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# The story of Yates District 14

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Our photo taken around 1915 shows the cobbleshed schoolhouse in Yates School District No. 14. This is located on the Platten Road at the corner of the Greenman Road east of Lyndonville.

The teacher standing in the doorway is Winifred Payne. Thirteen students of various ages appear out in front of the school. To the far right, in back

of the schoolhouse, we see the corner of a privy.

A diamond-shaped stone in the gable denotes the date 1846. It was in that year when William Greenman sold to the district a parcel of land for \$100. This was in an area known locally then as the Greenman Settlement.

The mason who constructed this school used both lake-washed and rounded field cobbles.

More than 20 cobblestone

school houses were built in Orleans County during the second quarter of the 19th century. By 1846, the town of Yates had 14 school districts. These one-room schools were located in the center of a four-square mile area so students did not walk more than two miles to school.

In 1938, the town of Yates district schools were centralized. Thereafter, all students attended school in Lyndonville.