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LYNDONVILLE SCHOOL HOUSE



Our photo which was taken around ninety-five years ago depicts the Lyndonville School. To the far left we can just see a back corner of the Lyndonville Methodist Church. This school house was built in 1846 and served for educational purposes for sixty years. Make in the Greek Revival Style, it looked something like a church with a belfry, having a steeple-like roof. It is said the school was dark and gloomy inside because of not enough windows for natural light.

Although built for elementary grades, this building also was later used for secondary education as well. The first high school class graduating from here in 1898.

In 1906 the district voted to build a new school on the same lot. The old schoolhouse shown here, was moved off the site to a new lot on the bank of Johnson's Creek. Here it housed the Lyndonville Enterprise Newspaper until 1908 when it burned.

Hence, the school built in 1906, burned in 1933 when a fire gutted the whole interior. Classes were held in churches, the Town Hall, Fire Hall and wherever space could be found. By October 1935 a new school building had been dedicated on the same site and currently serves as an elementary school. This actually is the fourth school building to occupy this lot on Main Street in Lyndonville. The first school erected here in 1843 also burned in less than three years and was replaced with the one pictured here.