

Town of Halfmoon

7

School Tax

Williamson Law Book, Rochester, N.Y.

TOWN TAX ROLL		NAME OF OWNER	MAILING ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION
Page No.	Line No.			Insert in This Column the St. the Abutting Property Owners. N—Brown, S—Smith, E—Jones
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		Buttler, Reginald & wife	452 E. 52 St. N. Y. C. Apt. 152	N. Highway E. S. 100 & 7 W.
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		Beck, Ralph	McVille R. W. 2	N. Hopeck E. 7 S. Brown W.
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		Hopeck, John	McVille R. W. 2	N. Bilinski E. 4 S. Brown W. 1
		Huntington, John C. & wife	McVille R. W. 2	N. Highway E. S. Flood W.
		Kraszewski, Peter	McVille R. W. 2	N. Wiley E. C S. Highway W.
		Kowalski, Kathryn	McVille R. W. 2	N. Highway E. S. Flood W. 7
		Mooney, Edward Est.	70 Helen Roberts, McVille R. W. 2	N. Creek E. S. Tabor W.
		Opitz, Stephen	McVille R. W. 2	N. W. & 7 E. S. Flood W.
		Prink, Elsie.	McVille R. W. 2	N. Creek E. S. Highway W.
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		Staniak, Jynacy	McVille R. W. 2	N. 10 & M E. S. Kraszewski W. 6
		Sweeney, John P.	McVille R. W. 2	N. Creek E. S. Hopeck W. 0
		Sweeney, Francis Corp.	McVille R. W. 2	N. Townline E. S. R. R. W.
		✓ New York State Electric & Gas		N. W. W. S. W.
		✓ New York Telephone Co.	140 West St. New York 7 N. Y.	N. E. S. W.
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Town of Halfmoon for the year 1944

Tax Roll

School District No. 7

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E. Mooney								
W. J. Sweeney	H & L	5a	1300			83		Dec 30
E. Flood								Jan 18
W. Huntington	H & L	1/2a	600			12		Jan 11/49
E. Sweeney								Jan 28-49
W. Flood	Farm	100a	3500			86		Jan 6/49
E. Creek								Jan 30/49
W. Mooney	Farm	9a	1400			03		Jan 28-49
E. Highway								Jan 28-49
W. Taboo	Farm	71a	3000			04		Jan 21 1949
E. Broadgick								Jan 1 1949
W. Highway	Farm	41a	1000			02		Dec 31
E. Flood								Jan 14
W. Creek	Farm	7a	600			01		Jan 27
E. Bilinski								Jan 13
W. Reilly	Farm	75a	2800			05		Jan 23
E. Brown								Jan 6 1949
W. Quinn	Farm	43a	1800			04		
E. Highway								
W. Bilinski	Farm	55a	2600			05		
E. Neale								
W. Flood	H & L	1/2a	1000			02		
E. Ciepiela								
W. Beck	Farm	62a	2400			02		
E. Baker								
W. Huntington	H & L	2a	1100			02		
E. Prind								
W. Brown	Farms	81a	2500			02		
E. P & H								
W. Foley	H & L	4 1/2a	900			02		
E. Resters								
W. Mooney	Farm	30a	1650			02		
E. Reilly								
W. Prind	Farm	57a	2300			04		
E. Foley								
W. Rents	Farm	56a	3250			06		
E. Johnson								
W. Sweeney	Farm	130a	4000			07		
E. Johnson								
W. Bilinski	Farm	36a	1300			03		
E. Sweeney								
W. Flood	Land	3a	100			01		
E.								
W.			4203			08		
E.								
W.			6769			12		
E.								
W.								
E.								
W.								
E.								
W.			2954			06		

Properties assessed within School District No. 7

Year 1948

Date 9/15/48

LeRoy S. Haynes
Samuel J. Clumpson
Harold W. Butler
 Assessors

To the collector of school district no. 7
town of Halfmoon & Stillwater in the
county of Wm. State of New York

central and village superintendencies.
board of education alike.)

You are hereby commanded:

- 1 To collect taxes in total sum of \$ 715.13 in the same manner that collectors are authorized to collect town and county taxes.
- 2 To give notices in accordance with section 3518 and 3520 of the Education Law.
- 3 To receive from each of the taxable corporations and natural persons on the attached tax roll the sums listed or so much thereof as is voluntarily paid to you within 30 days from date of this warrant, together with one cent on each dollar thereof.
- 4 To collect after the expiration of 30 days the residue of the sums not paid, together with the fees prescribed in sections 2130 and 3519 of the Education Law.
- 5 To return this warrant within 60 days and if any taxes in this list shall be unpaid at that time you shall deliver to us an account thereof according to law.

