

BOWEN RD. SCHOOL # 2 Bertie :::

The old Bowen Rd. school ^{NORTH} south of the tracks, that we associate with; was preceeded by another much earlier from the middle 1800's. It was of frame and stood on the east side of Petit Rd. a short distance north of the tracks.

1871 - 2ND OR NEW BOWEN RD.
1867::: March 28th, 1876 this old schoolhouse was sold by auction to John Riselay for 25 dollars.

(There is some talk of another school located on Thompson Rd. , just north of the old Bowen Rd. by the present subway, however I have found nothing to substantiate this information.)

1870; On Feb. 8th., 1870 the Trustees of school section # 2. of Bertie, met with interested citizens in the old schoolhouse on Petit Rd. The Trustees at that time were: Cranmer Riselay: William Bowen: & Edwin Hershey. It was decided at this meeting to build a new school at the southwest corner of lot # 9 in the 4th. concession of Bertie Township.

The lowest tender for construction of the new school, which opened on June 24th., 1870 was from Eben Cutler for \$ 985.00. The total cost of the brick building was \$ 1.202.00

The school opened for classes in Sept. of 1871.

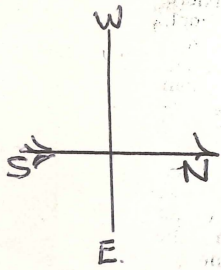
1931; A small triangular piece of property was leased from the railroad for \$ 3.00 pr. year , and served as a place for playing softball.

1940's. The school house began to buldge when it's enrolment reached to over fifty pupils. it was necessary to hire two teachers, for the one room school. it was customary for all one people entering the teaching profession , to put in one year at a one room schoolhouse; and for this reason you will find in the list of teachers at Bowen Rd. few stayed over this period.

The new East Bertie School area was formed, with the following Trustees: Frank LeJune: Webber Pieltt: Arthur Wale: Ernest Miller: Percy Teal: Maurice Lee: and Ebin Zimmerman. They began to make plans for a new school.

1951. In April 1951 , 66 pupils and two teachers moved to the new Bowen Rd. School. The schoolboard had bartered with the Canadian National Railroad for a piece of property on the south west corner of Petit Rd., by Bowen. here the new school was built for a cost of \$ 60.000. 00. It consisted of two classrooms , a full basement and indoor washrooms.

1955. A large kindergarten room and a classrom were added to the East side of the school.



BOWEN ROAD
SCHOOL HOUSE
(STONE)

PETIT RD

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BOWEN RD X SITE
SCHOOL HOUSE OF 1ST LOG SCHOOL