

Schools – Town of Enfield, Tompkins County, New York

Enfield Town Historian, Sue Thompson, historian@townofenfield.org – 273-5672. The schools listed all appear on the 1866 map¹ unless noted otherwise. Reference sources for information in this article can be found in the Enfield Town Historian's Collection.

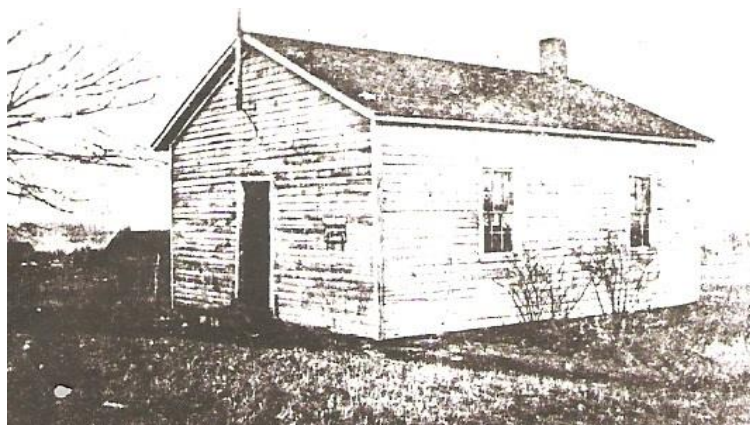
Following is list of School Districts were in existence at some point in time within the Town of Enfield.



District 1 Tubbs School

DISTRICT #1 - (TUBBS) located on the northeast corner of Aiken and Podunk Roads. It appears at this corner on the 1866 map. Annexed to District #1 Town of Ulysses July 13, 1945. Teacher: Miss Hovencamp.

¹ Topographical Atlas of Tompkins County New York. Stone & Stewart, Publishers. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. 1866



District 2 Rolfe School

DISTRICT #2 - (Rolfe) located on the east side of VanDorn Road north of State Route 79. The school closed on July 1, 1956² with the consolidation of schools into the Ithaca City School District. It was moved to South VanDorn Road sometime around 1960 and is part of a private home. Teachers: Mrs. Susie Allen, Mrs. Fred Caswell, Mrs. Cook, Louise King Curry, Miss Elliott, Carlton Fowler, Nina Linton, Warena Stone Ramsey, Genevieve Hamilton Stone, Mary Freese Ward, Bud White, Rena White.

DISTRICT #3 - (Ulysses-Enfield): This district probably would have included property in the northeast corner of the town. Need more information!

District 4 Millers Corners School

DISTRICT #4 - (Millers) located on the west side of Halseyville Road just north of State Route 79. Annexed to District #6 on January 12, 1916. This annexation was appealed and ordered void on October 9, 1917. The school closed on July 1, 1956 with the consolidation of schools into the Ithaca City School District.

Teachers: Marie Earl, Helena Schaber, Blanche Tucker, Belle Peck Wallenbeck.



² Letter of Establishment of the Enlarged City School District of the City of Ithaca. University of the State of New York, Education Department. James E. Allen, Jr., Commissioner of Education of the State of New York. May 26, 1956. Includes The Common School Districts of Enfield: Nos. 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 14.

DISTRICT #5 - (Stone School House) located east side of Applegate Road south of State Route 79. Annexed to District #6 on July 12, 1916. The remains of this school house were used in road construction according to the memory of some long-time residents. Teacher: Maude Newman.

Stone School House – Nellie Rumsey Myer, Grace Norton, Charles Voorhis, Joe Wallenbeck, George Arnold, Alice Norton, Maude Newman (Teacher)



Enfield Center School

DISTRICT #6 (Enfield Center)ⁱ located on Enfield Center Road west (#8) of Route 327 across from the Methodist Church. A two room school house. This school property was sold to School District #3 Trustees - William A. Merchant, John G. Wortman and

Samuel D. Purdy on January 10, 1867 by William and Harriett Barber.ⁱⁱ The property was described as a part of Lot No. 60 in the Town of Enfield, Village Lot Number 2 of Enfield Center. The school closed on July 1, 1956 with the consolidation of schools into the Ithaca City School District. The school and property was sold to the highest bidder at a public auction of the Board of Education of ICSD on December 8, 1958, labeled as the same school as District #3 now District #6.

