

Felton Schools

In 1883 the citizens residing in three different townships in the vicinity, petitioned the court for an independent school district. The petition was granted and a frame school house was built.

An addition to this building was erected in 1902 when the second school was organized. The term for the 1929-1930 year consisted of 160 days, the records for the following year were missing but the 1932-1933 year was 180 days.

The last classes were held during the school term 1955-1956. The school was closed, the building sold to Bethany Evangelical United Brethren Church and torn down. The stone from the foundation was used for a wall to level the Church parking lot.

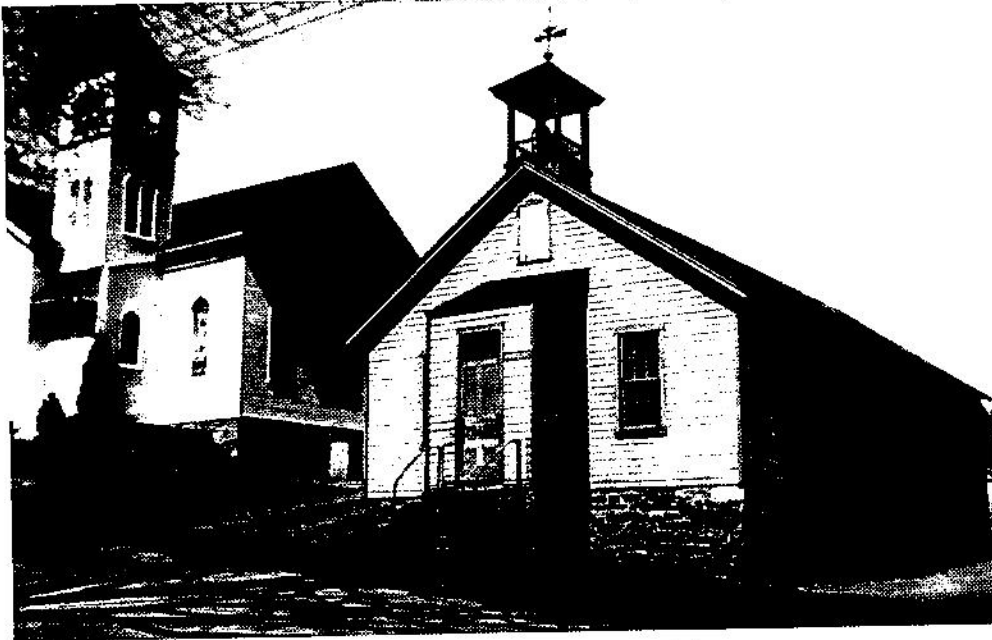
County Superintendents included William Wilson, Harvey Swartz, Amos Krebs and Harry Shenk. Our list of teachers is not complete but the names of the following teachers were obtained from school records and photographs: Gary Christopher Noller, Cordie Taylor, Viola Gemmill Moore, William Stuart, Dale Dietz, Arminta Sentz, Orpha Grove, Ophelia Payne Hershner, Elwood Stabley, Clayton Seitz, Ralph Grim, Florence Herr, Bessie V. Hershner, George Blauser, Mazie Lutz, Erma Hershner, Mazie Grim Wise, Mildred Grove, Melvin Hannigan, Beulah Saylor, Creda Waltmyer Hershner, Elizabeth Kilgore Payne, Patti Baker Seitz, Abbie Flinchbaugh Noll, Victoria Shoemaker, Elizabeth M. Falone, Mrs. Kirk.



The teacher who taught Felton Schools the most number of years was Abbie Flinchbaugh Noll. Abbie had no children of her own but she was "Mother to all her students" an outstanding teacher and friend to all in the community. Abbie was born Sept. 17, 1899, daughter of Michael G. and Susan Sechrist Flinchbaugh and died Jan. 12, 1998. She was a graduate of Red Lion High School and of York County Academy and attended Millersville State Teachers College.



Another outstanding teacher was Beulah Saylor, daughter of Daniel and Sallie Hyson Brenneman. She taught for an accumulated 28 years in Cross Roads, Felton, Chanceford, Windsor and North Hopewell Townships. She was a Sunday School teacher, pianist and organist. She also gave private music lessons. Mrs. Saylor's husband, Frank, was a news reporter for the York Gazette beginning in 1904. After his death, Beulah replaced her husband. Her hand written news dispatches were published in the Daily Record even in her last weeks. She died in 1986 in a Dallastown Nursing Home at the age of 105.



Felton School taken in 1940

Another Felton resident needs to be mentioned as a teacher -- Mazie Wise touched many lives having taught 32 years -- some in Felton, North Hopewell, Windsor and York Townships. She also was a Sunday School teacher and pianist for more than fifty years and gave private lessons.

C. C. Seitz taught 10 years in the Felton School. He and his wife, Alverta Grove Seitz, operated a general store for about 40 years. He was postmaster from 1921 to 1941, and was mayor of the town a number of years. He was remembered by many whom he had helped during the depression years for his honorable business relationships.



Felton School students taken in 1925. Teacher was George Blausen from Shrewsbury.

Pictured left to right: 1st row: Elwood Gladfelter, Carl Seitz, Clair Grove, Woodrow Warner and Kathryn Shenberger; 2nd row: Rozena Strayer, Kenneth Gladfelter, Ada Seitz, Harry Seitz, Truman Seitz, Arno Seitz and Elizabeth Slonaker; 3rd row: Roy Strawbridge, Keturah Hoffman, Mabel Grove, Samuel Grove, Clayton Kohler, Louis Slonaker; 4th row: Henry Runkle, Rhoda Olphin, Evelyn Seitz, Alvena Grove, Evelyn Hershey; 5th row: Elwood Seitz, Luther Runkle, Homer Smith; top row: Esther Olphin, Albert Kohler and George Blausen, teacher.