

District #4 Schoolhouse (Site)
HISTORY SHEET
General Information & References

Name of Structure: Arcadia District #4 SH

Address: ~960 Hartnagle at Brumm Rd (NW)¹

Atlas: Dist 4, Lot 66 (Lot 75 on wall map & atlas; Lot 66 on today's tax map)
1853: "School"; 1858: "SH N^o 4"; 1874: "SH"; 1904: "School N^o 4"

When Built and Mason: ~1841, unknown

Extant: No

Disposition: Razed (unknown year); replaced by a frame structure

Original Use: Schoolhouse

Subsequent Use: N/A

Pictures: Picture postcard of cobblestone schoolhouse with children lined up
for a school photo, c.~1910

Description:

It was a one-story simple school house with very rough hewn quoins and multi-hued, sized, and shaped fieldstones. They were laid in neat rows with strong horizontal beads. The long side had 3 evenly spaced windows—no lintels were used as the window jambs went right up to the roof line and narrow wooden sills were used. The cobblestones appear to have been laid all the way down to grade. There was a single chimney at one gable end. On the opposite gable end were an enclosed covered frame entrance on the right side with a roof line mimicking the building's roofline and abutting it on the left was a lean-to like frame addition flush with the front of the covered entrance that extended to the other corner of the gable end (also roofed). The enclosed covered entrance and abutting coat-hanging room pretty much obscure all cobblestone detail on the gable end except for a half dozen courses at the very top.

Information Provided by Cynthia Russell², 5/21/2022

It was built about 1841 (after discussion that had been going on since 1838) replacing an earlier frame schoolhouse. The photo featured in the postcard was taken about 1910. The cobblestone schoolhouse was replaced on the same location by a frame structure. That building closed in the 1940's and burned in 1949.

¹ Address is derived based on the schoolhouse location on historic maps

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HARTNAGEL-BRUMM RD

No 4 — Hartnagel-Brumm Road School. Very little is known about this schoolhouse, other than it was situated on the corner of Brumm and Hartnagel Roads, was closed in the 1940's, and burned down some years ago."

NOTE: Pictured in the article is the frame replacement built on the same site where the cobblestone SH once stood.

Picture postcard is on file at Newark-Arcadia Historical Society (NAHS).

Cobblestone schoolhouse with children lined up for a school picture. Hand-written at bottom of picture: "School-house, Town of Arcadia, Wayne Co., N.Y. Dist # 4". Postmarked Apr 13, 1916. Written by Edna Mae Hartnagel to her uncle, Mr Chris Hartnagel in Albany, NY. Text: "Receive the bulletin and thanks for same. This the picture of the old school-house, Dist. 4. Some have started to plow around here. Pa says you should come up and help draw manure and build barn. I don't know what else he said."