



SCHOOL-HOUSE EAST PEMBROKE, N.H.

DISTRICT No. 8 FOWLER DISTRICT

District No. 8 was established in 1830 as seen from the Selectmen's accounts, with James Martin the Prudential Committee. It was formed from part of the Short Falls District and accommodated students near the Pembroke town line. There is little information in town records about the school, but three pictures of the school house still survive.

The first mention of any teachers comes from the superintending school committee information when Mary S. Green was the instructor with a compliment of 22 students. The school got a mention in the diary of Reverend Moses A. Quimby when he relates March 1, 1851. *'Closed my school in the Fowler district. I have had a pleasant school of about 20 scholars and have kept some 12 weeks. I hope I have done some good.'* Other than the yearly allotment of funds each year, no additional information appears until the school report in 1861. At that time there were 10 students in each of the summer and winter terms. C. Jennie Clough was the teacher both terms, who according to the report was mild, gentle and *'moves with ease in the school room.'* The 1863 report gives Miss Dannie Goddard teaching in the summer and Miss M. A. Chesley in the winter, when only three students were attending the school.

More detailed reporting was contained in the printing of town reports beginning in 1879. That year Miss Lilla B. Fowler taught 7 scholars, while in the winter, Miss Alice C. Ladd taught, both had a school of 9 students. The population of the school remained small when in 1880 the instructors were Alice E. Ladd and Mary I. Dearborn. The 1881 teachers got mixed reviews:

Miss Julia E. Gilbert, teacher of summer term, made here her first attempt at teaching. Though we doubt not she endeavored to do her duty, there was not much success. There appeared but little faculty to awaken interest and impart instruction. Miss Nettie M. Chase, teacher of the winter term, being a

graduate of the N. H. Normal school, was not examined, as the law did not formerly require it, but a recent examination showed that this law had been repealed. She appeared to be well qualified and has done fair work, and gives good satisfaction. The class in English analysis is the farthest advanced of any in town. Other studies are being well understood.

The instructor in 1883 was Etta L. Bachelder who taught both terms. In 1884, Vesta G. Fowler, was a product of Epsom schools, and taught both terms and was described as a through scholar and a first class teacher. 1885 saw two teachers, Sue H. Lane of Chichester taught the summer term and Miss Clarena L. Richardson of Pembroke, the winter term. Throughout this period, the number of scholars never reached 10.

Lizzie F. Johnson of Allenstown taught three terms at the Fowler District School. The report for 1886 summed up the school year as follows:

The fact that the "appointing power " had confidence in Miss Johnson's ability to instruct this school is shown by his retaining her for the whole school year. This district may well boast of always having a good school, if the terms just ended are fitting examples of those of previous years. Although much credit is due the painstaking teacher, it must not be forgotten that this is a model district, where parents and pupils unite in their efforts to sustain the school. Excellent improvement was made by all the scholars. One little girl has not failed in spelling during the year. The exercises at the close of the winter term were well conducted and exceedingly interesting. The teacher's board and the fuel were contributed by the District. 2.

The final terms where taught by Stella M. Britton and Clara M. Ingalls.

The final school year was 1888 when the school was closed and the students rejoined the Short Falls District in 1889. The school house was later moved to Pembroke, being destroyed later by fire.

DISTRICT No. 8 FOWLER DISTRICT

**Established about 1834 as District No. 8 as New Rye was added 1834 as No. 9.
Closed 1888. Moved to Pembroke for keeping hens. No longer standing.**

According to Dolbeer, the school in the Fowler District having been taken off District No. 4 to become District No. 8.

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. 8, \$25.15

February 26, paid James Martin in full said districts proportion

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

The whole to assessment \$492.05

District No. 8, March 3, paid James Martin the proportion of district No. 8, 29.71

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

The whole to assessment \$494.36

District No. 8, February 23, paid Jonathan Goss 28.85

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

The whole to assessment \$457.61

District No. 8, paid James Martin, 25.91

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

The whole to assessment \$474.629

District No. 8, paid Winthrop Fowler, 24.75

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

Paid Andrew Ladd, District No. 8, 27.40

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

Paid Samuel M. Green, District No. 8, 29.33

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

Paid Samuel Fowler, District No. 8, 25.35

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

Paid James Martin, District No. 8, 28.21

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

Paid Samuel Fowler, District No. 8, 26.40

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

Paid Albert Bailey, District No. 8, 27.33

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

Paid Herbert Lovejoy, District No. 8, 26.60

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

Paid William Fowler, District No. 8, 29.70

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

Paid William Fowler, District No. 8, 28.51

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

Paid Moses Critchett, District No. 8, 28.73

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

District No. 8, 23.22

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. 8, Mary S. Green, teacher, first term, 22 students, second term, 22 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. 8, 27.11

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. 8, 24.62

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

William Ham, Superintending School Committee

Nathan Griffin

Paid Herbert Lovejoy, District No. 8, 37.30

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

William Ham, Superintending School Committee

Nathan Griffin 2nd

H.F. Sanborn

District No. 8, 31.61

Diary of Rev. Moses A. Quimby,

He mentions that he closed his school in the Fowler District on March 1, 1851.

