

## North School

The North School which was located on the west side of Route 169 just south of the intersection with Woodstock Road was the last of Pomfret's one and two room schoolhouses to be built. The exact date of construction is unknown, but it was in use in the late 1920s as attested to by octogenarian Arthur Blackmore who received the first eight years of his education in the North School. It was a two room school with grades one to four in one room and the upper grades in the "big room" across the wide central entrance hall, which served as a playground in inclement weather. As was the custom in those days, the desks were secured to the floor in neat rows and the students all had their assigned seats. There were a few loose chairs in each room for any guests who might arrive to see the school in action. At the back of the school were two outhouses, one for boys and one for girls, and water was obtained from a large hand pump just outside the front door. Miss Navigel and Miss Ladd were the classroom teachers at one time and Annie Ash was the music instructor.

The North School District was bounded as follows: east by Bark Meadow Brook and Tyrone Rd. to the intersection with Grosvenor Rd., south by Grosvenor Rd., Pomfret Street, and Kings Highway, west by Rt. 97 and Quassett Rd., north by Fox Hill Rd. Harrisville Rd. and the Woodstock town line

The school was sold at public auction in June of 1949 to CA Tarr who converted it into two apartments – each apartment had three bedrooms, a living room, a dining room, a kitchen, and a bathroom. Ted Bullard later purchased the school and the surrounding property, and in 1971 had the school burned down as a practice exercise for the volunteer fire department.

LEGALS

LIMITATION OF CLAIMS

At a Court of Probate held at Thompson, within and for the District of Thompson, on the 18th day of May, A.D., 1949. Present, Frank A. Pelletier, Judge. Estate of John S. Anderson, late of Thompson, in said District, deceased. ORDERED—that six months from the 18th day of May, A.D., 1949, he and the same are limited and allowed for the creditors to bring in their claims against said estate, and said executor is directed to give public notice to the creditors of the deceased to bring in their claims within said time allowed, by posting a copy of this order on the public sign-post nearest where the deceased dwelt, in the town of Thompson, and by publishing a copy of the same in some newspaper having a circulation in said District within fifteen days from the date of this order, and return make to this Court presented Certified from Record. Attest: FRANK A. PELLETIER, Judge. dev. Fritz Soderborg, Executor, North Grosvenordale, Connecticut. 20

ORDER OF NOTICE

At a Court of Probate held at Putnam, in and for the District of Putnam, on the 18th day of May, 1949. Present, Hon. William L. St. Onge, Judge. In the matter of Marie E. Livernoche, of Putnam, in said District, an incapable person. Citizens National Bank, Putnam, Conn. Conservator Marie E. Livernoche having died, and The Citizens National Bank, her conservator, having exhibited its final account as conservator with said estate to this Court for allowance, it is ORDERED, That the 24th day of May, 1949, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, at a Court of Probate to be held at the Probate Office in the Town of Putnam, in said District, be appointed, for a hearing on the allowance of said account, and that notice of the time and place of said hearing be given by publishing this order in some newspaper having a circulation in said District all at least five days before said day of hearing, and due return make.

WILLIAM L. ST. ONGE  
20 Judge

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LEGALS

AUCTION SCHOOLHOUSES

By order of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Pomfret, Conn., we will sell at auction, Tuesday, June 21 at 2 P.M., on the premises—the Pomfret Landing Schoolhouse, situated next to Jockey Jarvis's Ranch, as described: A good one-story, one-room frame building suitable for conversion into a large apartment with electricity and Artesian well water, also a small tract of land. Terms: \$200 Spot Cash or Certified Check; balance cash upon delivery of deed. THE NORTH SCHOOLHOUSE situated between Overlocks Four Corners and Ted Bullard's residence, will be sold, on the premises, a few minutes after the Landing Schoolhouse, as described: A good one and one-half story, frame building, suitable for conversion into 2 large apartments, with cellar, hot air furnace, electricity, driven well water, and land sufficient for garden, etc. Terms: \$300 Spot Cash or Certified Check; balance cash on delivery of deed. Don't forget the terms—And schedule of sale: Pomfret Landing School at 2 P.M., rain or shine, and the North School soon after, on the premises. A detailed description of land will be given when sold. Witter Bros., Auctioneers, Office 119 Main St., Danielson, Conn. Tel: 4-5955. Selectmen; James P. Ayers, Leneus Swanson, and Raymond Jackson. 20

ORDER OF NOTICE

At a Court of Probate held at Pomfret, within and for the District of Pomfret, in the State of Connecticut, on the 12th day of May, 1949. Present, Hon. Esther L. Covell, Judge. In the Matter of Trusts created under the Will of George Lawrence Perkins, late of Pomfret, in said District, deceased. The Trustees, Russell Perkins, of said Pomfret, and City Bank Farmers Trust Company, of New York, N. Y., having filed in this Court their annual accounts as such trustees for the period beginning September 21, 1946 and ending September 21, 1947, and for the period beginning September 21, 1947 and ending September 21, 1948, for acceptance and allowance and for the determination of the rights of the trustees and of all persons who may be interested in said trust estates, as by said accounts on file in this Court will more fully appear; it is ORDERED—that a hearing upon the acceptance, adjustment and allowance of said accounts and upon the determination of the rights of the trustees and of all persons who may be interested in said trust estates, be held at the Probate Court in Pomfret, in said District, on the 18th day of June, 1949 at two o'clock in the

FOR SALE

TRACTOR—Farmall F12 with hydraulic lift cultivator on good rubber tires in good running condition. Also two bottom trailers, plow and one two row direct attach cultivator to fit Farmall F12 or F14. MICHAEL J. BEDNARZ, North Woodstock, Conn. Telephone Putnam 286-W1. 20-21