This school house is currently used as a privately owned home.

Teachers were hired during some years covering different times of the year under terms listed as spring, summer, fall, winter. There was only one teacher listed as teaching each term. Minnie Root (1884), Willie Rumsey (1885-1886), Agnes Darraugh (1886-1887), Anna Smith (1886), L.H. Vankirk (1886), J.S. Miller (1887), Winifred Lanning (1888), Lizzie M. VanFleet (1888-1889), Mary L. Baker (1890), Addie Tucker (1891), James Hine (1891), Flora A. Tompkins (1891), Charles Smith (1893), Florence S. Wright (1893), Minor McDaniels (1894-1896), Carrie Cooper (1895), Maud C. Grant (1895), Louella Ketchum (1895), C.F. Smith (1896), Lucy Ofrances (1897), Kirk Fowler (1898-1899), Chas. G. Brown (1899-1900).

1925-1939: Mrs. Coe, Miss Hovencamp, Robert Hubbell, Mrs. Ramsey, Ms. Bertha Patterson, Miss May Savercool, Mrs. Sheffield, Mildred Wood.

Trustees: Walter Ferguson (1884), E. Purdy (1886), Jared Rumsey (1887), Agnes Darraugh (1888), Charles H. Hubbell (1889-1890), Frank A. Barber (1891-1892), W.F. Wright (1893-1895), James McCracken (1896-1897), John L. Johnson (1899-1900), William Wright (1901), William F. Nadge (1930).

DISTRICT #6

On the 1866 map there was a **District 6 school** designated on the northwest corner of Rothermich and Fish Roads.

On January 12, 1875 Deed ENF3 page 24 was entered at the Tompkins County Clerk's Office, between Grantee (buyer) Jerome B. Lovell and Grantor (seller) School District Number Six by Trustees Andrew Teeter, Edwin Ford, and Cyrentius Georgia.

DISTRICT #6? - (Ulysses-Enfield)

Located northeast corner of Jacksonville and Iradell Roads.



District 7 Woodard

DISTRICT #7 - (Woodard) located northeast corner Woodard and Hines Roads. This property was sold to School District 7 in the name of William Marshall, trustee of school district number 7 by John Woodward September 17, 1866ⁱⁱⁱ.

The school closed on July 1, 1956 with the consolidation of schools into the Ithaca City School District. This school house is currently used as a privately owned home.

Teachers: Martha Bock, Fannie Curtis³, Nellie Myers, Blanch Rumsey, Warrena Stone.



District 8 Purdy School

DISTRICT #8 - (Purdy) located southeast corner of Bostwick and Colegrove Roads. The same premises conveyed by A. Oren Heller and wife to Samuel V. Graham, George M. McGillivray and Henry Willets, Trustees of School District Number Eight of Enfield and Ithaca by deed date December 13, 1858 The school was heated by coal. In 1910 nine

³ 1912 Ithaca Journal

different families were served by the school. The school closed on July 1, 1956 with the consolidation of schools into the Ithaca City School District. This school house is currently used as a privately owned home. Teachers: Ruth Bly, Irene Brown, Lynnette W. Curry, Mrs. Evans, Bertha Fish, Nora Jones, Ruth Longhouse, Marian Scofield, Mrs. Jessie Teeter, Lynette Wright.

DISTRICT #9 - (Rollison) (Enfield-Hector) located southeast corner of Route 79 and Black Oak Road. On September 9, 1885^{iv} the Belder Whitney family sold to the district the property for the school house. Roderick Byrum was a trustee of the school and was listed in the deed. The deed indicated the property would be handed down to the trustees in the district. Some papers indicate that the district became part of the Odessa Central Rural School on September 25, 1943. The New York State Commissioner of Education made it part of Central School District #1 of the Towns of Ulysses, Tompkins County, and Covert, Seneca County, and Hector, Schuyler County on July 18, 1947. Rollison School burned down in 1947.

Teachers: Doris Acre, Mrs. Aiken, Blanche Allen, Antoinette Berzeena, Flossie Bulivant, Ike (Isaac) Clauson, Mrs. Gould, Doris Lovelace, Christine Newberry, Emily Pike, Gertrude Straight, Miss Strike, Mrs. Webster.