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

Henry F. Sanborn, Superintending School Committee

Paid Samuel M. Green, District No. 8, 36.02

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

Paid Samuel Martin, District No. 8, 27.10

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

Paid John Clark, District No. 8, 34.62

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

Benjamin Towle, School Committee

Paid Jefferson Edmunds, District No. 8, 37.54

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

Paid Herbert Lovejoy, District No. 8, 39.23

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

B.L. Locke, Superintending school committee

Paid Rufus Baker, District No. 8, 38.53

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 Rufus Baker, District No. 8, 38.24

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

B.G. Howe, Superintending School Committee

District No. 8 due 39.40

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

District No. 8 – Herbert Lovejoy, Prudential Committee

Amount of school money assigned to district, \$13.35

Number of scholars, summer and winter in one term: 10

Length of school in weeks: 11 ½

Wage per month, including board: not reported

Summer and winter in one Term. C. Jennie Clough, Teacher. Miss C. is an old teacher. She is mild, gentle and moves with ease in the school-room. Her scholars reviewed promptly their several studies.

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

Paid Samuel Martin, District No. 8, 30.30

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. 8 – Samuel Martin, Prudential Committee

Teacher, summer Miss Fannie Goddard, winter, Miss M.A. Chesley

Whole number of scholars, summer 9, winter 3

Average attendance, summer 7, winter 3 nearly

Length of school, summer 8 weeks, winter 10 weeks

Miss Goddard was without experience as teacher, but she succeeded as well as the generality of beginners in the art of teaching. Should she overcome certain peculiarities, she might become an excellent teacher. During the winter term great improvement was made by each scholar.

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

Paid Benjamin Fowler, District No. 8, 28.25

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

Paid Henry C. Lovejoy, District No. 8, 28.89

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

Paid Benjamin Fowler, District No. 8, 26.85

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. 8, 6 boys, 6 girls

Annual Town Report 1870

Paid Thomas M. Cofran for District No. 8, 32.48

Annual Town Report 1879

Paid Henry C. Lovejoy for District No. 8, 37.25

1879 DISTRICT No. 8.

Henry Lovejoy. Prudential Committee.

Summer term.—Miss Lilla B. Fowler, teacher. Wages per month, not including board, \$10.00 ; length of school, 8 weeks; number of scholars, 7.

This small but interesting school maintained its usual prosperous condition.

Fall and winter terms.—Miss Alice C. Ladd, teacher both terms. Wages per month, fall term, \$10.00; winter term, \$8.00. Length of school, fall term, 7 1-2 weeks ; winter term, 8 weeks ; number of scholars, 9 each term.

Miss Ladd ranks among our best teachers and the district was fortunate in securing her services. Every branch was taught in a thorough and skillful manner, and the school was in all respects eminently successful. A class in arithmetic, and a class in analysis and parsing were especially proficient. The expenses of the winter term were met mainly by funds belonging to the district which have long remained in the town treasury. The board of the teachers was contributed by the district, thereby lengthening the school considerably.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Second Term—Lizzie J. Fowler, Georgia A. Fowler, Edith S. Fowler, Annie L. Fowler.

Third Term—Lizzie J. Fowler, Vesta G. Fowler, Edith S. Fowler, Annie L. Fowler, Philip Fowler.

1880 DISTRICT No. 8.—FOWLER.

Length of school in weeks: summer, 8; winter, 16. Number scholars : summer. 6 ; winter, n. Average attendance: summer, 531-40; winter, 105-8. ' Wages: summer, \$20; winter, \$20.

Summer Term.—Miss Alice E. Ladd, teacher.

Some persons can impart instruction readily and in plain, concise and appropriate language. Such was this teacher, and her happy faculty of leading her scholars on till they forgot their book and reasoned for themselves was as rare as it is commendable. Notice failed to reach me, and did not visit this school at its close. The district seemed perfectly satisfied, and I judge the money was well invested.

Winter Term.—Miss Mary I. Dearborn, teacher. This district takes more interest in its school, contributes more and is better united, than any other district. In consequence of which they have better teachers, better school and better scholars. Instead of hearing complaints and grumbling on visiting their district, their earnest enquiry always is: " How is our school doing?" " Have we got a good teacher?" &c. Should all our districts do likewise, our schools would soon improve their condition. A class in philosophy and an algebraic class in the mysteries of quadratics can be found here— not to the neglect of other studies, however. All classes made good progress. I do not hesitate to say that Miss Dearborn is a successful teacher.

1881 DISTRICT No. 8.—FOWLER.

Summer term, 8 weeks; scholars, 7. Winter, 12 weeks; scholars, 9.

Miss Julia E. Gilbert, teacher of summer term, made here her first attempt at teaching. Though we doubt not she endeavored to do her duty, there was not much success. There appeared but little faculty to awaken interest and impart instruction.

Miss Nettie M. Chase, teacher of the winter term, being a graduate of the N. H. Normal school, was not examined, as the law did not formerly require it, but a recent examination showed that this law had been repealed. She appeared to be well qualified and has done fair work, and gives good satisfaction. The class in English analysis is the farthest advanced of any in town. Other studies are being well understood.