COTTAGE—Six rooms, complete bath upstairs, lavatory downstairs. Hardwood floors, fireplace, garage underneath home. On Woodside street, beautifully landscaped grounds, large lot. An ideal spot. Shown by appointment. N. J. POULIN, Quineburg, Conn. Telephone Putnam 2377-J2. 20-21

BABY CARRIAGE—Grey Staromatic Whitney with pad. In good condition. Price \$20.00. TELEPHONE 451-J1, Putnam. 20-21

COW—Very good milker. Due to freshen in about 3 weeks. WILLIAM H. REYNOLDS, West Woodstock, Conn. 20-21

BUICK—1933. 4 door sedan; also 1936 Oldsmobile 6 cylinder 4 door sedan. Reasonable. TELEPHONE 1637-W1, Putnam. 20-21

DINING ROOM SET—Oak. Buffet, square table and six chairs. TELEPHONE 1038-J1, Putnam. 20-21

CABIN CHASSIS—1942 International. Short wheel base. TELEPHONE 614-J1, or 614-J2 Putnam. 20-21

GAS RANGE—Roper, white porcelain with heating unit. Very good condition. TELEPHONE 162, Putnam. 20

CRIB—Solid maple. Complete. In good condition. Price \$15.00. TELEPHONE 1624-W2, Putnam. 20-21

MISCELLANEOUS

POULTRY DRESSING SERVICE — We are now equipped to kill, pluck and chill your poultry for 20c apiece. Also wrapped and quick frozen when desired. DONALD B. WILLIAMS, Woodstock, Conn. Telephone Putnam 1707-W3. 18-19

RENEW YOUR FLOORS — Electric foot sanders, waxers, and edgers. Low daily rates. Brand new and easy to operate. Also hand electric car sanders and polishers. WEST-ERN AUTO ASSOCIATE STORE, Front Street, Putnam. 18-19

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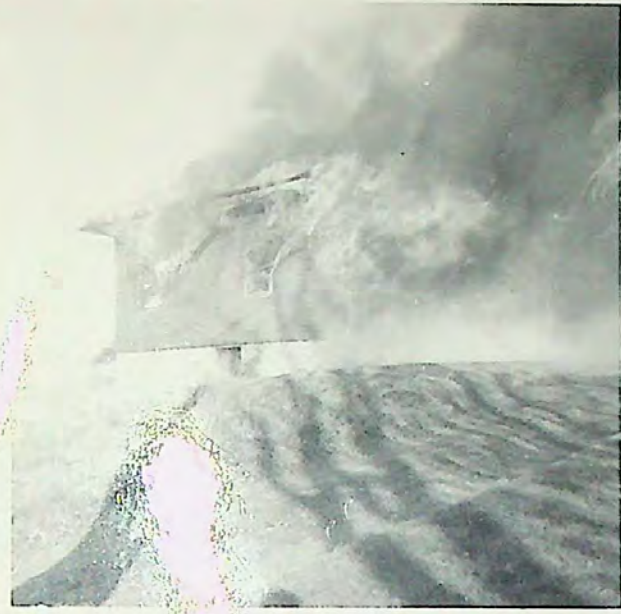
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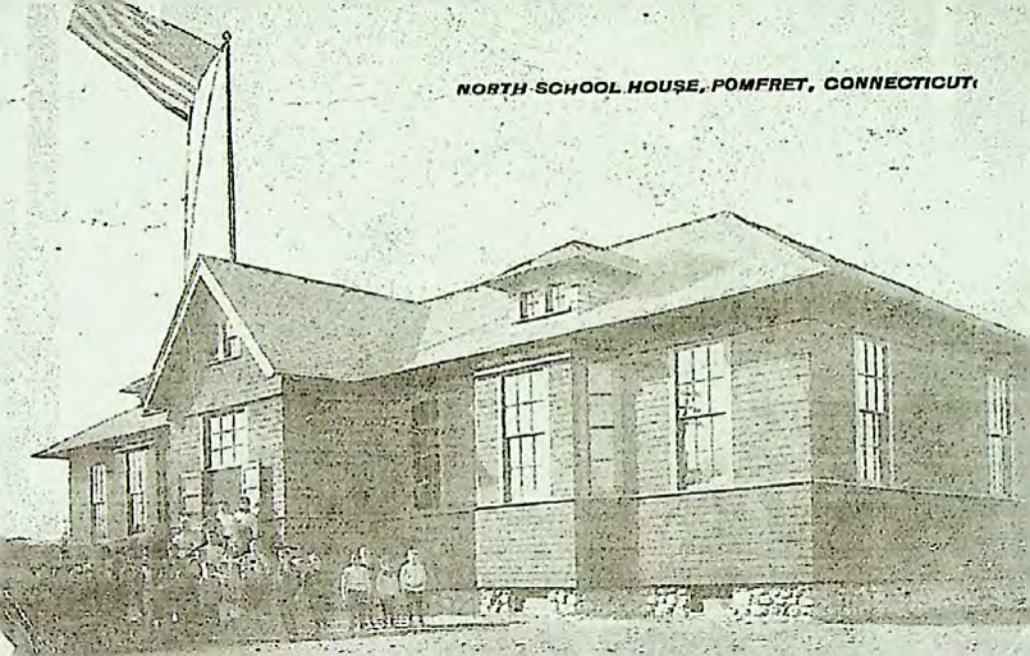
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**NORTH-SCHOOL HOUSE, POMFRET, CONNECTICUT.**



# Living in the past

## Historic schoolhouse serving the present

By NANCY HALL  
Norwich Bulletin

Four generations of Pomfret children studied in the one-room Elliott Schoolhouse on Fay Road until 1949, when the Pomfret Community School opened.