District 10 Nobles

DISTRICT #10 - (Nobles)

Located at 73 Griffin Road. Due to low attendance, this school was closed during the late 1940's and was reopened by 1953. The school closed on July 1, 1956 with the consolidation of schools into the Ithaca City School District. This school according to Tompkins County Deeds was sold in 1959 to a private individual. Teachers: Dorothy Cox, Mrs. Clauson, Doris Ely, Leta Hines, Robert Hubbell, Ellenton, Ethel Baker Mill, Miss Newberry, Mrs. Parker, Miss Radford, Mr. Roundsville, Tressa Sanford, Ruth Smith, Grace Stark, Bud White, Rena White, Miss Wesley.

DISTRICT #11 – (Harvey Hill) 62 Harvey Hill Road. The school closed on July 1, 1956 with the consolidation of schools into the Ithaca City School District. This school house is currently used as a privately owned home. Teachers: Cara Able, Blanche Allen, Mary Baker, Isabell Bogart, Marian Brinkerhoff, Anna Brown, Lottie Byrum, Mame Cook, Hugh Curry, Mrs Curry, Wm. Doll, Mrs. English, Edith Giltner, Flora Harvey, Nina Jones, Chas. Lanning, Frank Nobles, Irene Miller, Ella Pierce, Jennie Russell, Clarence Rumsey, Elmina Rumsey, Leroy Smith, Ruth Smith, Elizabeth Walker, Minnie Wallenbeck.

DISTRICT #12 located at the end of Harvey Hill Road in the town of Hector. This was Town of Hector District School with Enfield children attending. This district was dissolved October 1898 and children went to District 9 Enfield. This school was moved to the Alton Carver farm on Mecklenburg road after it was no longer used as a schoolhouse. Teachers: Miss Ames, Marion Newberry, Mrs. Travis.

DISTRICT #13 - (Christian Hill) located southeast corner of Waterburg and Iradell Roads. Annexed to District #1 Ulysses September 2, 1941.



District 14 Budd School

DISTRICT #14 - (Budd)

District #14 (Budd) was located in the front of Budd Cemetery on the west side of Gray Road. The school was closed in 1933^{vi} because there were not enough pupils to warrant hiring a teacher. The grade school pupils were sent to Enfield School District #7, Woodard School and high school students sent to Ithaca High school. The school house was sold in 1948^{vii} and torn down.

Teachers: Mr. Earl DePuy, Lottie May Eddy, Nellie Rumsey Myers, Mrs. Edna Gray, Mrs. Mabel Sheffield, Mrs. Alice Clauson.

