded that it was an exception to the maxim that a good beginning makes a bad ending. Towards the last half of the winter term there was considerable irregularity in attendance, as well as a lack on interest by those that attended regularly; consequently the school did not make that improvement that we had expected it would. We fear that the parents do not interest themselves as much as they should in order to have their children punctual and good scholars.

**1864 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**

Paid Daniel P. Locke, District No. 7, 65.98

**1866 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**

Paid Augustus T. Brown, District No. 7, 57.59

**1867 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**

Paid Warren Yeaton, District No. 7, 62.65

**The State of New Hampshire – In compliance with the provisions of Chapter 955 of the Pamphlet Laws, approved July 12, 1850, the Superintending School Committees of the Town of Epsom submit the following Report of the condition &c of the Schools in said Town the past year. 1867 submitted by D. Gilman Chelsey.**

School District No. 7, 14 boys, 9 girls

**Annual Town Report 1870**

Paid Benjamin B. Yeaton for District No. 7, 72.38

**Annual Town Report 1879**

Paid Cyrus O. Brown for District No. 7, 69.50

**1879 DISTRICT No. 7.**

Cyrus O. Brown, Prudential Committee.

Summer term.—Miss Sarah N. Wallace, teacher.

Wages per month, \$13.00; length of school, 6 weeks; number of scholars, 16.

This teacher's register was well filled, every important item being attended to which was in consonance with the tenor of her school, where it was found she had been faithful. The school appeared finely at the closing examination.

Winter term.—Mr. George O. Wiggin, teacher. Wages per month, \$20.00; length of school, 8 weeks.

There are some good scholars here, and some who make good improvement every term, but there was an apparent lack of that interest on the part of a large portion of the scholars in their studies which makes itself manifest in great results. The percent, of average attendance was the smallest in town during the year. The teacher's supremacy was not sufficiently well asserted. His ready will to do, however, accomplished much.

#### **DISTRICT No. 7. Roll of Honor**

First Term—Thomas M. Brown, John Brown, Austin Yeaton, Sybil H. Brown.

Second Term—Thomas M. Brown, John' Brown.

#### **1880 DISTRICT No. 7.—NORTH ROAD.**

Miss Addie L. Howe, teacher of both terms. Length of schools: summer, 8 weeks ; winter, 10. Number of scholars : summer, 15; winter, 15. Average attendance : summer, 12; winter, n. Wages per month, \$20.

Always kind and pleasant, a strong attachment grew up between this teacher and her pupils. The scholars all loved her too well to disobey or displease her. They played around the hill of science as they did their temple of learning, and their minds rose but little higher. A class in Colburn's Mental Arithmetic knew as little about some problems they attempted to solve as a modern Choctaw Indian knows of the ancient Sanscrit. The reading classes received little or no drilling and some scholars could read nearly as well at the close as at the beginning of the year.

#### **1881 REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.**

(Districts) Nos. 4 and 7 could be improved much by putting in patent seats. - CYRUS O.

BROWN, C. W. TARLTON, Superintending School Committee. Epsom, March 1, 1881.

#### **1881 DISTRICT No. 7.—NORTH ROAD.**

Summer term, 7 weeks; scholars, 22 ; wages, both terms, \$20. Winter term, 11 weeks; scholars, 23.

Miss Fannie A. Scott, teacher of both terms.

We see here the advantage of employing a good teacher for successive terms. Quietness may be both source and evidence of power. Bluster generally springs from conscious weakness. This firm and quiet teacher converted a disorderly school into a model of order. Few can surpass her in school drill. Her classes in mental arithmetic were the best in town. Some of the older scholars in grammar and mathematics, were so closely confined to their text books, that they were unable to make practical application of their knowledge. Reading classes failed to express the meaning of what they read. Continued study and elocutionary practice will make her a much better teacher.

#### **1883 DISTRICT No. 7.**

Amount of school money, \$88.99. Benjamin B. Yeaton, prudential committee.

Summer term, Miss Grace E. Drew, of Pembroke, teacher. Wages

per month, \$20.00 ; length of school, 7 weeks; number of scholars, 18; average attendance, 15.

Although the teacher was quite young, and without experience, yet she was perfectly at ease in the school-room, and knew how to direct her energies. The school was orderly, cheerful, systematic, and, consequently, progressed rapidly. The presents made the teacher at the close of the term indicate the esteem in which she is held by her pupils.

Winter term, Miss Edith L. Towle, of Deerfield, teacher. Wages per month, \$22.00 ; length of school, 12 weeks ; number of scholars, 18; average attendance, 15.