"I think most of them have been back to visit," laughed Andrea Cunningham-Pahl, who lives in the schoolhouse now.

The former students it remarkably unchanged.

There are separate green doors at the front, one for boys and one for girls, and an out-house with a half-moon on the door out back.

A white-haired woman arrive one afternoon in a chauffeur-driven limousine and begged to be let in by "the boys' entry." The lady of the house obliged.

"She was positively giddy," the owner recalls, "saying, 'Oh, if Miss McDonald could only see me now.'"

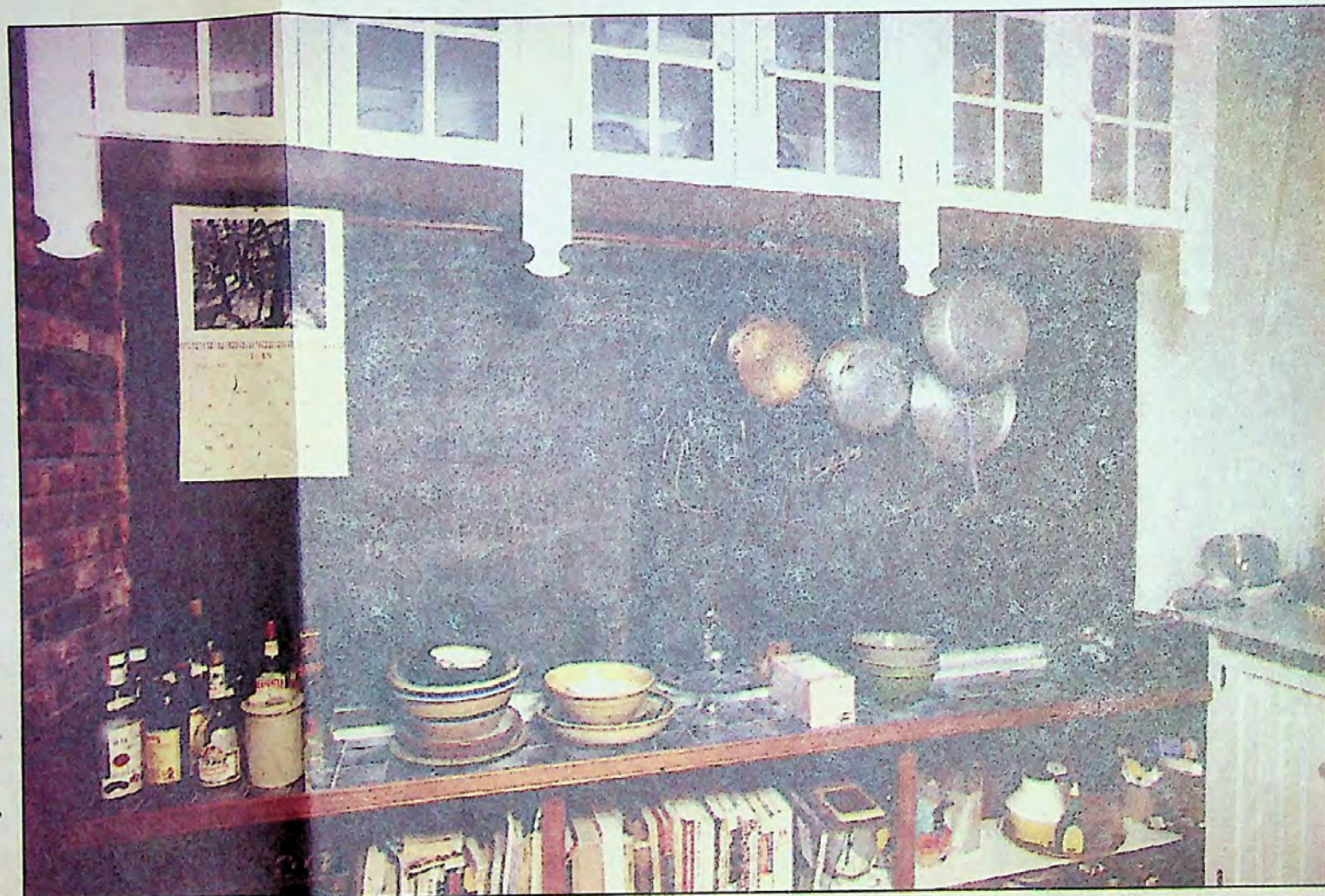
The school was named for the section of town it served. Elliott was a rather busy part of Abington, which is itself a part of Pomfret, according to Tom Pahl, a Pomfret selectman. The building stands on land Ms. Cunningham-Pahl's father owned and was used for nearly 40 years as a bunkhouse for farm hands. When she acquired it in 1972, it had no utilities.

She and her husband agreed not to violate the integrity of the original 1850 schoolhouse when they began converting it to a home for their family.

"That's the business I'm in," he said. "I specialize in exactly what we've done with this house — making old styles of architecture adaptable to new uses."

