

SIGN LANGUAGE

People thought school looked like stone jug

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"When I was a child," said 83-year-old Edna Jayne of Dundee, "there was an old school house just this side (west) of Route 14 (in Yates County). It was made of stone and everyone called it the old stone jug."

Mrs. Jayne is one of a half-dozen residents of Stone Jug Road, a one-mile black-top road that was named for that long-forgotten school with the unique nickname. The road runs east and west between Route 14 and Lakemont-Himrod Road in the town of Starkey.

Mrs. Jayne said, "The little school really looked like an old jug. It was made of stones, not stucco. Finally it all crumbled and broke apart and virtually disappeared. Anyway, this road became known as the



Stone Jug Road because of the nickname for that school."

As unusual as the name is, stories about its origin are also unusual. Many people believe the name came from a pottery plant where "stone jugs" were made. "It's just not true," said Mrs. Jayne. "The name came from the school."

It was an unnamed country road before then, Mrs. Jayne recalled.

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