

at Rexford. Later this was discontinued because of the danger involved in crossing over Alexander's Bridge at Rexford.

The following is a record of the several school districts as districted by the Commissioner of Common Schools for the Town of Clifton at a meeting held at the house of James Groom on Tuesday, 29th April 1828.

Rexford Flat's District No. 1. Beginning at the house of Henry Haner and running West to the Westline of the town of Clifton. Thence South along said line to the Mohawk River, thence Easterly along said river to the Locks on the Erie Canal known by the name of Cady Locks. Thence Northeasterly to Adam I. G. VanVranken's, thence North to Ephriam Knowlton's. From thence West-Northwest as the road now runs by Amos Brown's to the corner West of Stephen VanDenberg's, including the inhabitants living on both sides of this road, within this district and from thence Northerly to the place of beginning. To this district was added by agreement of the Commissioners of Common Schools of Nyskayuna and Orange dated at Nyskayuna 28th October 1817 that part of the town of Nyskayuna called Alexander's Bridge bounded as follows. Beginning at the East boundary of the lands belonging to Albert Veeder and running South on a straight line until it strikes the first ward of the City of Schenectady at the house of John Yates, thence along said line to the Mohawk River, thence down said river to the place of beginning.

the Erie Canal at the Mohawk River and running East along said river to the East end of John Philo's lock on the Erie Canal, thence East-Southeast to house now occupied by Jerimiah Peck, thence Southeast to the house of Widow Neple, thence North to William Shepherd's, thence East to Smiten Irish, thence East to Francis Vischer's. From thence to Jacobus VanVranken's, thence North to Moss VanVranken's, thence Northwest to the house of Anthony H. Bradt, thence Northwest to James McCortie's and thence to Richard Smith's, thence West to Henry Palmer's, and from thence to the place of beginning.

Vischer's No. 3. Beginning at the East end of John Philo's Locks on the Erie Canal on the Mohawk River and turning Easterly along said river to Evert VanVranken's, thence to widow Mary Burn's. Thence to Janett R. VanVranken's thence Northwest to Abraham Best's, thence Southwest to Joseph Spere's and from thence to the place of beginning.

Fort's (Dry Dock) No. 4. Beginning at the East line of Garret G. VanVranken's farm on the Mohawk River and running East along river to Jacob Volweider's. Thence East-Northeast to the town line. From thence North so as to include all West of the town line to Richard Steven's and John Levin's thence West to John Hagerman's thence South to Adam VanVranken's and from thence to place of beginning.

and thence North along the road leading from Forts Ferry to Ballston Spa at the intersection of the said road with the Waterford Road at the corner of George Melion's thence East along said road to Francis Furgerson's from the corner opposite the school house East to the town line and from the corner opposite Michael Fry's West along the road leading to Clark's Mills from thence South to Collins Flagler's thence to Grander's Rouse and from thence Southeast to Richard VanVranken's farm and from thence to place of beginning.