The teacher worked hard, with a good degree of success, but some of the higher branches were not taught as thoroughly as could be wished. The term was lengthened considerably by contributions of wood and board by the parents, which shows that her services were appreciated.

#### **DISTRICT No. 7. Roll of Honor**

First Term.—Addie B. Hoyt, Nellie M. Brown, Emma M. Kelley, John C. Brown, Alfred M. Brown, Freeman A. Brown, Ernest L. Heath.

Second Term.—Emma M. Kelley, Freeman Brown.

#### **1884 District No. 7.**

Amount of school money, \$113.33. William P. Babb, prudential committee.

Summer term, Miss Lucia E. Ambrose, of Deerfield\*teacher. Wages per month, ^20. Length of school, 7 weeks.

Number of scholars, 13. Average attendance, 12.56.

Miss Ambrose is a good scholar, and with a more decided tone, a greater emphasis in enacting obedience to rules, and dash in her movements in the school-room, nothing would be required to make her a most acceptable teacher. This was her first experience in teaching.

Miss Grace E. Drew, of Pembroke, taught the fall term. Wages per month, \$22. Length of school, 14 weeks.

Number of scholars, 23. Average attendance, 19.

Miss Drew ranks among our best teachers, and the district was fortunate in securing her services for this her second term here. Her manner in the schoolroom is quiet, and yet there is that in her eye and tone which enforces obedience to the requirements of the teacher. The course of the school was in every respect upward and onward, so that I can safely commend the progress made and entertain high expectations of it for the future.

#### **District No. 7. Roll of Honor**

First Term.—Alfred M. Brown, Ernest L. Heath, Vannie Brown, Nellie M. Brown.

Second Term.—Edward M. Kelley, John C. Brown, Ernest L. Heath, Elbra M. Babb.

#### **1885 DISTRICT No. 7.**

Charlie W. Babb, Prudential Committee.

Summer Term.—Whole number of scholars attending school, 18; average attendance, 15 ; length of school, 8 weeks; wages of teacher, \$20 per month.<sup>17</sup>

This school was under the very excellent instruction of Miss Vesta G. Fowler. Miss Fowler possesses genuine love for her work. The advancement made by her classes gave evidence of untiring faithfulness on the part of the teacher, and close application by the scholars.

Winter Term.—Whole number of scholars attending school, 22 ; average attendance, 17; length of school, 7 weeks; wages of teacher. \$22 per month.

Miss Lue H. Tennant, of Suncook, taught this school. Teacher and pupils worked harmoniously, the school was orderly, and made good improvement.

#### **DISTRICT No. 7. Roll of Honor**

First Term.—Nellie M. Brown, Tina L. Heath, Emma M. Kelley, Alfred M. Brown, Willie Brown.

Second Term.—Nellie M. Brown, Bertha Merserve, Emma M. Kelley, John C. Brown, Willie Brown.

#### **1886 DISTRICT NO. 7.—NORTH ROAD.**

Miss Eliza J. Wallace teacher, summer term.—Miss Wallace has all the advantages which are derived from experience, and does not make hard work of teaching. We saw nothing in her method of instruction to condemn, and feel sure that the school, under her charge, was benefited. A few of the parents' names on the list of visitors are greatly to be desired.

Winter term, Miss Ella F. Chesley teacher.—We forbear saying anything personal concerning this teacher. We are only cognizant of the fact that " she hath done what she could." The scholars in this school are all well disposed, and it is but little trouble to keep them in order. They cheerfully performed all tasks set them, fully realizing that they were the ones who were to receive the benefit there from. The teacher reports this as one of the pleasantest terms she has ever taught, and will regard the future success of her pupils with the kindest interest.

#### **DISTRICT NO. 7. Perfect Attendance**

Second Term.—Alfred M. Brown, Thomas Brown, John C. Brown, Earnest L. Heath, Emma Kelley.

#### **1887 ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE NORTH ROAD.**

First Term—Boyd Wilson Brown, Ralph R. Milliard, Ora L. Hilliard, Lillian C. Hilliard, Emma M. Kelley, Ernestine L. Heath

#### **1888 ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE. NORTH ROAD.**

Second Term. Emma C. Yeaton.

#### **1889 ROLL OF HONOR. NORTH ROAD.**

First Term.—Bertha E. Meserve, Evangeline Brown, William B. Brown.

Second Term.—Bertha E. Meserve, Evangeline Brown, Willie B. Brown.