This warrant is issued by authority of article 15 of the Education Law, and has the same force and effect as a warrant and tax list issued by the board of supervisors. It is effective immediately after it is properly signed by the trustee or a majority of trustees.

Given under my hand this 3 day of Oct, 1949

[Signed] Elsie Prime Trustee
 _____ Trustee
 _____ Trustee
 _____ Trustee
 _____ Trustee

Renewal of Warrant

First Renewal _____, 19____ for _____ days

[Signed] _____ Trustee
Mary _____ Trustee
 _____ Trustee
 _____ Trustee
 _____ Trustee

Second Renewal _____, 19____ for _____ days

[Signed] _____ Trustee
 _____ Trustee
 _____ Trustee
 _____ Trustee
 _____ Trustee

Noted and approved _____
Town Supervisor

Budget
 1 at annual meeting
 ..., 1949 and on file in clerk's records.

..... \$ 710.62
 al. 715

 ace. 1425.62

..... \$ 30
 720
 24

 400

 \$ 1174

 251.62
 ace 1725.62

S TO COLLECTOR

in that it is properly signed and dated
 tees.
 and original tax list to the trustee at
 ant expires 60 days from date signed
 tor has secured the indorsement of the
 n.
 from the county treasurer's office and
 of the uncollected portion of the tax list.
 aim with the original warrant to the
 lavit witnessed by a notary public or
 ter diligent efforts you are unable to
 Law, section 3526).

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626		Buttler, Reginald & wife	452 to 52nd St. N.Y. City Apt. 15 H.	S. Highway	E. W.
627		Brown, Millard	McVille R. D 2	N. Flood Creek	E. W.
628		Beck, Ralph	McVille R. D 2	N. Hopeck	E. W.
629		Foley, Thomas est.	McVille R. D 2	S. Brown	E. W.
630		Flood, Abram	McVille R. D 2	N. Reilly	E. W.
631		Gicewicz, Joseph	McVille R. D 2	S. Flood Creek	E. W.
632		Hopeck, John	McVille R. D 2	N. Hopeck	E. W.
633		Huntington, John & wife	McVille R. D 2	S. Sweeney	E. W.
634		Kraszewski, Peter	McVille R. D 2	N. Soluski	E. W.
635		Kowalski, Kathryn	McVille R. D 2	S. Bilinski	E. W.
636		Mooney Edward, est.	90 Vincent Roberts. McVille R. D. 2	N. Brown	E. W.
637		Opitz, Stephen	McVille, R. D 2	S. Highway	E. W.
638		Prine, Elsie	McVille R. D 2	N. Flood	E. W.
639		Rivers, John	McVille R. D 2	S. Stanak	E. W.
640		Reilly, Howard	McVille R. D 2	N. Highway	E. W.
641		Stanak, Jynacy	McVille R. D 2	S. Highway	E. W.
642		Sweeney, John P.	McVille R. D 2	N. Flood Creek	E. W.
643		Sweeney, Francis	McVille R. D 2	S. Johnson	E. W.
644		New York State Electric & Gas Corp.		N. B & M RR	E. W.
645		New York Telephone Co.		S. Kraszewski	E. W.
				N. Creek	E. W.
				S. Hopeck	E. W.
				N. Town line	E. W.
				S. R.R.	E. W.
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W. Heccey		H x L						
E. Flood			600	142	240	03		
W. Huntington		H x L						
E. Sweeney			3500	830	14	14		Oct 13
W. Flood		Farm						
E. Creek			1400	332	560	66		
W. Mooney		Farm						
E. Highway			3000	712	12	12		Nov 9
W. Tabas		Farm						
E. Brodgers			1000	237	4	04		Nov 7
W. Highway		Farm						
E. Flood			600	142	240	03		Oct 13
W. Creek								
E. Belinski			2800	617	1120	12		
W. Reilly		Farm						
E. Brown			1800	427	720	08		
W. Quinn		Farm						
E. Highway			2600	617	1040	11		Oct 13
W. Belinski		Farm						
E. Kowalski			1000	237	4	04		Nov 8
W. Flood		H x L						
E. Cepela			2400	569	960	10		Nov 7
W. Beck		Farm						
E. Baker			1100	261	440	65		Nov 8
W. Huntington		H x L						
E. Prine			2500	593	10	10		Oct 13
W. Brown		Farm						
E. 104 N. R. R.			900	213	360	04		
W. Foley		H x L						
E. Trinius			1650	391	660	07		
W. Mooney		Farm						
E. Reilly			2300	542	920	10		
W. Prine		Farm						
E. Foley			3250	771	13	13		Oct 29
W. Reneo		Farm						
E. Johnson			4000	947	16	16		Oct 13
W. Belinski		Farm						
E. Johnson			1300	308	520	06		Oct 29
W. Belinski		Farm						
E. Sweeney			100	24	40	01		
W. Flood		Land						
E. _____								
W. _____			7203	1709	2881	29		Nov 7
E. _____			6269	507	2508	26		Nov 1
W. _____			5247	12469				

