

# Vicksburg Historical Society

## Guide to Area One-Room Schools

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### Brady Township

**District #2 - Jenkinson School** on 'W' Avenue, at the 3-corner intersection with 27<sup>th</sup> St. adjacent to a cemetery. Still standing, privately owned. Named for early feed mill owner and township supervisor Robert Jenkinson.

**District #3 - Harper School** on Nottawa Road, about ¼ mile south of "XY" Ave. Now a residence. Stood on the old Harold Harper farm.

**District #4 - Dinger School**, north side of "YZ" Ave., ¼ mile east of Portage Creek at the 3-corner intersection of "YZ" and 28<sup>th</sup> St. Now a residence.



Brady No. 7, 1880's

**District #5 - Morse School**, located on corner of "U" Ave. and 29<sup>th</sup> Street. Torn down and replaced by a residence. Located on the George and Willard Morse farm.



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**District #6 - Brown School**, one half mile north of “W” Ave. on 34<sup>th</sup> St. Torn down. Stood on land once owned by Vicksburg banker, Charles Brown.

**District #7 - Bond School** on 34<sup>th</sup> St. just south of “U” Avenue on east side of road. Now a residence. Stood on the old George Bond farm.

**District #1 Fractional - Tiffany School**, located on the southeast corner of Sprinkle Road and “TU” Avenue. Demolished after attempts to move it failed. Fractional Districts served students from more than one township.

## Schoolcraft Township

**Bloody Run School** – Schoolcraft Township. The site can be found by going south on Silver Street to “X” Avenue, then turning east and going to the end of the road, where you then turn south. The school stood on the east side of the road just before the road turns west. Torn down. Was not in use at the time of consolidation in 1947.



Prairie Grove School, District No. 8, Bert Davis, teacher

wife, Blanche, taught there for many years. The building was purchased after consolidation by Mr. Harsha and moved it to his farm just north of the intersection. Painted barn red, it still stands.

**District #6 - Gourneck Prairie/Webber School.** Located on the east side of Portage Road, ¼ mile north of “VW” Ave. Still standing and owned by Schoolcraft Township.

**District #8 - Prairie Grove School,** half Brady Township, half Schoolcraft Township, located at south end of Portage Road where Outdoor Educational Center is now.

**District #2 - Harsha School** – Schoolcraft Township. This school stood on the northeast corner of the intersection of Portage Road and “U” Avenue on the farm of Russell Harsha. His



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## Pavilion Township

**District #1** – located just north of McKain’s Corners (intersection of “S” Ave. and 34<sup>th</sup> St.) on the east side of the road. Now a residence. Became part of the Climax-Scotts School District.

**District #4** – Corner of 29<sup>th</sup> St. and East QR Ave., across from Pavilion Township Hall. Sometimes known as Pavilion Center School. Now a residence. This school was closed in 1965 with its students split between the Vicksburg, Comstock and Climax-Scotts school districts.

**District #5 - Briggs School** – Located on 26<sup>th</sup> St., ¼ mile south of “R” Avenue. Now a residence.



Briggs School students, circa 1915

**District #8** – located at the settlement of Pavilion, near the tracks on “S” Avenue west of 32<sup>nd</sup> St. Disbanded and torn down before consolidation.



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## Wakeshma Township

**Fractional District #6 - Holcomb School** - Located on the south side of "X" Ave., 1/4 mile west of 38th St. Foundation only can be seen. Located on property once belonging to reputed Confederate Civil War veteran, A. A. "Cap" Holcomb. Fractional districts served students from more than one township.

**Fractional District #4 - Worden School** - Can be found just north of the intersection of "Z" Ave. and 44th St. Now a residence. Fractional districts served students from more than one township.



Unidentified One-Room School, 1920's

**Fractional District #8 - Berger School** - Located two miles north of Fulton at the intersection of 42nd St. and "U" Avenue. Fractional districts served students from more than one township.



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**Fractional District #9 - Leggett School** - Located two miles south of Fulton on the southwest corner of the intersection of 42<sup>nd</sup> St. and 'Y' avenue. Now a residence. Fractional districts served students from more than one township.

**Fractional District #7 - Hull School** – This school was on the north side of "V" Ave. about ¼ mile west of the 49<sup>th</sup> St. three-corner intersection. The building is gone. Lyle Stryker once taught here. The Stryker Corp. family was originally from Fulton. Fractional districts served students from more than one township.

**Fractional District #1 - Gardner's Corners School** – Stood on the south side of "V" Ave., ¼ mile east of the intersection with 42<sup>nd</sup> St. Converted into a residence. Named after Wakeshma Township pioneer Jacob Gardner and located near his homestead. Fractional districts served students from more than one township.

**Fractional District #2 - Fulton School** – A two-story building right in Fulton, on the south side of "W" Ave. about ¼ mile west of the intersection with 42<sup>nd</sup> St. Now a residence. Fractional districts served students from more than one township.

**Lynn School** – Located 2-1/2 miles east of Fulton to 47<sup>th</sup> St., then 1-1/2 miles north to the intersection of 47<sup>th</sup> St. and "UV" Ave. Torn Down. During consolidation, those students living west of the school went to Vicksburg; those living east of the school went to Athens.

**Beckett School** – Located just west of the corner of 47<sup>th</sup> St. and "X" Ave. on the north side of the road. Now a residence. Students from this school joined the Athens School District.

## Mendon Township, St. Joseph County



**Fractional District #1 - Strong School** – Formerly located on Silver Street ¼ mile south of the intersection with "Z" Avenue.

This school has been moved to the Vicksburg Historic Village. Fractional districts served students from more than one township.

(Left) Strong School, 1925



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## Park Township, St. Joseph County

**Fractional District #3 - Mint School** – Located on the southwest corner of the 3-corner intersection with Mint Road and Fisher Lake Road. Now a residence. The school took its name from the mint farms located in the area. Fractional districts served students from more than one township.

## Village of Vicksburg

**Vicksburg School** – 301 South Kalamazoo Ave. Now the Vicksburg District School Administration Building.



Vicksburg High School Band, 1932

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