

consider that the land was not surveyed before 1765. After the survey, the land had to be divided up into lots to the patentees. Then they in turn divided them up in to farms or plantations. Then came the unsettled condition and the Revolutionary War so there was not much, if any, settlements being made. It is highly probable that schools were started after 1780 or later. Thus, a school built at that time perhaps of logs and setting on the ground would not last much more then 30-40 years, then repairs and a new building perhaps of brick.

EXCERPTS:

"I, Henry Clow, Clerk of School District # Six of Saratoga do solemnly and sincerely promise and swear that I will faithfully and honestly keep all the records and writing and papers by virtue of my said office as clerk of school district no. six which I shall from time to time be committed unto me and in all things to the best of my knowledge and understanding will and faithfully perform the duties of my said office as clerk of said district without favor or partiality"

Henry Clow

12 August 1816
John Darby Justice

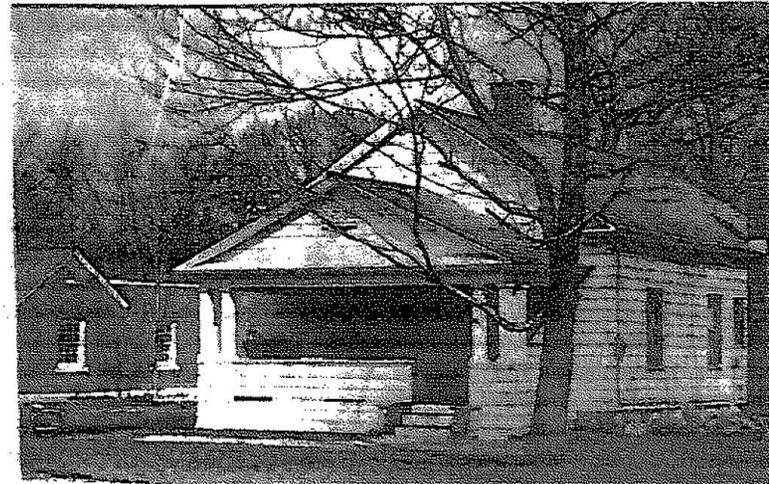
A meeting of the freeholders and taxable inhabitants of school district no. six Usher, in the town of Halfmoon, agreeable to voting from the commissioners of said town at the school house in said district John Darby was chosen chairman and Henry Clow clerk Dec. 21, 1815



ORIGINAL CLIFTON PARK SCHOOL #1
MOVED FROM SITE OF PRESENT FIRE
STATION TO R.V.ROAD-TOWARDS ALPLAUS

REXFORD

ORIGINAL JONESVILLE SCHOOL # 9 LOCATED
ON NORTH SIDE OF M.E.CHURCH



be the trustees for said district.

Resolved that Wm. Prime be collector for said district.

Resolved that the teacher shall notify an employer three days before he wants wood and if such employer neglects or refuses he shall pay the trustees for his part of the wood at such a price as they can or may procure it.

Resolve that each employer find wood according to the number of scholars he may send.

Resolved that twenty five dollars be raised to repair said schoolhouse.

Resolved that thirty five dollars be raised to be paid to Dodge Sweet.

Resolved that this meeting stand adjourned one year from this date at said schoolhouse.

At a special meeting held Feb. 6, 1816, it was agreed to raise a sum of money to pay for repairs to the schoolhouse and a sum to pay for the necessary repairs still to be made provided a title can be provided for the land where said house stands.

Resolve that we agree that James Conklin be exonerated from paying any of this tax. (Conklin owned the land)

On the 17th day of February 1816, Conklin gave the necessary deed to the school board.

furnish one load of wood for each scholar, he may send the ensuing winter and more if wanted in the same proportion.

Sept. 20, 1819 - hired Manley Amsden to teach the school for six months for eighty dollars.

March 10, 1820 the trustees met and settled with Manley Amsden and paid him thirty dollars and twenty five cents being the amount of public money for 1819 the remaining \$40.75 made into a bill on the employers and made agreement for Amsden to teach another quarter for \$40.00.

In 1816 the school board referred to the town of Halfmoon.

In 1817 the board referred to the town as Halfmoon formerly and now Orange.

In 1824 they were back calling the town Halfmoon.

Number of scholars in the year 1822 between the age of five and fifteen years is 123 - Halfmoon school district #6. In 1828 number of scholars was 87.

In 1828 William Seymore began teaching school at \$10.00 per month.

The last meeting of district #6 Ushers in Halfmoon was held October 18, 1828 at which time they adjourned until October 25, when they met together with new district 13 in the same school which was now in the town of Clifton Park.

In 1849 a resolution was passed that the schoolhouse should be kept for the use of school purposes and no other.

" " \$10 " " " privy
" " \$5 " " " repairs

The school in district 13 Ushers, Clifton Park, apparently continued to be in use as shown in the minute book, up to 1916 when apparently they ran out of pages and started a new book.

In 1913 Ira Anthony, Clerk, in his special meeting report mentions:

"Resolved that the trustees not being in said district there is no one to care for the school property the school building is being entered evenings by hoodlums through windows or other means, as cigar stubs, ashes, and condition of desks indicate."

Nowhere in the minute book mentions a new schoolhouse so apparently the old original one was the only one used making it well over one hundred years old.

Recently a very nice picture of Clifton Park school house #8, which was on Ashdown Road, was located along with the clerks record book running from 1816 to 1914, apparently not the first record book. The first entry: "Trustees agreed with Edward Kelly at ten schilling (\$1.25) per scholar per quarter and he board with the employers. Said trustees circulated a subscription and obtained twenty scholars signed" "Kelly commenced school May 30, 1816 and concluded the same 30th August 1816".

and number taught perhaps eighty.

In 1828 (when Clifton Park was formed) school district #9, town of Halfmoon, was changed to school district #8, town of Clifton. The book contains very little of historical value, mostly routine annual minutes of their meetings and abruptly ends in May 1914. There, or about, the district was discontinued and the students transferred to the Ballston Lake district. Mr. Kelly continued to teach there for a number of years.

Skunk Hollow - Pig Street

Mr. R. O. Winans, past District Supt., tells about these two nicknames. One seems to be where the railroad tracks along a low area, Kinns' Road, School District #11, where a train would occasionally run over or excite a skunk thus when the train arrived at a station it could be identified as coming thru 'Skunk Hollow'.

Pig Street refered to the east end of Ushers' Road, School District #13, where folks raised pigs and paid their doctors bills with pork.