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Following is a list of one- and two-room schoolhouses in Binghamton Township with a brief blurb about each. Do you have anything you would like to add? Use additional sheets if necessary and be sure to sign your entries. Bring them to the schoolhouse reunion on September 25th. Thanks.

Turkey Lane - School #2

Southernmost of the schools, a short distance from the Pennsylvania state line on Hawleyton Road. Has been converted to a private residence. It was a one-room school, Grades 1 through 8 were taught by one teacher. A large wood stove in the middle of the room furnished heat in the winter. The older boys were paid to come in early to do janitorial work and carry in the wood.

Your comments:

Hawleyton - School #4

Located at the bottom of Milks Road where the town garage is now located. It was a two-room schoolhouse with one side covering grades 1 through 4, and grades 5 through 8 in the other. One teacher in each room. It was relocated about two tenths of a mile south of a mile north by the creek when a new bridge was put in by Smales', and later returned to its original position. It has been abandoned on Hawleyton Road on the Cadden property.

Your Comments :

Pierce Creek - School :

There were 3 country schools on or near Pierce Creek Road in the town of Conklin. One school, between the Hamilton residence and the church, is on the right going toward the city. It is now a home.. In 1846 there was a school on the corner of Stevens Road and Pierce Creek Road which burned down, as did the one on Hand Road.

Your Comments:

Park Terrace - School #

This school was renovated to become the present Town Hall. Before the school was built, there had been a one-room school about at the junction of Peckham Road and Park Avenue, which was called Woodvale.

Your comments:

Grove - School #3.

Situated on the corner of Pennsylvania Turnpike and Tannery, now Maxian Road, this one-room school, had grades 1 through 8 taught by one teacher. Drinking water was carried in a bucket from the Coon residence further down Pennsylvania Road. All drank from a dipper placed in the bucket.

Your Comments:

Ingraham Hill - School #6 in Binghamton Township, originally School #17,

Vestal.

Located on Ingraham Hill Road with grades 1 through 8, this one-room school had no inside plumbing at first, like all the other country schools. Still stands, abandoned.

Your Comments:

QUIZ

1. Do you remember the Hawleyton Mudcats Band? _____
2. How many young men played in the band? _____
3. What were their names? _____
4. What "instruments" did they play? _____
5. Who was their leader? _____
6. We have one of these instruments in the museum. Do you know which one?

UPCOMING SUBJECTS TO BE FEATURED IN FUTURE ISSUES

- Early History of Hawleyton
- Early Industries
- Early Settlers
- Farming
- Other Topics -- (your suggestions are welcomed)