All Properties assessed within School District No. 7

for the year 1949

Date 9/24/49

Le Roy & Kayser
Elinor L. Brown } Assessors
Samuel D. Clumpson

(Copy)

May 9, 1950

HALFMOON SCHOOL DISTRICT #7

Letter

May 9, 1950

Mr. Winans,

Am sending you the budget. Am late I know but have been very busy and knew you don't have a school here to work on yet and so had another thing to get straight.

We had a meeting and voted to sell the school house as I got a letter from the state lawyer in Albany and he said we could by your approval to the sale and recommendation to the Commissioner.

We had all votes for selling it and what do I have to do to have a certified copy of resolution authorizing the sale? Does it have to be sworn to by some officer?

We voted to have what money is left over at the end of the year to be divided among the taxpayers. You told me we could do that.

Hoping to hear from you soon.

(Signed) Mrs. Prime

(Copy)

HALFMOON SCHOOL DISTRICT #7

5-11-1950

May 11, 1950

Mrs. Elsie Prime,
R.2, Mechanicville, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Prime:

I have received yours of the 9th.

Did you call a special meeting, stating in the call of the meeting that a vote would be taken on selling the school property? If so, were copies of the notice of the meeting left at the homes of all persons qualified to vote, at least six days prior to the date of the meeting?

In case the meeting was legally called, you should have the district clerk furnish a certified copy of the resolution. Same should be sworn to by the clerk, ie the statement of the clerk should be to the effect that the resolution quoted in the statement or certificate is a true copy of the resolution as same appears in the minutes of the meeting.

Sincerely yours,

R. O. Winans

Note written in ink on original - Bldg. & land revert-4.
There is a reversion clause in the deed. Also, HM#7-
May 1950 - Resale of bldg.

Heu 7

(Copy of)

Notice of Special District Meeting

Former Common School District No. 7, Towns of Halfmoon-
Stillwater

Notice is hereby given that a special district meeting of the inhabitants of former School District No. 7 Towns of Halfmoon-Stillwater, qualified to vote at school meetings in said former school district, will be held at the schoolhouse in said former district on the 14th day of November, 1950, at 7:30 o'clock p.m., to vote upon the following question:-

Shall the trustees of Central School District No. 2, Towns of Clifton Park, Halfmoon, Malta, Waterford, Ballston and Stillwater, Saratoga County, N.Y., be authorized to sell and convey, or otherwise dispose of, the school building and/or grounds of the former Common School District No. 7, Towns of Halfmoon-Stillwater ?

Dated, ~~November~~
October 30, 1950.

Done pursuant to order of the Board of Education, Central School District No. 2, Towns of Clifton Park et. al

Original signed by Ethyl Ruhe, Clerk,
Board of Education, Central School District
No. 2, Clifton Park et. al.

Handwritten notes:
Done at
Nov 7
1950
at
Clifton
Park
N.Y.

Clifton Park

Howard Riley
Ossie Riley
~~Mr. James Riley~~
Frank Sweeney,
John Hopok,
Peter Kraszewski
Mrs. Alice Paul,
Alma Riley
Charles, Coe
Joseph Geccevicz,
Mrs. Huntington, 450

to be organized by Mr. Whipple,
Miss Grimes. Nominating a Committee
of three, to represent the district.

Meeting called to order
7:45 P.M. by P.W. Morse.

Mrs. Elsie A. Prime was
acclaimed chairman
of the meeting:

Mr. Howard H. Reilly
was nominated for clerk
seconded by Mr. John Hopok.
passed.

Mr. Howard Reilly read
the notice of the call of
meeting.