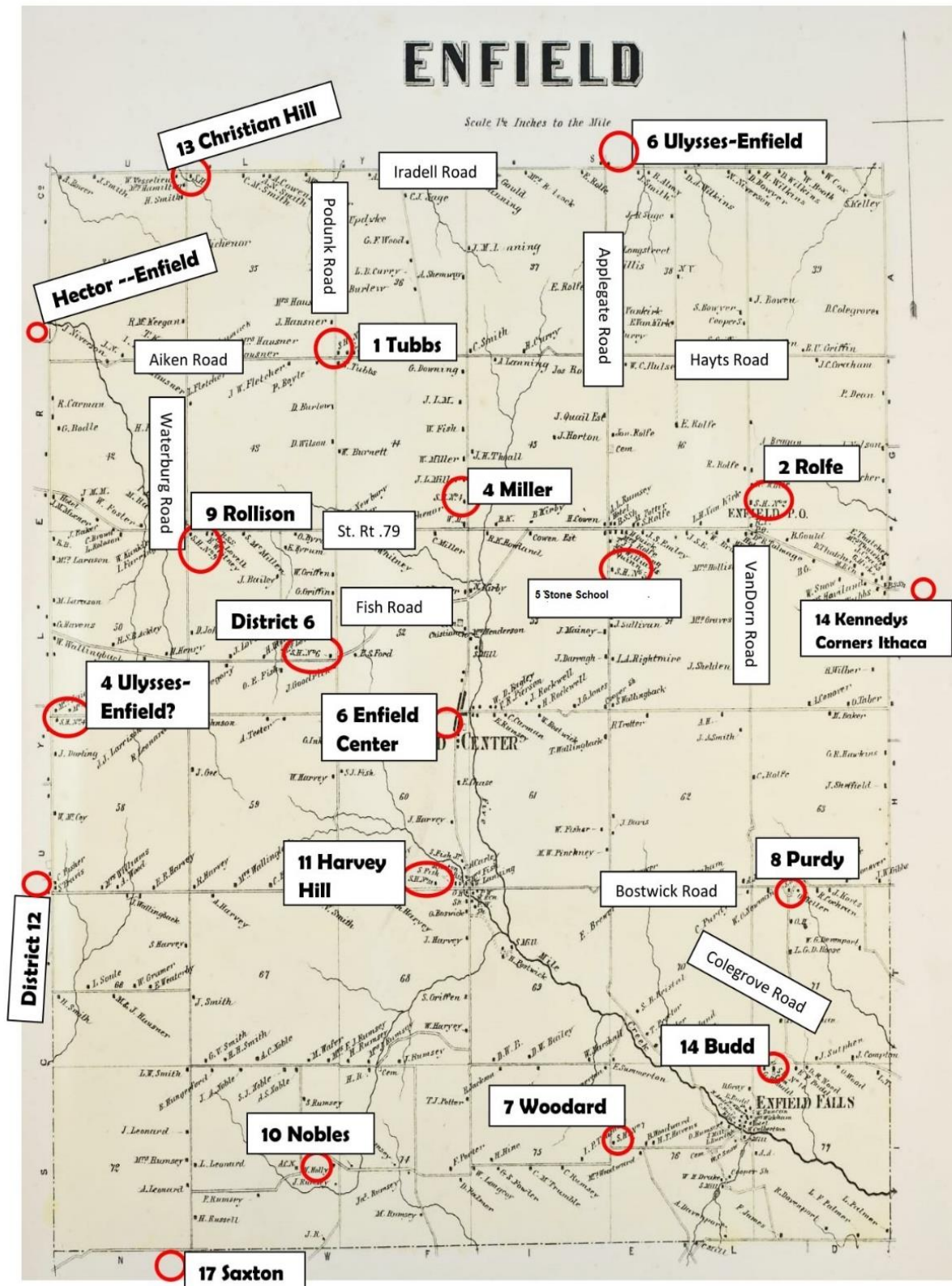
DISTRICT #17 - (Saxton Hill) located southwest corner of Cayutaville Road (or Saxton

Hill Road) and Black Oak Road (or Connecticut Hill Road) in the Town of Newfield. Annexed to District #12 Newfield September 12, 1916. The above annexed to Newfield Central School August 1, 1941.

KENNDY'S CORNER – (Ithaca – Enfield) located on State Route 79 Mecklenburg Road. Teachers: Harry Lanning

ENFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Located near the intersection State Route 79 and State Route 327 (20 Enfield Main Road). This building was designed by local architect J. Victor Bagnardi. The land was sold to the Ithaca City School District May 28, 1957 by William J. Ross. Construction was started in 1957 and the school opened on September 8, 1958. Frank Spadaro was the first Enfield Elementary School principal, 1958 – 1969.



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- ⁱ Enfield Center School District #6 – 1884 – 1915. Accounting Book. Enfield Town Historian Collection. Enfield Town Hall. Enfield, New York
- ⁱⁱ Deeds of Tompkins County Clerk's Office. Ithaca, NY. 1/10/1867 deed Enfield1 page 284; 2/18/1869 deed 414 page 406.
- ⁱⁱⁱ Deeds of Tompkins County Clerk's Office. Ithaca, NY. School District 7 Enfield. September 17, 1866 deed Enfield 1 page 264.
- ^{iv} Deeds of Tompkins County Clerk's Office. Ithaca, NY. School District 9 Enfield. November 10, 1885 deed Enfield 2 page 512.
- ^v Instruction Contract September 2, 1947 between District No. 14 School Enfield and District No. 7 School Enfield. District 14 pupils sent to District No. 7. Trustees: Harvey Bailey (#14), Spencer Wilkins (#7), E. Craig Donnan, Superintendent of Schools.
- ^{vi} Letter to Robert C. Killough, Jr. NYS Education Department, Albany, NY from E. Craig Donnan, Superintendent of Schools, Ithaca NY, May 26, 1947 District 14 school district voted to sell school house. Stated school was last held in the school house during the year 1932-1933.
- ^{vii} Bids in Historian's Collection for school house removal dated June 10, 1948. Highest bid in this file was \$325.00 from William Reed, Ithaca, N.Y.