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the Halfmoon and Clifton Park districts it was decided to go a little further and include some early school records. No folklore material was discovered but enough routine records to make the story a little more interesting.

No effort was made to study the proportion system of financing which apparently was in effect before 1828 in which the county matched the district in raising monies for running expenses.

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Much of this information was obtained from three early school record books of Halfmoon and Clifton Park.

Book #1 - Halfmoon district #6 started in 1814 and in 1829 combined with Clifton Park school district #13

Book #2 - First records of the Clifton Park school districts started in 1829 to 1856

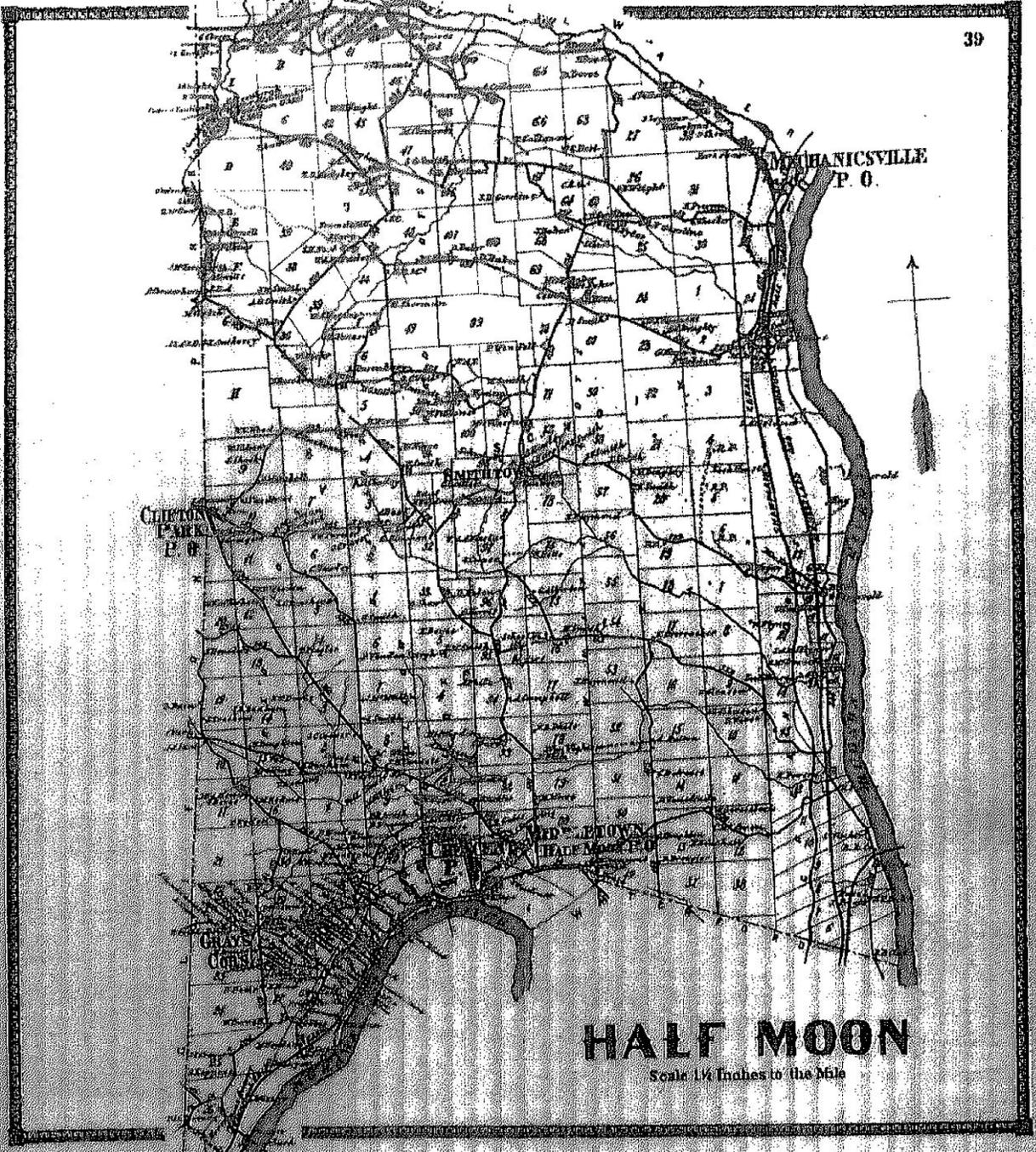
Book #3 - Second Clifton Park record book including money proportioning 1856-1913

Other sources were early documents, maps, and former superintendents Rodney O. Winans and Charles Frier also Mrs. E. M. Pearson who loaned the books and had started a collection of photographs of early schools.