Mrs. Reilly asked moved
that the resolution in the
notice of meeting be
adopted. Mr. Joseph
Gicewicz seconded.

Mrs. Prime appointed
Mr. Whipple and Mr.
Gicewicz as tellers.

Discussion followed.

Note by ballot.

The District.

Mr. Howard Keibly

Mr. Ernest Whipple

Mrs. Elsie A. Prime,

were selected. This committee will represent the district ~~schools~~ in the event the school is abandoned by the Central School District.

Howard Keibly
Chair of the Meeting

STATE OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT AND CONTROL
(DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS)
ALBANY

REPORT OF EXAMINATION

OF THE

ACCOUNTS AND FISCAL AFFAIRS

OF

COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT #7

TOWN OF HALFMOON COUNTY OF SARATOGA

SUPERVISORY DISTRICT #3

(Centralized with Central School District #2, Town of Clifton Park as of
June 30, 1950)

Period Examined: July 1, 1949 through June 30, 1950.

James J. Doyle, Examiner

Approved: Stephen W. Shanley
Associate Examiner of
Municipal Affairs of District #5

Copy of Page 1:

Principal Officers Who Served During the Period Examined

OFFICE

Trustee	Helen V. Roberts (b)
Clerk	Kathryn Foley
Collector- Treasurer	John Foley (a)

(a) Resigned on September 27, 1949; succeeded by John A. Hopeck on
September 27, 1949.

(b) Resigned on September 27, 1949; succeeded by Elsie Prince on
September 27, 1949.

Copy of Page 2:

Undertakings

The required undertakings were found to have been properly executed
and filed.

Assessed Valuations and Tax Rates

The valuations placed upon the taxable property of the school district
for the year examined and the tax rates were as follows:

<u>Name of Town</u>	<u>Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>Tax Rate Per M.</u>
Halfmoon	\$ 168,616.00	\$ 4.00

Stillwater	\$ 10,240.00	\$ 4.00
Total:	<u>\$ 178,856.00</u>	

Date of Warrant to Collector October 3, 1939*

Date of Return of Unpaid Taxes to County Treasurer November 30, 1949

*Section 3501 of the Education Law requires the warrant to be annexed to the tax list within thirty days after September first.

Verification and Collection of Taxes

The taxes spread upon the tax list were verified by applying the tax rates to several individual assessments.

Taxes extended on tax list	\$ 715.43
Tax collected	709.83
Taxes uncollected	5.60
Uncollected taxes returned to county treasurer	<u>\$ 5.60</u>

Copy of Page 3:

Indebtedness

The records presented for examination indicated that there were no short term loans or bonded indebtedness.

Receipts and Disbursements

All moneys determined to have been received were properly recorded and accounted for and all disbursements were made in accordance with statutory requirements.

General Comments

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Copy of Page 4:

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Tax on Property	709.83
Returned Taxes from County Treasurer	5.60
Receipts from all Other Sources	<u>34.00</u>
Total Receipts and Balance	<u>\$ 1,446.05</u>

PAYMENTS

General Control	\$ 36.76
Instructional Service	691.00
Operation of School Plant	29.00
Auxiliary Agencies	265.00

Total Current Expenses	\$	1,021.76
Paid to Central School District		<u>424.29*</u>
Total Payments	\$	<u>1,446.05</u>
Audited Figures	\$	<u>1,446.05</u>

*Paid to Central School District #2, Town of Clifton Park on June 30, 1950.

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RECONCILIATION - AUDIT AND BANK BALANCES

Balance - To be Accounted for June 30, 1950	\$	<u>.00</u>
Balance - Financial Records	\$	<u>.00</u>
Bank Balance as of June 30, 1950:		

Name of Bank

State Bank of Albany Mechanicville, N.Y.	\$	442.25(a)
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Less - Outstanding Checks:

<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Date of Cancellation</u>	<u>Amount</u>
23	7-3-50	\$ 17.96
24	8-17-50	404.29
25	8-17-50	<u>20.00</u>

Total Outstanding Checks	\$	<u>442.25</u>
Net Bank Balance	\$	<u>.00</u>

(a) Verified from certificate of depository.