Third Term.—Evangeline Brown, Willie Brown.

#### **1890 ROLL OF HONOR. North Road.**

Lillian Hilliard 2, Ora Hilliard 2, Ada Hilliard 2, Clara Hilliard, Ralph Hilliard 2, M. Evangeline Brown 2, Blanche M. Meserve, Gertrude Chase, E. Christie Yeaton, David F. Buffum.

#### **1892 SCHOOL REPORT**

We regret to report that on account of sickness, three of the winter terms had to be closed. At the Mountain, the whooping cough raged so badly, that only two pupils were able to attend, and the school closed, after keeping only four weeks. The North Road closed two weeks, and Short Falls one week, before the others in town.

CYRUS O. BROWN,

JAMES H. TRIPP,.

MRS. CLARA. C. WOODMAN

#### **1892 ROLL OF HONOR. NORTH ROAD.**

Christie E. Yeaton 2, Gertrude M. Chase 2, Dora L. Demers Delia F. Demers, Melvina M. Demers, Arthur Demers, Willie W. Brown\*.

#### **1893 REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE TOWN OF EPSOM**

For the Year Ending March 1, 1893.

For various reasons, chief among which were deep snows, bad traveling, and sickness, several of our winter terms were closed sooner than they otherwise would have been; and the coming year

the Centre school will be entitled to have 4.6 weeks added to the school; the New Orchard, 2 weeks; the Mountain, 3 weeks; the North Road, 11 weeks; and the New Rye, 4 weeks.

JAMES H. TRIPP,  
CLARA C. WOODMAN,  
DANIEL G. CHESLEY

#### **1893 ROLL OF HONOR. NORTH ROAD.**

E. Christie Yeaton, 3 Delia M. Demers, Emma E. Demers, 2 Ada Hilliard, Willie Brown, Ralph Hilliard, Gertie M. Chase, Dora L. Demers, Ora Hilliard, Clara Hilliard, Arthur Demers, Oscar Hilliard.

#### **1894 ROLL OF HONOR. NORTH ROAD.**

E. Christie Yeaton.

#### **1896 SCHOOL REPORT.**

By an amendment of the school laws made by the last legislature the school year was made to begin with the fall term.

The North Road school-house should be painted the coming season and the one at the Centre shingled.

DANIEL YEATON,  
MARY L. WALLACE,  
JOHN H. DOLBEER

#### **1896 ROLL OF HONOR.**

NORTH ROAD.

Olive A. Sullivan, 3 Willie E. Sullivan, 3 Lulu S. Edmunds, 2 Gertie Chase, Adora Demers, Emma Demers, Arthur Demers, Rosa Bastile. Albert J. Warren

#### **1897 REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD**

The past year the North Road school house has been painted

#### **1897 ROLL OF HONOR.**

NORTH ROAD.

Olive A. Sullivan, 3 Willie Sullivan, 3 Adora Demers, Gertie M. Chase, Joseph Bastile.

#### **1898 ROLL OF HONOR**

NORTH ROAD.

Adora Demers, Willie Sullivan, 2, Rosa Bastile, Eddie B. Demers, Robert A. Yeaton, Olive Sullivan, Arthur Sullivan, Johnie Bastile, Henry B. Swain

#### **TEACHERS**

**1898**

NORTH ROAD: Ida M. Fowler

### **1899 SCHOOL REPORT**

In the way of repairs we wish to say the school houses are all in fair condition. Very few other repairs have been made. There has been no painting done, but a good coat of paint would improve the inside of some of the school rooms very much, especially the North Road and Centre.

The blackboards all need painting, or what would be much better, replaced by slate, then they would never need paint. Repairs are continually needed, in fact waste and repair is the life of our bodies. Is it not so with other things? If there was no waste we would have nothing to do for exercise to keep our bodies in a healthy condition.

To mention what is needed most, we will say the North Road school house and shed. The foundation is out of tune. The plastering is in poor condition, which needs to be all taken off and re-plastered. The paint inside is not very ornamental. The shingles have seen their best days. Something will need to be done there in the near future.

### **1899 ROLL OF HONOR**

#### **NORTH ROAD**

Olive Sullivan, Robert A. Yeaton, 3, Arthur Sullivan, 2, Willie Sullivan, Arthur J. Demers

### **TEACHERS**

#### **1899**

NORTH ROAD: Ida M. Fowler, Martha A. Staniels

### **1900 PERFECT ATTENDANCE**

North Road.—Joseph T. Bastille, John E. Bastille, Roscoe E. Kelley, Robert A. Yeaton (3), Arthur H. Sullivan, Edward B. Demers, Emma F. Demers, Alice W. Smith.