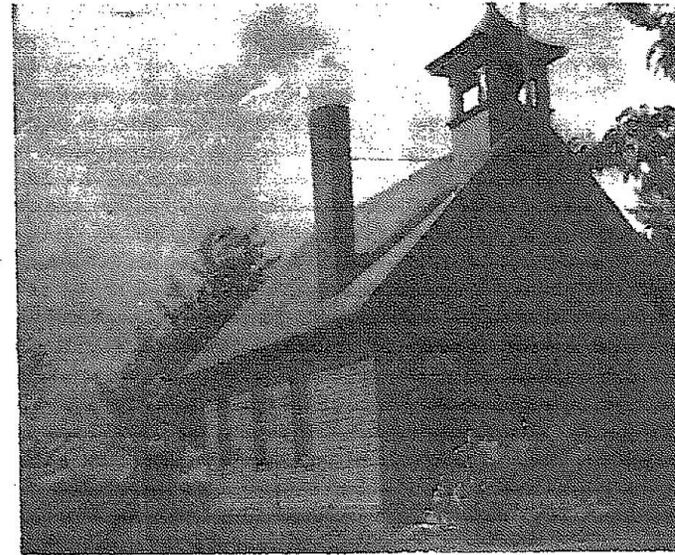
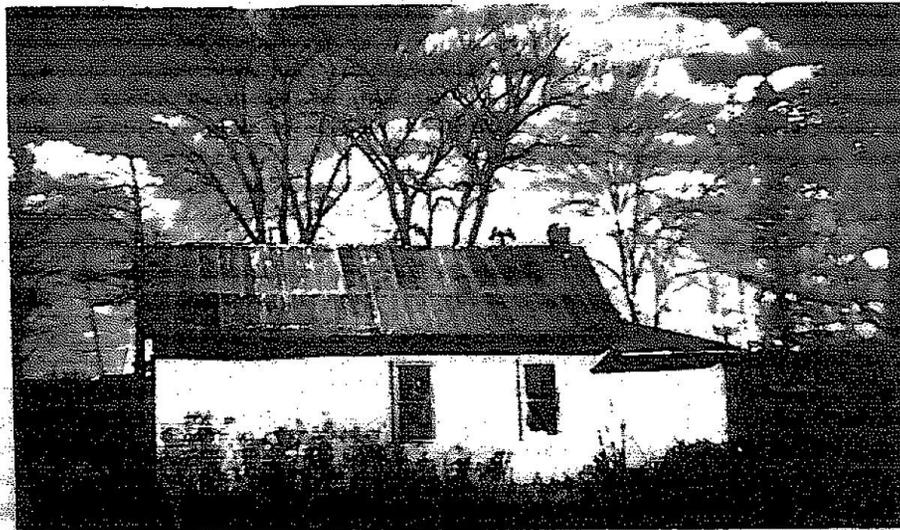
Johnson's No. 6. Beginning at the Baptist Meeting house in Clifton and running Northeast to the four corners North of Garret VanVranken's, thence Easterly to the house of Paul Ostrom including the farms on both sides of the road, thence South to the farm of John P. Higgins, thence West to the four corners South of Peter Johnson's, thence South the Sylvenus Birch's, thence Northwest to the house of Widow Smith, thence North to John Munsen's and from thence to the place of beginning.

Garnsey's No. 7. Beginning at the corner South of Abijah Peck's and running Northwest to Solomon C. Peck's, thence North-Northwest to Nathan Garnsey thence North to David Gainsen's and from thence to Daniel Hollister's thence to Crosbeys. Thence East to Samuel Swetland's and thence East including the inhabitants on both sides of the roads, to the corner at David Hahn's and thence Southwest to the place of beginning.



CLIFTON PARK SCHOOL # 9
JONESVILLE

CLIFTON PARK SCHOOL # 11
KINN'S RD(SKUNK HOLLOW)



CLIFTON PARK SCHOOL
ELNORA

CLIFTON PARK SCHOOL
CLIFTON PARK VI



and running West to the Northwest part of the town, thence South along the west line of the town to Samuel Peterson's. Thence East to Morris Sheldon's and from thence to Elisha Rexford's from thence to Widow Quivey's. From thence to Robert Kennedy's and from thence to the North line of the town. From thence to the Northwest corner of the town and from thence to the place of beginning.

Jonesville No. 9. Beginning at the house of Luke Smith and running North to the town line, including the house formerly occupied by Jesper Birtch. From thence Easterly so as to include Roger King's, thence Southerly to Joseph Wait's South line thence to the place of beginning.

John Hubb's No. 10. Beginning at the house of Garnsey Kennedy and running South to James Jones' farm now occupied by John Conelin, thence South to John Hain's on the farm owned by Hegaman Speres, thence East to Ethan Allen's. Then thence to William Palmerton's. Thence to Platt Roger's, thence Northwest to Benjamin Gildersleeves. Thence North along the Ballston Road to Joseph Wait's, south line, and from thence North Northwest to the place of beginning.

Chadsey's No. 11. Beginning Chauncey Vail's and running North-easterly to James Shearman's thence Easterly to the town line North of Rhymers Dunn's, thence North along said line to the corner of the road at Gates' Sawmill and thence along the road leading from

East line of School District No. 9, thence Southerly to the Winslow Rachel Wait's and from thence to the place of beginning.

Clifton Park Village No. 12. Beginning at the house of Manley Amsden now occupied by Peter Wooden and running Southeast to John Rosekranz'. From thence Southeast to Jacob Mellius and from thence to John Westfall's. Thence East to the town line, East of Joseph Reed's, thence North along said town line to Rhymers Dunn, thence Southwest to the house of Shuble Paylver and from thence Southwest to the place of beginning.

Clow's 1828 No. 13. Beginning at the corners of the roads at Gates Sawmill and running North along East line of the town to the North line of the same, thence along the North line of the town to the East boundary of District No. 9, thence South along said line to North line of District No. 11, thence Easterly along said line to place of beginning.