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(Signed) James J. Doyle

Sworn to before me
this 22nd day of June, 1951

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(Signed) James J. Doyle

Sworn to before me
this 22nd day of June, 1951

Mabel T. Chapman(Signed), Notary Public of State of New York

HALFMOON DISTRICT #7

Following copies from the Schenectady Gazette Newspaper, dated 11-30-1979

Railroad Proposes Alternate Road-

HALFMOON RESIDENTS, OFFICIALS PROTEST PLAN TO CLOSE CROSSING

By Hal Sheehan, Gazette Reporter

MECHANICVILLE -- Residents and officials raised objections yesterday to a proposal by the Delaware and Hudson and Boston and Maine railroads to eliminate a jointly owned grade crossing at Ushers Road, known as the Walsh crossing in the Town of Halfmoon, within the Mechanicville Branch and yards.

Residents of Ushers and Carey roads affected by the proposal and officials of the town offered objections at a public hearing at Halfmoon Town Hall yesterday. Input from the residents, who nearly filled the hearing room, was entirely anti-railroad.

Examination of rail witness staff engineer by Department of Transportation legal staff elicited the information that the railroads propose an alternate roadway in eliminating one crossing, upgrading the Coons grade crossing with federal funds carrying the financial load.

Further questioning established the possibility that the railroads would bear only 5 percent of a possible \$300,000 cost estimate, or about \$15,000. This brought a comment from DOT legal staff: "Do you think you can afford it?"

Administrative Law Judge Daniel Davey conducted the hearing, with attorney George Klienberger representing the railroads.

Through his witness, Klienberger established that the railroads propose upgrading the Coons Road crossing, adding short gates to the flashers. They also plan to build an alternate road north of the present tracks connected to Carey Road via the Coons Crossing and running parallel to Ushers Road. The railroads presented traffic count figures which were questioned by Town Attorney William Keniry, who along with legal representative for some of the property owners, objected throughout the hearing to procedures for introducing evidence or exhibits.

The railroads' proposal tends to eliminate one crossing, cut the amount of highway traffic going over the Coons Crossing by sending it over the new road where there would be no crossings east or west. Those coming off Carey Road would cross Coons Crossing, make a sharp left on the new road in order to go down Ushers Road.

Residents offered objections, citing a bad turn, difficulties in getting fire equipment quickly to the scene, snow plowing, and road blockage by school buses which would be unable to make the turn and stay back outside of the crossing gate restrictions because of their length.

Many residents complained of the lack of knowledge that there was a proposal to eliminate the crossing and close that end of Ushers Road. Most said they had seen no legal notices. Schenectady School District Bus Transportation personnel said they had not been notified and were unaware of any alternatives.

Supervisor John Dudeck said everybody was apparently confused and that the railroads should have gone to the people and explained the proposals. He said there had been a gathering trackside on May 16 when the railroads had indicated what they were going to do but that someone was to tell the people about the proposal. He said there should have been an explanation because the residents have been left with the impression that the road would be deadend.

Traffic figure counts in both directions in six possible patterns were based on a 12-hour period, one day. Keniry objected that they did not reflect a 24-hour period. Railroad statements noted elimination of a crossing would eliminate a safety hazard. One resident, noting the proposed new roadway, said icy conditions on the grade approach at the Coons Crossing were bad in winter. He said he had pulled motorists off the tracks with his tractor and added that there were sharp, bad turns.

Davey noted that if the railroads were given permission to eliminate the crossing, they could not barricade Ushers Road until the new alternate roadway was constructed. Cost to the taxpayers in Halfmoon as well as maintenance was questioned.

It appeared from the map sketched on a blackboard that residents of Ushers Road going east or west toward Mechanicville down Route 67 would have no crossings under the railroad plan by using the new road section. Those coming off Carey road would cross the Coons Crossing, dip down to the new road, take a sharp left on to the new road.

School buses coming down Ushers Road and going down Carey Road would use the new road, make a sharp right at the foot of the grade leading to the Coons Crossing gates and wait for clearance before proceeding down Carey Road.

Halfmoon School District #7

Newspaper Clipping:

JUDGE TURNS DOWN BID TO CLOSE RAIL CROSSING

Mechanicville-- A joint proposal by the Delaware and Hudson and Boston & Maine railroads to eliminate a jointly owned grade crossing at Coons Crossing, Town of Halfmoon, within the Mechanicville branch and yards, was denied by Administrative Law Judge Daniel Davey in a report to William Keniry, town attorney, who represented the town at a Nov. 30, 1979 hearing.

Judge Davey denied the request based on evidence submitted at the hearing and ruled that the railroads' alternatives to the problems were unworkable and inadequate.

Considerable citizen objection was voiced at the Nov. 30 hearing by residents of Ushers and Carey Roads who were affected by the proposal. There were also objections from town officials.