1883 DISTRICT No. 8.

Amount of school money, \$48.68. William Fowler, prudential committee.

Miss Etta J. Bachelder, of Pembroke, taught both terms. Wages per month, summer, \$12.00; winter, \$14.00. Length of school, summer term, 8 weeks; winter term, 13 weeks. Number of scholars, summer, 8; winter, 9. Average attendance, summer, 8 ; winter, 9.

The school in this district is worthy of mention as a model in deportment. The teacher has not been tried by careless and disobedient scholars ; all have a noble self-respect which will not stoop to anything low or unbecoming the good scholar. Of course, such a school must prosper.

DISTRICT No. 8. Roll of Honor

First Term.—Annie L. Fowler, Georgia A. Fowler, Ida M. Fowler, Alice M. Fowler.

Second Term.—Annie L. Fowler, Georgia A. Fowler, Alice M. Fowler, Ida M. Fowler, Bertie B. Lovejoy.

1884 District No. 8.

Amount of school money, \$69.32. Benjamin Fowler, prudential committee.

Miss Vesta G. Fowler, teacher. Wages per month, summer, \$12 ; fall, \$12 ; winter, \$14. Length of school, 8 weeks each term. Number of scholars, summer, 8 ; fall, 7 ; winter, 7; Average attendance, summer, 7 ; fall, 6 ; winter, 7.

Miss Fowler is a graduate of Pembroke Academy, is a thorough scholar and a first-class teacher. All of the scholars made more than usual progress in their studies. The depth of knowledge exhibited by classes in general exercises, shows that neither teacher nor scholars found time to be idle.

District No. 8. Roll of Honor

First Term.—Annie L. Fowler, Georgia A. Fowler, Ida M. Fowler, Alice M. Fowler.

Second Term.—Annie L. Fowler, Georgia A. Fowler, Jennie Lovejoy, Bertie B. Lovejoy.

Third Term.—Annie L. Fowler, Georgia A. Fowler, Alice M. Fowler, Jennie Lovejoy, Bertie B. Lovejoy, George Lovejoy.

1885 DISTRICT No. 8.

Benjamin Fowler, Prudential Committee.

Summer Term.—Whole number of scholars attending school, 8 ; average attendance, 8 ; length of school, 8 weeks ; wages of teacher, \$12 per month.

Miss Sue H. Lane, of Chichester. teacher. This was Miss Lane's first attempt at teaching. She put forth her best efforts to interest and instruct those under her charge, and the result was a good school.

Winter Term.—Whole number of scholars attending school, 9 ; average attendance, 9; length of school, 12 weeks; wages of teacher, \$14 per month.

Taught by Miss Clarena L. Richardson, of Pembroke. The scholars in this district are very regular in their attendance, orderly in deportment, and studious. Miss Richardson is a faithful teacher, and her efforts were crowned with much success.

DISTRICT No. 8. Roll of Honor

First Term.—Annie L. Fowler, Alice M. Fowler, Georgia A. Fowler, Ida M. Fowler, Lue F. Fowler, Bert B. Lovejoy.

Second Term.—Georgia A. Fowler, Alice M. Fowler, Ida M. Fowler.

1886 DISTRICT NO. 8.—FOWLER.

Three terms, all taught by Miss Lizzie F. Johnson of Allentown.

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DISTRICT No. 8. Perfect Attendance

First Term.—Annie L. Fowler, Georgia A. Fowler, Alice M. Fowler, Ida M. Fowler, Jennie M. Lovejoy, Florence L. Fowler, George H. Lovejoy.

Second Term.—Georgia A. Fowler, Ida M. Fowler, Florence L. Fowler.

Third Term.—Bert B. Lovejoy, Jennie M. Lovejoy, Alice M. Fowler, Georgia A. Fowler, Ida M. Fowler, Florence L. Fowler.

1887 ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOWLER.

First Term—Georgia A. Fowler, Alice M. Fowler, Ida M. Fowler, Florence L. Fowler.

Second Term—Georgia A. Fowler, Alice M. Fowler, Ida M. Fowler, Florence L. Fowler, George H. Lovejoy.

Third Term—Annie L. Fowler, Georgia A. Fowler, Alice M. Fowler, Ida M. Fowler, Florence L. Fowler, Bert B. Lovejoy, George H. Lovejoy.

1888 ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE. FOWLER.

First Term. Florence L. Fowler, Ida M. Fowler.

Second Term. Georgia A. Fowler, Ida M. Fowler, Alice M. Fowler, Florence L. Fowler.

Third Term. Georgia A. Fowler, Jennie M. Lovejoy, Bert B. Lovejoy, George H. Lovejoy.

1889 ROLL OF HONOR. FOWLER.

First Term.—Georgia A. Fowler, Jennie M. Lovejoy, Ida M. Fowler, Alice M. Fowler, Florence L. Fowler.

Second Term.—Jennie M. Lovejoy, Ida M. Fowler, Alice M. Fowler, Florence L. Fowler.

Third Term.—Georgia A. Fowler, Bert B. Lovejoy, Alice M. Fowler, Ida M. Fowler.