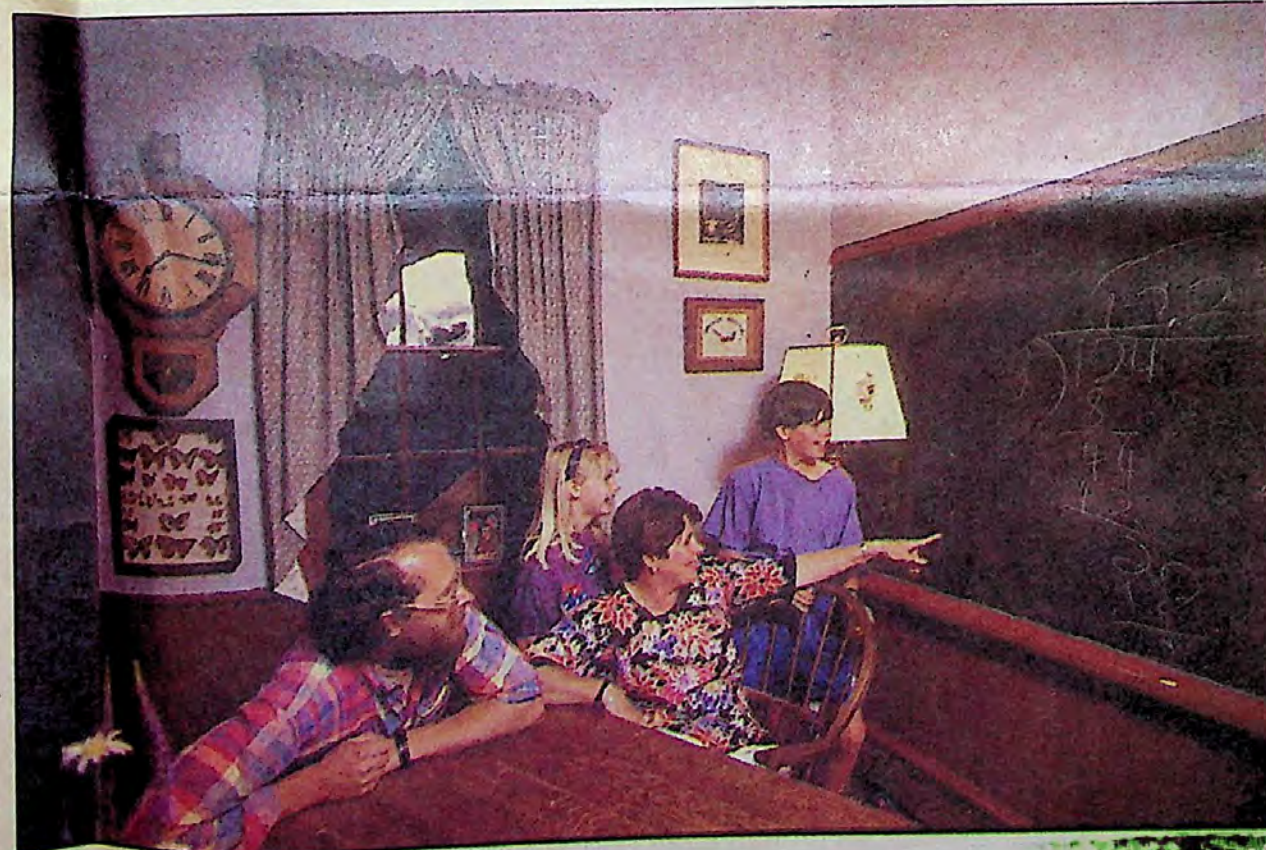
This family's living space has been adapted to history. The 24-by-36-foot schoolroom and en-

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John Shishmanian  
Norwich Bulletin

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## Past

From C1

tryways are intact. The boys' cloakroom contains a dry sink and wood box, while the girls' entryway doubled as a supply closet, with shelves and cupboards as well as coathooks.

"All the boys had to bring a piece of wood with them in winter," Mr. Pahl explained, "to help heat the school."

The school's exterior wall is intact and forms one wall of the family room. One of its windows looks into this room, a second onto the winding wooden staircase.

Except for the square enclosure that accommodates a 180-degree spiral staircase to the master bedroom, the schoolroom is still one big, empty square. The attic became a bedroom and office, and a 20-by-22-foot addition on the building's left side accommodates a living room and the children's upstairs bedrooms.

Mr. Pahl is proudest of the room's solar heating. Floor-to-ceiling windows, etched with great blue herons and cattails, send sunshine across the room — more in winter, less in summer — to a solid concrete wall which retains the heat long after the sun goes down.

Marshall, 12, and Myriah, 9, don't seem to mind one bit the fact that they live in a school. Marshall enjoys pointing out to visitors the long-ago love note scratched into one pane.

"See, see here it says W.W. plus B.C."

His mother quizzed one alumnus whose initials happened to be W.W. about the scratches.

"He was the typical embarrassed schoolboy," she says. "He said, 'No, I didn't do nuthin' like that.'"

Blackboards still cover three walls, with chalk ledges at four separate levels for use by children of varying heights.

"It was K through 8, remember," says Ms. Cunningham-Pahl, who teaches fifth grade at the new school. "And in those days kindergarten didn't mean age five; it was more like three."

The chalkboards are handy today for telephone numbers, messages between family members, artwork and homework.

The potbellied wood stove isn't the original, but it stands in the same place as the one that heated the country school. And an oak school clock continues to tock reassuringly on the wall above the dining room table.

The addition duplicates the building's clean, Greek Revival detail in soffits and molding and a hexagonal sunporch at the rear of the house is another solar collection space.

The Pahl family is unusually good-natured about strangers who stop by unexpectedly to visit the old schoolhouse. But come fall, they may ask each one to bring a piece of wood, whether they come in by the boys' door or the girls' door.