The railroads proposed closing the crossing, sending highway traffic over a new alternate road where there would be no crossings east or west. The railroads also proposed using mostly federal funds. They said they would be eliminating a safety hazard.

Residents offered objections to the closing of the crossing and to the alternate road, citing bad turns, icy conditions, school bus problems, difficulties with fire equipment and snow plowing.



6/25/69

100-Year-Old Schoolhouse Burns

was saved from destruction early this morning by quick action of the Ripley Fire Department and the arrival of a helicopter. The schoolhouse, which was built in 1869, was destroyed by fire. Four pieces of apparatus to the scene. Two pumpers, a tanker and the rescue truck were at the blaze until 7

The old wood schoolhouse, located near the Figue Farm, about 15 feet from main highway Route 97, was owned by Mrs. Alice Fland and has been used for the past 11 years as a clubhouse for the Mountain Riding Club. Hillcrest Fire Official said they were called to the fire by a Don H. Reed official after the fire had been spotted by a member of a train crew. At the time it was completely boarded up and firemen were at a

loss to explain the cause of the fire, which started in one of the second-floor rooms in the building according to the chief. Firemen had to break down the boarded-up door in order to get inside. Reports indicate that there was no other entry, as firemen suspected that intruders may have been using the building. The sofa and one wall of the fire and the building suffered schoolhouse were damaged by considerable water damage.

Heavy smoke was pouring from under the eaves and through the roof when Hillcrest units arrived on the scene. Firemen recovered the trophies, plaques and other riding club items from the building during the blaze.

As one fireman put it, it looked like the trophy building was going to explode when the fire started. The firemen made great work of the blaze and completed it in one week.

Book of Deeds # 74 Page 371 Apl.1,1856
Abner Coons and Elizabeth, his Wife, parties of the 1st part --to--
Wilbur Squires party of the 2nd part

Book of Deeds 120, Page 411 June 16, 1866
Minerva Squires, widow; Sarah Squires and Mary Ann Squires, children of
Wilbur Squires, parties of the first part --to--
Peter Tailor, Trustee of Stillwater joint School District No. Seven
---1st. part do bargain, sell, remise and quit claim unto the said party
of the second part and to his successor or successors in office only
and for the sole purpose of building a schoolhouse thereon and other
buildings or fixtures necessary for school purposes and keeping and
maintaining the same or to rebuild any or all the same as it may
become necessary from time to time for public school purposes All that
certain piece or lot of land being a piece off or out of the farm of
Wilbur Squire deceased situate in the said town of Halfmoon aforesaid
described as follows---

To have and to hold the said piece of land to the said party of
the second part and to his successor or successors in office only
so long as the same shall be kept and occupied for public schoolhouse
and not to be occupied as a dwelling house or any other purpose.

Book 341 page 580 Mar.1,1927

Harriet S. Squires, Ella M. Squires and Tallman Squires, parties of
the first part. --to--

Abraham L. Floud and Alice M. Floud his wife, parties of the second
part--- Also all the right, title and interest of the parties of
the first part of, in and to all that tract or parcel of land
conveyed to the Trustee of School District No. 7 Towns of Halfmoon
and Stillwater by Minerva Squires and others for school purposes only
by deed dated June 15, 1866, recorded in Saratoga County Clerk's office
June 23, 1871, in Book 120 of Deeds at page 411.

This conveyance is made subject to the rights of said school
District No. 7 Towns of Halfmoon and Stillwater in and to the property
conveyed by said deed.

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**REPORT ON MINORS 14 YEARS AND OVER EXCUSED FOR
EMERGENCY PLANTING OR HARVESTING WORK**

City or Village

County Sup'v'y Dist.

Town School Dist.

GRADES
1-8 9-12

Number of minors released.....

Aggregate whole days of absence.....

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Principal or Head Teacher

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Address

This copy to be filed with your superintendent.

T1172-Ag42-5000(20973)*

This form to be used by principal or head teacher to report summary
of registers for his school.
No claim may be made in excess of 15 whole days for any individual
pupil in any three-month period.
No claim will be advanced for *half days* of absence, since the half days
of attendance of the pupils will have been claimed in the usual manner.

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See instructions on reverse.

Coons Crossing
School -

Closed early 1900's

Students in Usher
went to

Mechanicville

or
Round Lake

or

Burnt Hills

Connie Foley

664-9686

39 Ushers Rd Mc