Cole's No. 14. Annulled in 1848, (Goose Pasture Rd.)
(Appleton Road) Beginning at Henry W. Snyder's and running Southeast along the road to its intersection with the road South of Joshua Brown's including the inhabitants and property lying adjoining said road on either side, thence East along the road to Henry Palmer's including the estate of Ephrain Knowlton deceased, and the home farm of said Palmer, thence Southwest to Silas Keeler's thence South to the Southeast corner of Widow Fonda's land on the

west corner of lands Alexander R. Knowlton, then Northerly to the place of beginning.

Wilbur's 1832 No. 15. Beginning at the Northwest corner of the premises of John Steenberg and running South along the division line between the towns of Clifton Park and Halfmoon to the premises of John I. Craver, thence Westerly along the North line of the first tier of river lots which extend one mile Northerly from the Mohawk River to the premise of Adam VanVranken (in District #3), thence Northerly to the premises of William Shepherd occupied by Peter Andress, thence East including the premises of Adam T. Moses, Adam R. and Andrew VanVranken and Rufus Ostrum, Hamilton Bishop and James Steenburgh to the place of the beginning.

Cragier's 1856 Vischer Ferry South No. 16. Beginning at the Mohawk River and running North along the West line of land of Christopher C. Hegeman to the highway, thence North along the West line of the parsonage to the North line of said lot, thence East along the North lines of land owned and occupied by Andrew VanVranken, Harmen VanVranken, William L. Potter, John McDermot, Lawrence Fellows, Adam VanVranken, John W. VanVranken, John Pearse and John Clute, thence South along the east line of the land of the said John Clute to the Mohawk River, thence West along the same to the place of beginning. Annulled in 1867.

of districts are considered as belonging to the Districts in which
the house on said farm shall stand.

After examining the above we allow the same to be recorded,
given under our hands at Clifton this 29th day of April 1828.

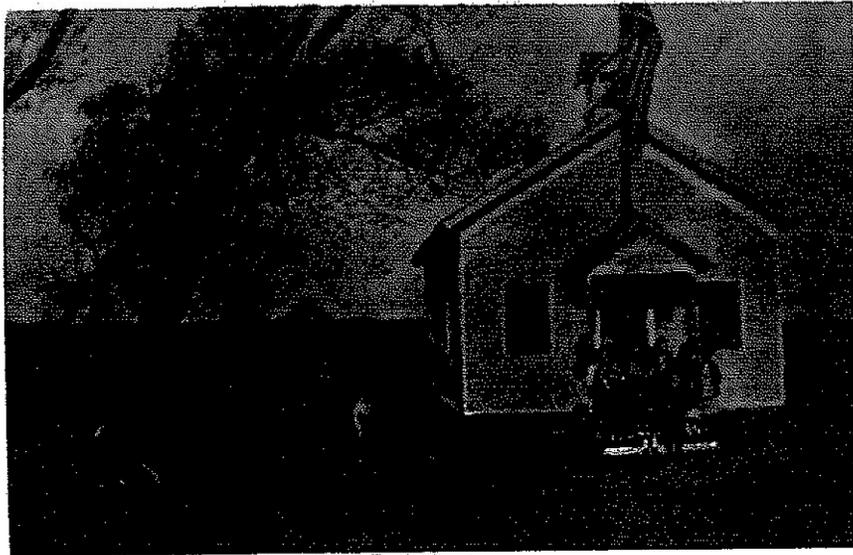
Signed Seth W. Higgins

Solomon C. Peck

Cornelius Faling

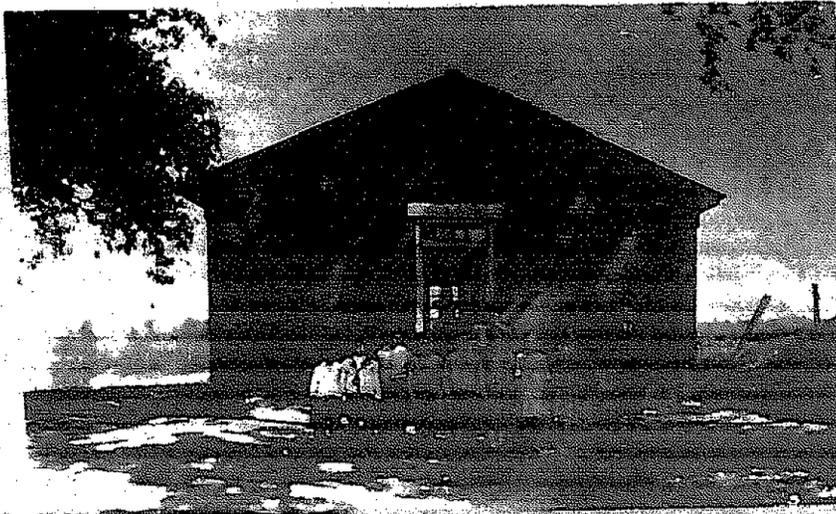
Commissioners of Common Schools

for the Town of Clifton



CLIFTON PARK SCHOOL # 13
USHER ROAD, EAST OF RT. 9

CLIFTON PARK SCHOOL # 15
MOE/CRESCENT RDS (WILBURS)