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Former Elliott School  
65 Faye Road



South and west elevations, camera facing northeast (Roll/neg # - 6/20)



BACK Row	MIDDLE Row.	FRONT Row
1. ELIZA BAKER	1. LUCY CHASE	1. ?
2. ?	2. MAMIE WEBSTER	2. ?
3. CONSTANCE ALLEN	3. MABEL CHASE	3. HARRY TWIST
4. ?	4. MILLIE FLAGG ?	4. ?
5. ?	BADGER	5. ?
6. MRS BADGER	6. EMMA GRIGGS	6. ?
7. EURETTA GROSVENOR	7. ?	7. HARRY WEBSTER
8. ADDIE HUTCHINS ?	8. ?	8. DOC HUTCHINS
9. ROBERT WEEKS	9. ?	9. ROBERT GROSVENOR
10. LUCIAN WEEKS	10. ?	10. ?
11. ?	WARREN <sup>(Lived Badger Place)</sup>	11. ?
12. ?		12. ARTHUR GROSVENOR
13. ?	YOUNGS ?	13. ANDREW SHARPE
14. ALFRED GRIGGS		
15. DARWIN HORTON ?		
16. FRED HORTON		

This LOOKS LIKE ELLIOTT School house  
 IN POMFRET, CONN AROUND 1884.  
 EMMA GRIGGS - BORN ~~1877~~ 1877 LOOKS about  
 7-8 years old.





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## **ABINGTON SCHOOL**

**Originally a one room school when built. Turned and another room added circa 1900. Closed when Pomfret Community School opened.**

**It then became a fire house. Note the pole for the siren on east end.**

**It is now privately owned and houses a wire cable business.**

# TROUBLE IN ABINGTON SCHOOL

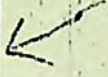
## Teacher Was Not Re-elected and Parents Hire Her For Private School

### Another Teacher Had Been Hired When Citizens Sent In Petition

There is a regrettable incident connected with the opening of schools in the town of Pomfret. In Abington a new teacher was hired to take the place of Mrs. Clara Sharpe, and the citizens, who had petitioned that she be retained, have held a meeting and voted to pay Mrs. Sharpe \$18 a week to teach and have secured a room in the library building. It is said that the school normally is about 45 pupils and that of these about 15 are now attending the private school taught by Mrs. Sharpe.

According to a person close to the school board the trouble grew out of the fact that the supervisor, W. H. Bliss, did not see fit to recommend Mrs. Sharpe. All of the teachers he recommended were elected by the school committee, but Mrs. Sharpe's name was not in the list.

It was early in July that the petition was sent to the supervisor that Mrs. Sharpe be retained, but the supervisor, it is said, had already hired a young man to take Mrs. Sharpe's place. With these facts before them the school committee followed the suggestion of the supervisor, and two weeks ago the young man was elected in place of Mrs. Sharpe, whose name did not appear.



1919-20

W. H. Bliss, 1407  
 In Abington, Aug. 23, by Rev. Joseph W. Ryan,  
 Henry Holbrook of Abington and Miss Abigail  
 Martha of Elliott.  
 In Georgetown, Aug. 26, by Rev. Thomas  
 Crooks, Henry G. Trudeau and  
 Eva M. ...

Marriage



# Veteran Abington Teacher Feted Sunday By School, Church Representatives

June 17, 1945

Sunday evening a large crowd gathered in Music Hall, Abington, to honor Mrs. Minnie Erskine, who after teaching the Grammar room in Abington School for 24 years has decided to retire.

The hall was arranged with card tables set for four and a long speaker's table in front of the platform. Flowers decorated the platform and table.

After most of the guests were assembled, Mrs. Erskine was accompanied to the hall by Mrs. Roger Lapp and escorted to her seat by town master, Carl Sharpe. A large anniversary cake was placed before her.

Refreshments were served by several girls, who had been her former pupils. Mrs. Sherwood E. Bauer, Miss Leola Gellar, Miss Dorothy Squillace, Misses Nellie and Lois Paine and Misses Mary and Lois Paine acted as waitresses. They served coffee, coffee and ice cream, with some for the children. The pianist was Mrs. Abbie Holbrook, Mr. and Mrs. James Duffy and Walter Wilson, Jr. Music was furnished by Vic Howe's orchestra.

At the speaker's table were guests of honor: Rural Supt. and Mrs. John Reilly, Mrs. James Sharpe, chairman of the School Board; Miss Annie Ash, music supervisor; Mrs. Gladys Davis, school nurse; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tracy. Other members of the school board present were James Ayers, Mrs. Ada Gallup, and Mrs. Bertha Green.

Teachers present from other schools in town were Mrs. Hutchinson and Mrs. Murdock, Pratt School; Mrs. Panajes, North; Miss Jennie Shiske, Abington Primary room; Mrs. Willis Covell, who formerly taught several years in the Abington Primary with Mrs. Erskine. Others seated at this table were Mrs. Eva Hillmann, Mr. Sharpe, J. Nelson Platt and Freddie Tillmann, who sang a solo.

The program follows: Song, "God Bless America" all; solo, "Bless Be The Tie That Binds," Mrs. Ada Gal-

lup. Mrs. Erskine was in Abington. They were Eva Botham Hillmann, Charles Stoddard, both of whom were present; Eva Jane Covell Pryor, George Holbrook, Charles Rogers and Harold Griggs.

In his remarks for the Abington Church Mr. Platt pointed out that Mrs. Erskine had also contributed 24 years of service to the church. She had served as organist for nine years; sang in the choir almost all of the years; taught in the Sunday school and helped with children's programs and activities. As a member of the P.T.A., in existence 10 years, she has acted as hostess most of the time and missed very few meetings, if any. Mr. Reilly testified to her very conscientious attitude toward her school work, and a letter received from a former pastor and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hawkes recognized that she had put the stamp of her "Christian Character" on many of the young people of this community.

The program closed with two selections by a trio composed of Mrs. Ada Gallup, Mrs. Blanche Zizka and Miss Jennie Shiske.

