

East side of the road leading to Pompton  
Plain, about a quarter of a mile North of the

present railroad station. It was a frame building and was erected about 1890, and continued to be used there for several years, and then was removed to Paeale Valley about one mile South of Bearcreek corner. The reason for removing it there was because a majority of the inhabitants resided in that part of the district. It continued to be used there only a few years and was then sold, and another was erected in a more central spot near the site of the present building. This second building erected in 1833, served the district until 1872 when it

was removed to make room for the present school house, which is a neat edifice of the modern style, having a cupola and a bell, and furnished with the improved kind of desks and seats.

At Fun Brook the first house erected for school purposes of which we have any account, was a log building and stood about half a mile north of the present school house, on the road leading toward Boston. This was probably erected about 1750. The next a frame building was erected about 1785, and stood about one-quarter of a mile easterly of the present school

house. This second building was used for a number of years, until an effort was made by the people of this district, a portion of whom reside on the Hanover Township side, which ultimately proved successful in having a new school house erected in Hanover Township near the present residence of Caleb W. Edwards. This location was not central, and after a trial of a few years proved a failure for the want of support. A majority of the people desiring a building more centrally located, and of a size suited to accommodate the neighborhood

for holding religious meetings on Sundays, the building erected in Hanover Township was abandoned, and another of larger size was built on the north-west corner of the roads nearly opposite the present school building. This was erected about the year 1816, and continued to serve the district until 1852, when the present school house was erected; which has sufficient room, and comfortable and improved internal arrangements. David Young, who for so many years made the calculations for the Farmers' Almanac, and who signed his name "David Young, Philom," taught school in this district

about 1920 or a little prior to that time. How was naturally gifted with great mathematical ability, and a love for the study of Astronomy, but was rather eccentric and not very popular as a teacher. For many years he lived in this vicinity at Hanover Neck, and was relied on by the people in this district to examine teachers applying for their school.

An incident in this man's life will serve to illustrate what observation in many other cases has taught, that great and accurate learning, and ability to teach, are not always allied. Ex-

ra Fairchild, who, in 1820, had established a select school at Mendham, was induced by the great fame of Mr. Young as a natural mathematician, to engage him as a special teacher in that branch of study. Mr. Young, although perfect master of the subject in all its branches, was not successful as a teacher, because of his want of ability to impart his knowledge to his pupils.

In Lower Montville neighborhood we are able to trace the location of six different school buildings within about one hundred years past. The first a log building, was probably erected

prior to 1760, and stood on the west slope of Horse Neck mountain, nearly opposite the present residence of Azariah Crane. An ontogenarian, Mr. Lovi Stiles, says he has a distinct recollection of hearing his father tell that he went to school in this building to a teacher by the name of Marline, who was a man of learning and ability, and who occasionally preached; but that at times he would tittle, and that he used to say to the people, "you must do as I say and not as I do." Mr. Stiles says his father was old enough to enlist, and did enlist in

the war of the Revolution before its close; and hence we infer that in his youthful days when he attended this school taught by Marinus, it was about 1767 or 1768, and that the teacher was the first minister who officiated at the Pompton Plains church, and whose ministerial relation to that church was dissolved shortly 1769 on account of his intemperate habits, and that he then resorted to teaching in order to obtain a livelihood.

The next school building was also a log house and stood about half a mile south of the present school house, on the road leading to Pine

The third school house, which was also of logs, with its broad, open fire place, and clay and stick chimney, stood about 176 feet south of the present residence of Mr. Levi Hilles, and it was at this place, under a teacher named Rimondasco, that Mr. Hilles says he learned his letters. This school house must have been in use from about 1790 to 1808.

on a lot of ground leased for the term of fourteen years, from Dr. George Wurts. This house stood on the road leading to Pine Brook, about a quarter of a mile south of the present school house. This served the district until the expiration of the ground lease, when it was sold, which was about 1824. For a few years after this the district was without a school house and without a school.

The first teacher employed in the first frame school house in this district was Patrick Caffrey, who continued to teach till in 1812. Mr. Caffrey says he went to school to this District

Mr. Silles relates an incident, which goes to show the natural hatred of the Irish race for the English government. One day Caffrey came from his school to Mrs. Silles, where he was then boarding, and taking the newspaper which had just been brought in, began to read. In a few minutes he broke out very excitedly with the exclamation, "Oh Glorious news! glorious news!" and then he turned to Mrs. Silles and said, "I have just read in the paper that the King of England has been killed."

ons news!" and continued thus exclaiming until Mrs. Stiles asked him: "if he was crazy?" "No! no!" said he, "I am not crazy; but America has declared war against England, and that is really glorious news, and I am going to help the Americans fight the British," and he did at once leave his school, and enlisted in the service of the United States. About 1838 a lot of ground was obtained on the road leading across the Horse Neck mountain, and on it a school house was erected which served the district until 1872, when it was removed to make room for the present building, which is

The first building used for school purposes at Waughaw was of stone and stood at the corner of the roads a few hundred yards northward from the Whitehall Methodist Church. The second building was erected about the year 1830, at a point about one mile north-westerly from the first, and continued to serve the district until 1873, when the present building, neat and convenient in its arrangements, was erected, and on a spot more central in the district.

At Jacksonville there have been two school buildings on the same locality; the first erected about 1825 and the second about the year 1834.

At Stony Brook, so far as we have been able to ascertain, there have been within the past ninety years three school houses. The first was built of logs about 1785, and about one and one-half miles south of the present school house; the second was also a log building and stood near the site of the present house, and was erected about 1815, and the third a frame building was put up about the year 1834. During

the past year this house has been thoroughly repaired, and rendered almost as good as new; the old style of seats still remain in it, only temporarily, however, as we understand the intention is in a short time to supply their place with something better.

At Pompton there have been two school houses. The first an old stone house devoted to the purpose, which was in use from the commencement of this district until 1853, when the present frame building was erected.

At Upper Bloomsdale the first school house was of about the same date.

was erected about the year 1830, which served this district until 1873, when a new house of larger size, more modern style and better arrangements, both internally and externally was erected.

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Professor (looking at his watch): 'As we have a few minutes, I should like to have any one ask questions, if so disposed.' Student: 'What time is it, please?'