### **1901 SCHOOL REPORT**

The schools have been very much interrupted by sickness; measles, whooping-cough and scarlet fever prevailing to such an extent that only one of our schools could keep its regular course. There is need of something being done at the North Road school house soon, both inside and outside.

John H. Dolbeer

D.G. Chesley

M. Josie Rand

### **1901 ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE**

#### **NORTH ROAD.**

Robert A. Yeaton, 3, Willie H. Yeaton, 2, Roscoe Kelley, 2, Katie A. Yeaton, 2, Mabel Yeaton, Alice W. Smith.

### **TEACHERS**

#### **1901**

NORTH ROAD: Maggie D. Waterhouse

## **1902 REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE TOWN OF EPSOM,**

Miss Dame, teacher of the North Road school during the spring term, is a good scholar; her method of imparting instruction is excellent, and her every precept and example tends to lead the youthful mind into paths of rectitude and virtue, and we think that the withdrawal of pupils from her school was uncalled for and unjustifiable. But as the pupils withdrawn were residents of the school district of Deerfield, it was not our province to require them to return to school as we should have been expected to do had they been residents of our own school district. Had Miss Dame made the same effort and manifested the same determination to assert her authority as teacher, early in the term that she did toward the close of the term, we think good success would have crowned her efforts.

During the year the North Road schoolhouse and shed have been shingled, and the schoolroom and entry have been plastered and painted, making as neat and comfortable a place for a school as one could wish.

DANIEL G. CHESLEY,  
MARY JOSIE RAND,  
JAMES M. BLUE

## **1902 ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.**

NORTH ROAD.

Roscoe Kelley, 2 True Kelley, 2 Arthur Sullivan, Olive Sullivan, William E. Sullivan, Katie A. Yeaton, 2

Mabel L. Yeaton, Robert A. Yeaton, William H. Yeaton, 2

## **1903 PERFECT ATTENDANCE.**

NORTH ROAD.

Katie A. Yeaton, Mabel L. Yeaton, William Yeaton, William Sullivan, Robert Yeaton, 2 Roscoe Kelley, 2, True Kelley.

## **1904 PERFECT ATTENDANCE**

NORTH ROAD SCHOOL:

Roscoe Kelley, 2, True Kelley, Robert Yeaton, William Yeaton

## **TEACHERS**

**1904**

NORTH ROAD: Abbie B. Emerson, Marion C. Davis

## **1906 PERFECT ATTENDANCE**

NORTH ROAD SCHOOL:

Arthur H. Sullivan, 3, Ernest L. Sullivan, 2, William H. Yeaton, John P. Yeaton, 3, George P. Kelley, 3, Frank L. Sullivan, 2

## **TEACHERS**

**1906**

NORTH ROAD: Stella R. M. Ladd, Anna M. Scott

### **1908 ROLL OF HONOR**

NORTH ROAD SCHOOL

Trueworthy Kelley, George P. Kelley, John P. Yeaton, Thomas R. Yeaton

### **TEACHERS**

**1908**

NORTH ROAD: Bernice Briggs, Olive M. Sullivan

### **1909 REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD**

Some needed repairs have been made on school houses and out buildings. At the North Road the woodshed was rebuilt and painted.

Rosilla E. Hall

Walter H. Tripp

Charles A. Brown

### **1909 ROLL OF HONOR**

NORTH ROAD: George P. Kelley, 2, Robert M. Brown, Ernest L. Sullivan, Frank L. Sullivan, Trueworthy Kelley, 2, John P. Yeaton, 3, Thomas R. Yeaton, 2

### **TEACHERS**

**1909**

NORTH ROAD: Olive M. Sullivan, Mary E. Nutter

### **1911 ROLL OF HONOR**

NORTH ROAD SCHOOL: Trueworthy Kelley, Mary L. Wheeler, Sarah A. Wheeler, Thomas Yeaton, 2, George P. Kelley, Almira R. Wheeler

### **TEACHERS**

**1911**

NORTH ROAD: Anna C. Smith, Bessie A. Smith

### **1912 ROLL OF HONOR**

NORTH ROAD: Mary Wheeler, 3, Louis Demers, 2, Almira Wheeler, 2, Frank Sullivan, 1, Sarah Wheeler, 3, George Kelley, 2, Charles Wheeler, 2, Lottie Wheeler, 1, Thomas Yeaton, 1.