The chairman of the committee to arrange the affair was Mrs. Marion Duff. She was assisted by Mrs. Blanche Zizka, president of the P. T. A., who first thought of planning the party. Representatives of all other organizations acted as a committee for arrangements.

## Abington

### Children's Day Program

Sunday morning at Abington Church was Children's Day. Program was prepared by the teachers, headed by Mrs. Willis Covell and the pastor. After a processional Benny Howe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Howe gave the "Welcome". Judith Amidon gave a short invocation and Sharon Hillmann sang the response. The school sang the hymn, "I Think When I Read That Sweet Story Of Old" with the congregation joining

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Mary Jean Gallup presented Mrs. Erskine with a purse, to which contributions had been made by the entire community, many former residents and pupils. The sum was somewhat over \$200, but last-minute donations made the figure difficult to obtain. Mary Jean Gallup is a member of Mrs. Erskine's room at present and is the third generation of her family to have attended the Abington School. A roll call of classes during the entire 24 years revealed that all years except three, 1931, 1934, and 1938 had at least one representative there. Three former pupils was the largest number present from any one class.

In her remarks Mrs. Hillmann stated that there were six pupils who graduated in her class, the first year

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Members of the Beginners Classes, taught by Mrs. Barbara Merritt and Mrs. Ruth Clark gave recitations: "Buttercups," Sandra Green; "This Happy Day," James Adams and Dixie Doran; "Change We're Only Beginners," Alfred Clark, James Rogers, Betsy J. Wilcox, Perne Pitts and Betsy Woodworth.

Mrs. Gallup's class sang a motion song. Children were Paul Zizka, Priscilla Chase, Nancy McCarthy, Sandra Green and Ruby Cheney. Mrs. Tracy's class sang "Tell Me The Story Of Jesus." Four children collected.

Other recitations were by Virginia Baker, "Today;" Sidley Ann Willets; "A Sunbeam Fairy;" Nancy Rogers, "We greet You"; "Crowning Day," Albert Wilcox, Earl Cheney, Charles Wilcox and Joyce McCarthy. The hymn, "Jesus Loves Me," was sung by the school and congregation.

"A Message in Story and Song" was given by Mrs. Covell's class, Mary Ellen Chase, Judith Amidon, Janice Green, Sharon Hillmann, and Joyce Wilcox.

The pastor announced June 27th will be Masonic Day in the church. Masons and Eastern Star members will be guests.

There are about 50 children enrolled in the Sunday School and most of them were in attendance.

Students at Abington School  
Circa 1916 or 17.

Charles Stoddard

Tom Cheney

Elliott

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CAEL Whitehouse

Electra Lefort

Margaret Hess

Harold Griqqs

Stanley Amidon

Jane Haines

Clarence Griqqs

Catherine Holbrook

Elmer Chase

George Botnam

Jacobson ~~Smith~~

Elliott-  
Abington  
P. T. A.

September, 1938  
to  
May, 1939

Topic:  
Recreational Guidance

**ELLIOTT-ABINGTON P. T. A.**

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**OFFICERS**

President.....Mrs. Roger S. Clapp  
V. President.....Mr. James P. Ayers  
Treasurer.....Mrs. Robert Davis  
Secretary.....Mrs. John Smutnick

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**COMMITTEES**

**Program**

Chairman.....Mrs. Eva Cunningham

**Publicity**

Chairman.....Mrs. Willis Covell

**Hospitality**

Chairman.....Mrs. Milton Stone

**Ways and Means**

Chairman.....Mrs. Harold Smith

**General Theme:**  
**RECREATIONAL GUIDANCE**

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- Sept. 19—Abington School 8 P. M.  
Reception for Teachers, Supervisor  
and Board of Education.  
Music.  
Talk on P. T. A. Camp.  
Community Singing.  
Movies of Camp.  
Recreation Period.  
Distribution of Programs.
- Oct. 17—Town Hall 8 P. M.  
4-H Achievement Night.  
Program in charge of 4-H  
Members.
- Nov. 21—Elliott School 8 P. M.  
Education for Tomorrow's America.  
Music.  
Number on Education.  
Recreation Period.  
Community Singing.
- Dec. 19—  
Christmas Party.
- Jan. 16—Abington School 8 P. M.  
Community Singing.  
Moving Pictures.  
Talk- "Prevention of Accidents."  
Recreation Period.  
Music.
- Feb. 20—Elliott School 8 P. M.  
Founder's Day.
- Mar. 20—Abington School 8 P. M.  
Community Singing.  
Movies- "Explanation about their  
value and use in school."  
Recreation Period.  
Music.
- April 17—Town Hall 8 P. M.  
Neighbor's Night.  
Speaker-Topic:  
Juvenile Delinquency.  
The part recreation plays in the  
prevention of Juvenile Delinquency.
- May 15—Elliott School 8 P. M.  
Community Singing.  
Summer Round-up.  
Message from the school nurse.  
Talk over plans for Summer.  
Activities.  
Recreation Period.  
Music.

Standard Fire Insurance Policy of the States of New York,  
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EXPIRES March 24 19 11

PROPERTY First Dist. School House etc.

AM'T \$ 700<sup>00</sup> PREMIUM \$ 10<sup>50</sup><sub>1.00</sub>

ASSURED:

First School District of Abington

No. 2815

# German American Insurance Company New York

CASH CAPITAL, \$1,500,000.

**FRANK O. DAVIS,**  
LIFE, FIRE AND ACCIDENT  
**INSURANCE**  
REAL ESTATE, SURETY BONDS.  
**PUTNAM, CONN.**

It is important that the written portions of all policies covering the same property read exactly alike. If they do not they should be made uniform at once.