MISSING

CLIFTON PARK SCHOOL
GOOSE PASTURE ROAD

CLIFTON PARK SCHOOL
VISCHER FERRY, SOUTH

MISSING SINCE 18

In a meeting held on June 8, 1830 in the case of Harmanus Vedder and others of District #1 formed from Niskayuna and Clifton Park it is represented that there are seven families living on the south side of the Mohawk River and that Alexander's Bridge is in a situation to render it dangerous for these children to cross to the school house on said division and therefore application is made to detach said inhabitants from District #1 and attach them to District #2 in the first ward of Schenectady.

One will note in reference to the school district's limits along the canal that apparently each lock was locally named after the attendant such as Cady's lock which appears to be at Rexford. Next east is John Philo's lock which it would seem was later to be known as Fonda's Basin. Here there is a cave entrance now mostly caved in.

In 1828 when the Clifton Park school districts were started there were only 13 districts. Later this number grew to 16 as the population spread out. District #14 was created in 1830, from portions of #1 and #2. The school was located, as shown on Beers map of 1866, on the present Appleton Road several hundred feet from the present Grooms Road. The road was known by the natives for many years as the Goose Pasture Road.

The next new district #15 was formed in 1832 from districts 2 (Grooms Corners) and 5 (Moe School) of the Clifton Park town

and Crescent Road.

The next new school #16 was located about 1/2 mile south of the Vischer Ferry School (#13). In 1856 the decision was made to take part of district #3 and part of district #4 (Clute's Dry Dock) to create a new district including part of the village of Vischer Ferry. Cragier sold a small lot on the south side of Riverview Road just west of his garden and it became known as the VanVranken or Cragier School.

Alteration of School Districts 3 and 4 to District #16.
Meeting held February 1856 at the house of John W. VanVranken, Town of Clifton Park. Resolved: That a new district be formed to consist of the east part of district #3 and the west part of district #4 which said district shall be called #16 and bounded as follows: Beginning at the Mohawk River and running north along the west line of land of the lands of Christopher C. Hegerman to the highway. Thence north along the west line of the parsonage lot to the north line of said lot, thence east along the north line of the lands owned and occupied by Andrew VanVranken, Harman VanVranken, John McDermont, Lawrence Fellows, Adam VanVranken, John W. VanVranken and John Pearse and John Clute. Thence south along the east line of the land of said John Clute to the Mohawk River, thence west along the Mohawk River to the place of the beginning to be called district #16.

district #16 for \$75.00. (Book #78, page 49. County Clerk's office). "Beginning at a stone set in the ground some fifteen or twenty rods west of the garden of Cragier and along the highway, between Forts and Vischers Ferry and running a south westerly direction at a right angle from said highway to another stone set in the ground. Thence a northwesterly direction and parallel with said highway to another stone set in the ground. Thence a northeasterly direction to another stone set in the ground at said highway thence southeasterly along said highway to the place of the beginning and bounded on the north by said highway and on the east, south and west by lands of the party of the first part. Containing one fourth of an acre of land".

Most of the Clifton Park schools were already in existence in 1828 when the town was separated from Halfmoon. One wonders how school #4 got located at Clute's Dry Dock but one must realize that the river front from the dry dock to Vischer Ferry was occupied by farmers for over a hundred years before the school districts (1812) were formed. Perhaps some children crossed the river to attend school in Niskayuna.

