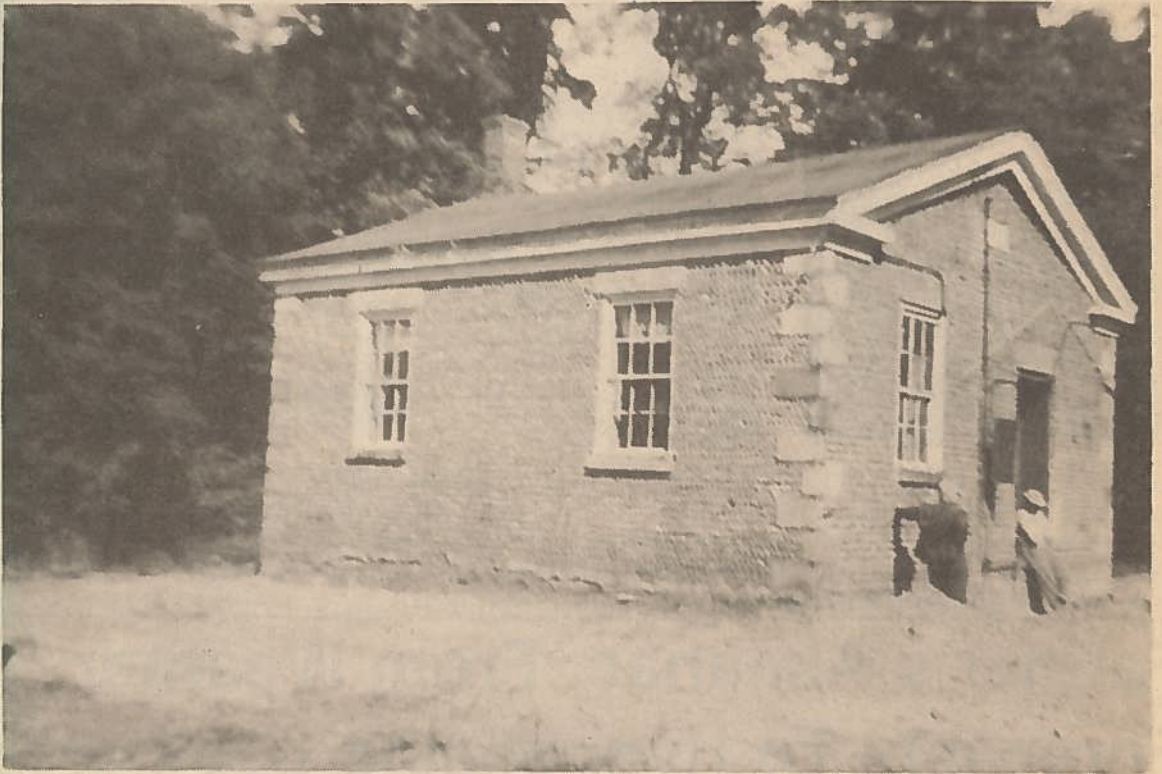


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The following information is taken from the records of School District No. 11 in the Town of Gaines (Five Corners School).

"At a special meeting of the legal voters of school district No. 11 in the Town of Gaines, held pursuant to adjournment at the schoolhouse on the 2nd day of April, 1846. First, H.G. Prentice chosen moderator and Walter Fairfield present as district clerk: 2nd, Resolved that the vote taken at our last meeting as regards the size of the schoolhouse be reconsidered; 3rd, Resolved that the schoolhouse be 25 by 28 by 12 feet from the floor to the eaves; 4th, Resolved that I.I. Stiles, Hosea Bacon and Samuel Hill be committed to act with the trustees in planning the schoolhouse; Resolved that the schoolhouse be built of cobblestone; 5th Resolved that there be a basement for a wood house; 6th, Resolved that this meeting be adjourned to next week on Friday at 6 o'clock P.M."

H.G. Prentice
W. Fairfield

Then at a special meeting April 10, 1846, the following appears on the minutes:

"Resolved that we have stone window sills,

Resolved that the door sill be stone, Resolved that the schoolhouse be shingled with pine shingles, Resolved that the floor be made of white ash."

Then May 12, 1846 at a special meeting, the following appears:

"Resolved that the trustees raise \$350 for the purpose of building a schoolhouse."

June 9, 1846, the following appears: "Resolved that the vote for a basement be rescinded, Resolved that we have 6-24 lighted windows 8 by 10 glass, Resolved that we have window blinds, resolved that the window blinds be batten nailed with wrought butts."

At the annual meeting held at the schoolhouse Sept. 6, 1846, the following appears in part:

"Resolved that district raise \$11 for the purpose of purchasing a stove and pipe for the new schoolhouse, Resolved that the trustees sell the old stove to the best advantage, Resolved that trustees sell the old schoolhouse to the best advantage, Resolved that trustees sell the lake stone (Cobblestone which had been picked up on the lake shore and not used), Resolved that the trustees build a good substantial backhouse with money the old schoolhouse was sold for."

The school which is pictured here around 1960 still stands today on Route 279 just north of Albion. It now serves as a residence and monument to an age when craftsmanship was paramount.