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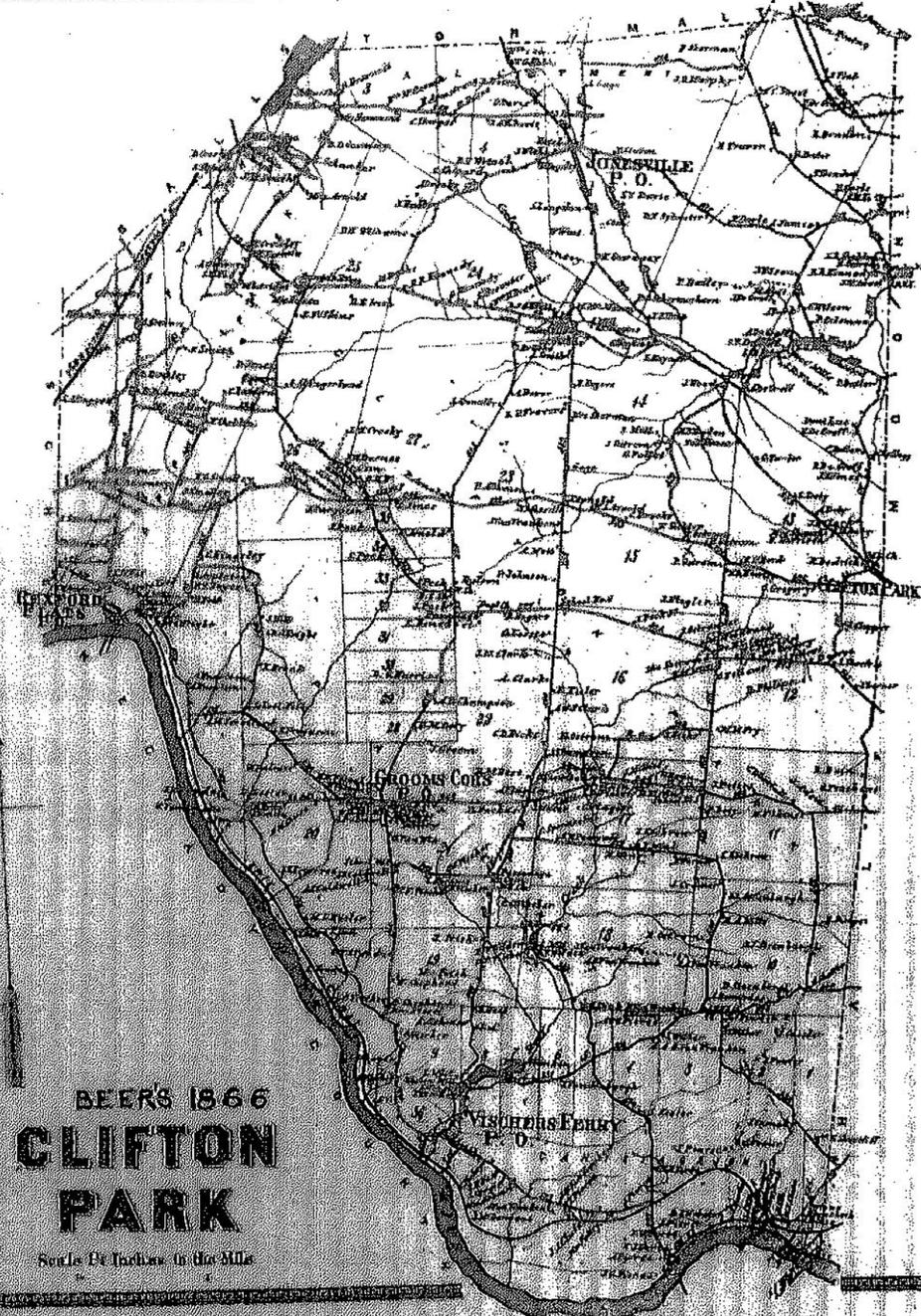
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HALF MOON

Scale 1/4 Inches to the Mile



BEERS 1866
**CLIFTON
 PARK**

Scale By Indian 6 to the Mile

The early school records of Clifton Park and earlier Halfmoon have been fairly well preserved because record books were required by law and accurate records of the monies spent and school attendance of each district were recorded in what seemed to be a standard size leather bound book. Each district's records had to be inspected by the area superintendent each year. These books discovered generally in private homes are now collected and will no doubt be kept in the future in the school library or local historical museum.

As I read these record books I thought of schooling before 1800. We rarely ever read anything about those times and I decided to go back briefly to the colonial records for more information.

FORMER SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF THE TOWNS OF
HALF MOON & CLIFTON PARK

Before 1828 the town of Half Moon included the present area of Clifton. No records of the districts before 1828 have been located. When Clifton Park was formed some of the school districts overlapped requiring only one school to serve the two areas thus, for instance, Half Moon #6 became part of Clifton Park #13. Later C. P. #8 combined with Ballston Lake. C. P. #15 took in some Half Moon students. Also when Clutee Dry Dock School #4 C. P. because of the Barge Canal, was eliminated in 1910 #15 became #4. Clifton Park District #12, in C. P. village, it seems, has always included

the fire department is then about 1917 it was moved to the old Baptist Church building on Cemetery Road. Half Moon District #10 was located near Mechanicville and later taken in to the village district.

Half Moon School Districts

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| Number 1 | Middletown or Half Moon |
| " 2 | Newtown |
| " 3 | Half Moon Beach Road, near Crescent Road |
| " 4 | McArans, Carey Road area |
| " 5 | West Crescent |
| " 6 | Discontinued in 1829 Pre #13 C. P. |
| " 7 | Coons Crossing |
| " 8 | Top of Pruynes' Hill |
| " 9 | Guideboard (Grooms Rd/Route 9) |
| " 10 | Missing |
| " 11 | Crescent, Church Hill |

Clifton Park School Districts

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| Number 1 | Rexford Flats |
| " 2 | Grooms Corners |
| " 3 | Vischer Ferry |
| " 4 | Clutes Dry Dock |
| " 5 | Moe School (Grooms/Moe Rds) |
| " 6 | Town Sheds |