

The Lick Run Schoolhouse By George Holdren

If not for the article in Dorothy Manning Spotts' *Memories of a Country Village, a History of Eyersgrove* (hereafter referred to as "Memories"), we would not know of the one-room Lick Run School. Complicating research of the school location is the existence of another Lick Run, which according to J. G. Freeze's *History of Columbia County*, rises in Pine Township, takes a southeasterly course and enters Fishing Creek at Sereno.

The 1876 Atlas of Columbia and Montour Counties does show the school in Greenwood Township as described below. Also the viewers as assigned by the Court of Quarter Sessions for a public road leading from Millville Boro to Welliversville published a notice on 17 Nov 1902. The notice indicates the proposed road crossed the West Branch of Lick Run near Welliversville. It would appear that small stream meanders to the location of the school and then enters Fishing Creek.

According to "Memories" the school was situated on the east side of the main highway between Eyersgrove and Millville. That land was purchased from Jackson Robbins in 1862 and the one-room school built shortly thereafter. It existed until 1887 at which time the newly-opened Eyersgrove School began.

Jackson Robbins was the great-grandfather of Dorothy, Jackson's daughter Sarah Elizabeth married Jacob Benton Manning. Their son Harold Weldon Manning married Mazie Hileman, the parents of Dorothy.

Within "Memories" is a copy of a map (possibly taken from the 1861 Columbia County map) which shows the school located on the property of Jackson Robbins. The location is on the east side of now Rte. 42, opposite the then property of Chandlee Eves and in the proximity of Bottom Road.

Also interesting is the reference in "Memories" that the rising of Rte. 42 just as you enter Millville was once known as "Brickyard Hill" because bricks were made nearby.

The map shows the school being in the "Lick Run District" which was just to the east of the "DeMott District."

Agnes Jane Potter was a teacher at Lick Run School. She was born in 1841 to Edward Henry, born in Columbia County and Veronica McMichael Henry, born in Scotland. Agnes Jane was buried at Old Rosemont, Bloomsburg, on January 26, 1928.

Ted Fenstermacher in his *Tracking Yesterday* column in the Press Enterprise, October 3, 1983, had a warm report on the "Memories" book. He wrote, "Well, that's just a smattering of interesting material in the Spotts book. You will find the book itself to contain material that will provide many, many hours of enjoyable reading."

Although the book is currently out of print, a copy is on the shelf at the Society.