# PUBLIC SCHOOLS

TOWN OF

*Pomfret*

School Year 1945 - 1946

## REPORT TO PARENTS

of *Mary Jean Gallup*  
*Abington Primary* School  
*Jennie Shishko* Teacher

### PARENT'S SIGNATURE

I have read this report.

Sept. - Oct.

*Ada S. Gallup*

Nov. - Dec.

*Ada S. Gallup*

Jan. - Feb.

*Ada S. Gallup*

Mar. - Apr.

*Ada S. Gallup*

Please return this card within two days.

The above pupil <sup>has</sup> ~~has not~~ completed the work of the grade.

In September 1946..... She will be enrolled in Grade 5.....



## TO PARENT OR GUARDIAN:

This is a report to you on the progress your child is making in school. It is impossible for marks to give a complete picture of the child's growth in WORK HABITS, GENERAL ATTITUDES, and SUBJECT MATTER ACHIEVEMENT. To complete the picture of his progress, we hope you will visit the schools during school hours and confer with the teacher after school in regard to your child's best welfare. Our schools seek your advice and cooperation.

About half of an average class will get B marks. A denotes real excellence. C shows less than average accomplishment for the grade. D means that the work is of just barely passing quality and quantity, and several D's point strongly to non-promotion. We believe that correct placement in school is more important than promotion every year for children who for any reason are slow in their school progress.

All children progress at different rates. We believe that it is the duty of the school to take each child as he is and to guide his development at whatever rate his various abilities allow.

In all cases of absence or tardiness a statement of the reason is requested from the parent or guardian.

Supervisor of Rural Education

WORK HABITS and ATTITUDES S—Satisfactory U—Unsatisfactory I—Shows Improvement	Sept.-Oct.	Nov.-Dec.	Jan.-Feb.	Mar.-Apr.	May-June	Year
<b>CONTINUOUS EFFORT</b>	S	S	S	S	S	
General Conduct	S	S	S	S	S	
Self-Reliance	S	S	S	S	S	
Courtesy-Politeness	S	S	S	S	S	
Cooperation	S	S	S	S	S	
Respect for Property	S	S	S	S	S	
Health Habits	S	S	S	S	S	
Half days absent	0	2	0	0	0	1945-46
Times tardy	1	0	0	0	0	
<b>SUBJECT MATTER ACHIEVEMENT</b> A—Above Average—Excellent—Commendable B—Average—Good—Satisfactory. C—Below Average—Fair. D—Barely Passing. U—Unfinished for any reason—Unsatisfactory.						
A check mark opposite a rating indicates that the child appears to be capable of doing better work in this subject.						
Reading and Literature	A	A	A	A	A	
Arithmetic	A	A	A	A	A	
Social Studies	A	A	A	A	A	
Language Arts*	B+	A	A	A	A	
Science	A	A	A	A	A	
Music	A	A	A	A	A	
Spelling	B+	B+	A	A	A	
*Includes Grammar, Spelling, Penmanship.						

Grade 4

Health Readers A A A A A  
Weekly Readers A A A A A

## TEACHERS' COMMENTS

Sept. - Oct.

Mary Jean rates A in her language work. With steady conscientiousness of her writing, the combined mark would have rated A. Mary Jean is a capable pupil and a real helper.

Nov. - Dec.

Mary Jean has a very good record in scholarship and cooperation.

Jan. - Feb.

A continued very good record.

Mar. - Apr.

Remarkable growth in learning. I am proud of such a pupil.

May - June



TOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

No. 1173 Pomfret, Connecticut Dec. 14 1934

### Treasurer of the Town of Pomfret

Charge to the Town and pay Conn. L. & P. Co. or order

For Thirteen and 49 Dollars  
Lights at Abington, Landing, Center #2.29 #6.65 #3.64  
and North Grammar #1.00

\$ 13.49  
Gilbert F. Pratt Chairman  
Abbie S. Holbrook Secretary

No. 1210 Pomfret, Connecticut Feb. 2, 1935

### Treasurer of the Town of Pomfret

Charge to the Town and pay Fred C. Colburn or order

For Forty and no Dollars  
Local Transportation 100  
20 days in January

\$ 40.<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>  
Gilbert F. Pratt Chairman  
Abbie S. Holbrook Secretary

No. 1217 Pomfret, Connecticut Feb. 2, 1935

### Treasurer of the Town of Pomfret

Charge to the Town and pay M. A. Edington or order

For Five hundred seventy and 75 Dollars  
N. S. Trans. 21 ds. #456.75 Trade  
School Trans. 21 ds. #84.00 Local Trans. 20  
days #30.00

\$ 570.<sup>75</sup>/<sub>100</sub>  
Gilbert F. Pratt Chairman  
Abbie S. Holbrook Secretary

No. 1174 Pomfret, Connecticut Dec. 15 1934

### Treasurer of the Town of Pomfret

Charge to the Town and pay Joseph H. Elliott or order

For Twenty-seven and 65 Dollars  
Wood & kindlings for Abington 100  
School

\$ 27.<sup>65</sup>/<sub>100</sub>  
Gilbert F. Pratt Chairman  
Abbie S. Holbrook Secretary

TOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

No. 1175 Pomfret, Connecticut Dec. 17 1934

## Treasurer of the Town of Pomfret

Charge to the Town and pay Woodstock Academy or order  
Sixty-three and  $\frac{33}{100}$  DollarsFor Tuition for 2 pupils 1/3 year\$ 63  $\frac{33}{100}$ Gilbert F. Pratt ChairmanAbbie S. Holbrook Secretary

TOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

No. 1142 Pomfret, Connecticut Nov. 27 1934

## Treasurer of the Town of Pomfret

Charge to the Town and pay Conn. L. & P. Co. or order  
Five and  $\frac{44}{100}$  DollarsFor Lights Abington \$1.60 Center \$2.84  
North Grammar \$1.00\$ 5.  $\frac{44}{100}$ Gilbert F. Pratt ChairmanAbbie S. Holbrook Secretary

TOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

No. 1059 Pomfret, Connecticut Sept. 5, 1934

## Treasurer of the Town of Pomfret

Charge to the Town and pay James J. Byrnes or order  
Four Hundred Twenty Eight and  $\frac{63}{100}$  DollarsFor Insurance\$ 428.63Gilbert F. Pratt ChairmanAnn R. Bates Secretary

TOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

No. 1100 Pomfret, Connecticut Sept. 28, 1934

## Treasurer of the Town of Pomfret

Charge to the Town and pay Joseph A. Elliott or order  
Ninety Six and  $\frac{50}{100}$  DollarsFor Fuel\$ 96.50Gilbert F. Pratt ChairmanAnn R. Bates Secretary

Real Estate Appraisal:

For  
Town of Pomfret  
On

ABINGTON SCHOOL PROPERTY  
Routes 44 & 97  
Abington, Conn.

*James N. Platt Associates*

# TEACHERS' CONTRACT

24

Articles of Agreement, made this **1st.** day of **May** 1928/

between **Elsie Bryden**, and the Town School

Committee of the Town of **Pomfret, Conn.**, Witnesseth,

That the said **Elsie Bryden** hereby covenants and agrees to teach in

a school in the Town of **Pomfret, Conn.** to which **she**

may be assigned, beginning **Sept. 8, 1924** for **one** year, or until the certificate hereinafter

mentioned expires or is revoked.

**Elsie  
Bryden**

And the said Town School Committee hereby covenants and agrees to pay to the said

\$ **1100.** in **10** equal monthly payments, beginning **Oct. 1, 1924.**

It is mutually agreed that either party to this agreement may terminate the same at any time upon giving thirty days notice in writing to the other.

**THE CONDITIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT ARE THAT**

1. The said **Elsie Bryden** shall obtain a Connecticut Town or State Certificate before beginning to teach.
2. That this agreement shall terminate and be of no effect from and after the expiration or revocation of the certificate of qualification.
3. That all payments of salary shall cease upon the termination of this agreement.
4. That said Town School Committee shall give a written release to said **Elsie Bryden**, if **she** asks for the same, giving the required thirty days notice.
5. That **Elsie Bryden** undertakes that **she** will faithfully do and perform **her** duty under the employment aforesaid, and will observe and enforce the rules prescribed for the government of the school by the Town School Committee and the Superintendent or Supervising Agent.

6. That the said **Elsie Bryden** agrees to take care of the janitor work for said school in a manner satisfactory to the acting school visitor.

7. That the said **Elsie Bryden** shall obtain creditable rank at summer school. Otherwise \$25. shall be deducted from the amount of this contract.

*Elsie A. Bryden* ..... Seal  
Teacher  
The Town School  
Committee of **Pomfret, Conn.** .....

by *P. J. M. Alister* ..... Seal  
Its attorney in fact



SOUVENIR

Grammar School

GRADES V-VIII

District One, Abington, Conn.



FRANK W. CLAPP, Supervisor

Clara Martin Sharpe, *Teacher*





Ours is the seed-time; God alone  
Beholds the end of what is sown;  
Beyond our vision, weak and dim,  
The harvest time is hid with Him.

Whittier



## PUPILS' NAMES

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- GRADE VIII. Gladys E. Covell  
Hazel C. Geissler  
Margaret Kelley  
George A. Stoddard
- GRADE VII. Clara V. Donaldson  
Marguerite I. Geissler  
Everett Griggs  
Burnys B. Kenyon  
John Kelley
- GRADE VI. Harry A. Chase  
Walter W. Green  
Elizabeth P. Rich
- GRADE V. Carl A. Geissler  
Clarence F. Green  
Clarissa P. Griggs  
William W. Harris



Knowledge cannot be stolen from us. It cannot be bought or sold. We may be poor, and the sheriff may come and sell our furniture, or drive away our cow, or take our pet lamb, and leave us homeless and penniless, but he cannot lay the law's hand upon the jewelry of our minds.

Elihu Burritt



Copy

List of children in the Fifth, or Factory district in the school  
society of Abington, on the first Monday in August 1834. —

Digo } Charlotte Clark  
 Caleb Clark } Mary Ann Clarke  
                   } Caroline Clark  
 J. Bennett } Loretta M. Bennett  
                   } John Bennett  
                   } Abby Ann Bennett  
                   } Jonathan F. Bennett  
 W. S. } William A. Starweather

S. Baker } Erneline Baker  
                   } Davis Baker  
                   } Dianforth Baker  
                   } Hannah Baker  
 J. Clapp } Joseph D. Clapp  
 E. D. } Ann Dreyfus

I hereby certify that I have carefully enumerated all persons between  
 the ages of four to sixteen within the school district of which I am committee  
 and do find that on the first Monday in August 1834, there were residing  
 within said district and belonging thereto the number of fourteen persons  
 between the ages aforesaid. — Ebenezer Dreyfus, School district committee.

On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of Aug. 1834, personally appeared the above named  
 committee, and made oath to the truth of the above return by him  
 subscribed

Before me *Chas. W. Jessens*  
 Justice of the Peace

Abington School  
Class Pictures

GRADES 5-8

1946