

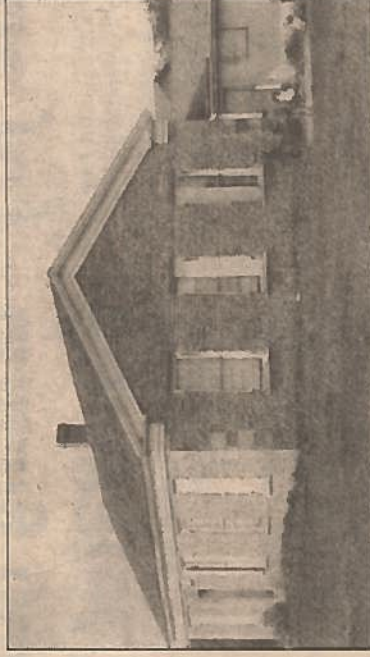
The Gaines Cobblestone School

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In 1813, a 12-foot-long school was erected on Ridge Road between Gaines and Childs. In 1817, a better school building was located at the northwest corner of Ridge Road and Route 279. And around 1840, a cobblestone school was then erected on the corner, which remains today. It was known as District No. 4 of Gaines and continued in use until after centralization when it was disposed of in 1958.

During the 1882-1883 school year, Frank H. Lattin taught the advanced group in one room while Edith Dunning was in charge of the primary room. The following notes were taken from a diary kept by Frank Lattin at that time:

"Jan. 11, 1883 — at school — had examinations today — scholars stand better than expected.



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SCHOOLHOUSE: This photo was taken of the Gaines School District No. 4 during the mid-1880s.

Jan. 12 — Had examinations this AM. Speaking this PM. All the girls responded and part of the boys — rest will respond later.

March 10 — cool and rainy. Walked to Albion to see about cards for my scholars. Went to see Miss Dunning. She is quite sick.
March 12 — Miss Dunning still sick. I shall teach both

rooms this week. Ho! For a picnic ...
March 16 — my winter term of school closed this day — have taught 80 days

March 22 — got my school money for winter term this morning \$136.
March 26 — warm and pleasant. Commenced spring term of school — 19 scholars in advanced room.

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New Schedule:

School hours:

Commence AM 8:30

Recess 10:15 — 10:30

Noon 12:00 — 1 PM

Close 3:13 PM

April 2 — at school — whipped Homer Parker for making obscene picture on Perry Fellows book.

May 9 — very cold for this time of year — strawberry vines have badly winter killed. Stayed after school this PM to drill my "young ideas" in their dialogues.

May 22 — at school — Belle Perry got mad and took her books and went home."