Nothing is known about the school situation in old Canastagione on the north side of the river - along the river front before the Vischer Ferry village was started. There is no doubt that there was some sort of school because as early as 1765 there were fourteen

south side. According to the records in the common school reports for Clifton Park in 1848, school district #3 Vischer Ferry had 68 children and in 1852, four years later, the number had increased to 104. In district #4, Clute's Dry Dock, for the same period the number increased from 38 to 57, furnishing a reason for creating a new district #16 in 1856 on the edge of the village. It included the present Douglas Smith property. Those listed as taxable inhabitants in district 16 were:

John Clute

John McDermont

John J. Clute

Eliza VanVranken

Armanais Cronk

Leonard Peters

John Pearse

Benjamin F. Chadsey

John W. VanVranken

Andrew VanVranken

Adam VanVranken

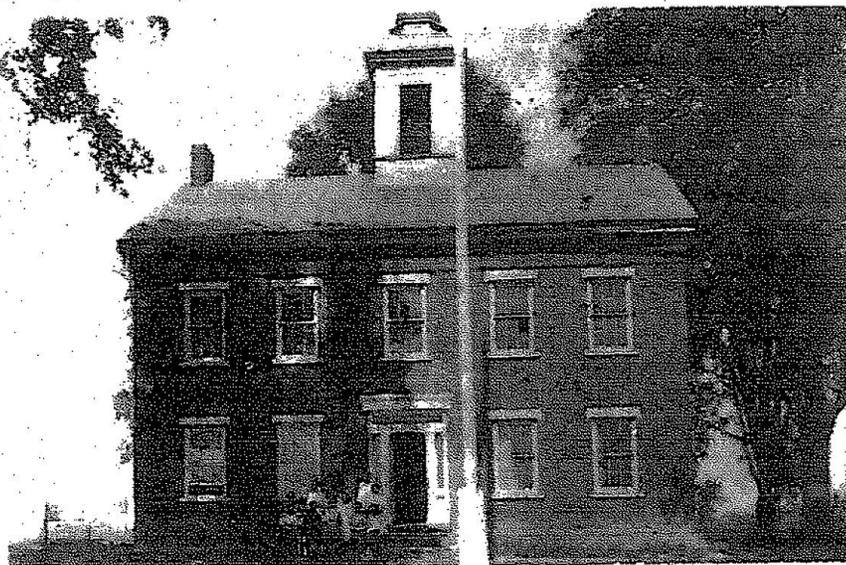
Maria Hegeman

Lewis Fellows

Joseph G. Cronkrite

Sebastian Cragier

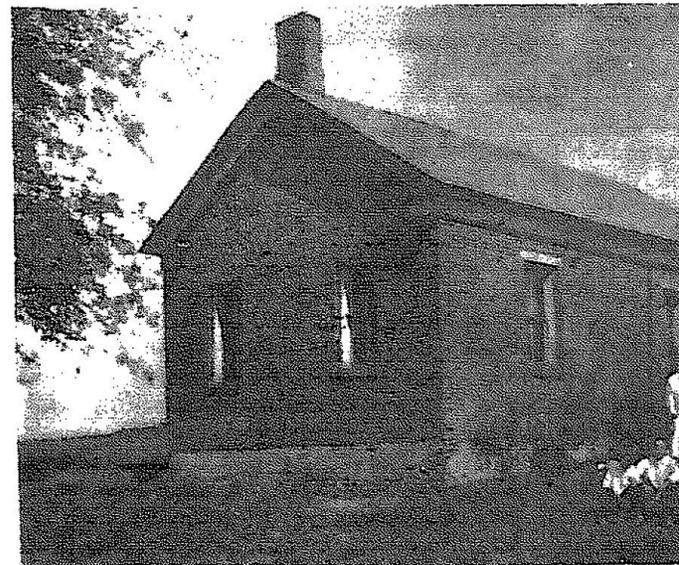
Mrs. Harman VanVranken



HALF MOON SCHOOL DISTRICT # 1
MIDDLETOWN

HALF MOON SCHOOL DISTRICT # 3
KANES, HALF MOON BEACH RD.

MISSING



HALF MOON SCHOOL DIST
NEWTOWN

HALF MOON SCHOOL DIST
McARANS, CARY R



in 1861 follows:

Paid H. Cronkrite on last winter wages	4.97
2 cords wood @ 4.00 per cord	8.00
12 cents for dipper	.12
Blank books	1.50
Sarah Hegeman for teaching	31.01
Sawing 2 cords wood	2.00
One broom	.25
Cleaning school house	1.75
N. VanVranken	<u>27.54</u>
TOTAL	77.14

In record book of Adam VanVranken Jr., merchant, 1830 to
the School District #3 - Vischer Ferry

November 20 - five lights of glass
six pence/light and putty .37½

Nine shillings paid to Cornelius Hegeman for
stove wood for the school house and six pence to
Sevey Bat for carrying and piling it 1-183/4

One load of stone and half bushel of lime
and two days work for repairing school house 1-75

Seven shillings to Hegeman for wood -87½

Six cents to Cornelius Hegeman for his work -6