### **TEACHERS**

**1912**

NORTH ROAD: Bertha L. Tasker, Laura M. Young



## **1913 ROLL OF HONOR**

NORTH ROAD: Almira Wheeler, 1, Thomas R. Yeaton, 1, Lottie C. Wheeler, 1

## **TEACHERS**

### **1913**

NORTH ROAD: Laura M. Young, Laura Y. Bickford

## **1914 REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

During the past year we have maintained five schools. The school at the North Road remaining closed, the School Board made an agreement with the district at Pittsfield to care for a part of the pupils, the remainder being conveyed to the Center school. This plan, we believe, has been of much benefit to the pupils and also has saved considerable money for the district.

Charles A. Brown

Lizzie F. Fowler

Samuel R. Yeaton

## **1915 REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

We have maintained five schools of thirty one weeks each. The North Road pupils all attend the South Pittsfield school, as they all live much nearer that school than the North Road school house. This seems to be a very satisfactory arrangement.

Lizzie F. Fowler

Samuel R. Yeaton

Harold S. Bickford

## **1924 SCHOOL BOARD REPORT**

Owing to the removal of five pupils from the North Road district, and also because no provision was made at the annual meeting for necessary repairs on this school house, no school was opened there. Four pupils are conveyed from this district to the Center, and four others in the extreme northerly part of the town are attending the South Pittsfield school as has been the custom for several years.

Eleanora C. Nutter

Grace E. Marden

Helen T. Rand

## **1925 REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD**

During the summer various minor repairs were made. The North Road school house and shed were shingled.

Grace E. Marden

Helen T. Rand

Eleanora C. Nutter

## **1927 REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD**

In accordance with the sentiment expressed at the last district meeting the North Road and Mountain school buildings have been put in condition suitable for maintaining schools there. We are employing seven teachers this year.

ELEANORA C. NUTTER,  
INIS W. CASS,  
HELEN T. RAND

#### **1928 ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE**

NORTH ROAD

Sybil Kelley

#### **1930 ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE**

NORTH ROAD

Alice M. McKenzie

#### **1931 ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE**

NORTH ROAD

Alice McKenzie

#### **1932 ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE**

NORTH ROAD

Mildred Menard, Ruby Menard, Victor Menard, Catherine Yeaton, Alice McKenzie

#### **1933 ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE**

NORTH ROAD

Dorothy Kelley, Alice McKenzie, Catherine Yeaton

#### **1934 ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE**

NORTH ROAD SCHOOL – Grades 3,4,5,6,7

Mabel Emma Palmer, Catherine Frances Yeaton

#### **1935 SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS REPORT (excerpt)**

Graded schools of primary and grammar organization were maintained with four grades each at Short Falls and New Rye respectively. There were also three mixed schools. Following is the list of teachers, their respective schools and pupils enrolled:

Helen C. Ericson	North Road	10
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#### **1936 ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE**

NORTH ROAD SCHOOL

John Kelley, Harriett Kelley

#### **TEACHERS**

1825

Miss Nancy Locke

1826

Miss Jane Critchett

William Stickney  
1827  
Miss Eliza Johnson  
Andrew M. Heath  
1842 Fall  
Joseph V. Wallace  
1843 Fall  
Joseph V. Wallace  
1846  
Mary A. Nealey  
William Ham  
1860  
Abbie M. Holmes  
Benjamin Towle  
1863  
Miss Annie Fowler  
1879  
Sarah N. Wallace  
George O. Wiggin  
1880  
Addie L. Howe  
1881  
Fannie A. Scott  
1883  
Grace E. Drew  
Edith L. Towle  
1884  
Lucia E. Ambrose  
Grace E. Drew  
1885  
Vesta G. Fowler  
Lue H. Tennant  
1886  
Eliza J. Wallace  
Ella F. Chesley  
1898  
Ida M. Fowler  
1899  
Ida M. Fowler  
Martha A. Staniels  
1901  
Maggie D. Waterhouse  
1904  
Abbie B. Emerson  
Marion C. Davis  
1906  
Stella R. M. Ladd  
Anna M. Scott  
1908  
Bernice Briggs  
Olive M. Sullivan  
1909  
Olive M. Sullivan  
Mary E. Nutter  
1911  
Anna C. Smith  
Bessie A. Smith  
1912  
Bertha L. Tasker  
Laura M. Young  
1913  
Laura M. Young  
Laura Y. Bickford  
1935  
Helen C. Ericson

