

SCHOOLBOARD NOTES TAKEN FROM THOMAS MONAGHAN ACCOUNT BOOK

At a special meeting held at the Rail Road House Sept 6, 1862 for the purpose of electing a board of Directors and also a clerk Pritnam(?) F. Bradford was chosen Chairman of said meeting and N. D. Stafferd, Secretary. The meeting having organized, proceeded to vote by ballot for a board of Directors. S. G. Bradford was nominated, and received four votes, the highest number cast and was declared elected.

Thomas Monaghan, being nominated, received five votes and was declared elected. Justin Chencroch(?) was nominated and received three votes and was declared elected. A full board, having been elected, then proceeded to ballot for a clerk. John E. Andrews was nominated and received five votes and was declared elected. No other business coming before the meeting, it was moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

John E. Andrews
Clerk

For District #3

Notices of School Meeting. There will be a school meeting of the voters of School District No 3 at the Rail Road House on Wednesday Eve, Aug 13, 1863, for the purpose of electing one Director and also for the transaction of other business of importance that will come before the meeting.

Per Order J. W. Brazee, Supt.
J. E. Andres, Clerk

At a school meeting held at the Rail Road House Aug 13, 1863, for the purpose of electing one director to fill the vacancy caused by the non-qualification of Thomas Monaghan who was elected Sept 6, 1862.

The meeting was called to order Thomas Pike, Exq., Chairman. The Clerk acting as Secretary. Thomas Monaghan was nominated for Director and was balloted for and elected unanimously. The Superintendent being absent with business of such a nature being brought before the meeting as could not be transacted in his absence, it was moved seconded that the meeting adjourn. _____ carried.

J. E. Andrews
Clerk

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 3, 1862:

Money paid out:

Oct 2nd

Mrs. Mary Sharp as teacher

Salary for 3 months at 65 dollars per month

\$195.50

Paid A. G. Bradford for 1/2 cord wood

2.00

Nov 3, 1863:	
Paid Mifs(?) Fisher	\$90.00
J. E. Andrews Board Bill	60.00
A G Bradfords bill	\$ 8.88
A McKay Board	60.00
Wood Bill	6.00
June Paid Mifs(?) Fisher	60.00

At the annual school meeting held at the home of Thomas Monaghan on Friday, the 4th day of November, 1870.

The meeting having organized proceeded to vote by ballot for a director.

The following named persons were present

A. Underwood
 Thomas Bown
 K. Johnston
 J. Armstrong
 William Duno
 A. Bull
 J. M. Thompson
 Thomas Monaghan
 G. W. Hutton
 Frank Kolbens

The result of the meeting was that Thomas Monaghan got five votes and W. Caireston five. On account of W. Cairston not being present it was to be decide by another meeting

Thomas Monaghan
 Secretary

At a special School Meeting held at the house of Thomas Monaghan on Thursday, the first day of December, 1870:

The meeting having organized proceeded to vote by ballot for one director:

A. Estebrook
 Thos Brown
 John Armstrong
 John B. Baker
 J. M. Thompson
 Thomas Monaghan

The result of the meeting was that Thos. Monaghan was elected director.

S. W. Thompson,
 Chairman;
 Thos. Monaghan,
 Secretary.

December 1st 1870:

On motion of A. Estebrook to elect a clerk the meeting proceeded to vote by ballot:

J. B. Baker

Thos Brown

J. Armstrong

A. Estabrook

J. M. Thompson

Thos. Monaghan

The result was (no further notes).

On motion of Thomas Monaghan Section 3 School law was read where it says that the District shall have power to repeal alter or modify these pre_____ from time to time as occasion may require.

A vote was then taken for the repeal of the proceedings of the meeting held at Rock Creek School house on April 15th, 1867. and the result was ____ the proceedings of the meeting of the 15th of April, 1807. _o much of it as located the school on the east of Wind River. A call for a site for a school or build a school house between a place known as the Big Spring and Wind River. The Big Spring is situated about six hundred yards west of Wind River.

J. M. Thompson

Thos. Brown

J. B. Baker

John Armstrong

A. Estabrook

Thos. Monaghan

The result of the meeting that by votes was cast for the school house to be built near the Big Spring.

(? or --- I couldn't read the writing.)

SARAH ANN GRIMM RECALLS SCHOOL TIME

Sarah Ann Monaghan Grimm is daughter of Thomas and Margaret Connally Monaghan

Annie F. Monaghan wrote to her sister-in-law, Sarah Ann Grimm, in 1924 asking about her schooling in W.T. Skamania County. On April 11, 1924 Sarah Ann wrote: I don't remember dates or years but the first time I went to school at the Upper Cascades in a house by the blockhouse. A family lived in part of the house and the big room was the school room. I was 8 or 9 years old. It was the year Lincoln was killed.¹ The way I remember, I just got home from school when John Andrews came from the boat saying Lincoln was killed. Who went to school that I remember was Johnie Andres, Flint Bradford, John Cinder, Rona Bush, the Sullivan children, Mary Ann² and myself. There were a few more, this is all I can remember. As for Superintendent those days — if there was any it would be Bush or Bradford.

My father (Thomas Monaghan Esg.) taught us for years after. Then in 1868 or 1869 we had school only three months over at Miller's place³. Smith was our teacher. Then next was (name not legible; then in 1870 the teachers was Kykendall. After these taught I went to Vancouver. We all went to the convent — the boys to the college. Then we had Miss M. Burke, don't know where she is. After that I went three months to the Lower Cascades to a Miss Miller then Mary McCarty. The last was John Cleary. He died last fall in Vancouver; got run over by an auto. When Mary McCarty taught, all the St. Martins went, but the two youngest. We should have got more schooling but S. B. Jones and J. W. Brazee only let us have three months at a time. Some times every two years. Just think, when we six children walked over a mile to school in a log house. Part of the time we waded Wind River⁴. Mary McLeary and John Cleary taught at home.

- (1) Lincoln was killed April 14, 1865 so Sarah was a little over 8.
- (2) Mary Ann was Sarah's older sister.
- (3) By Millers place she meant George Miller at Home Valley.
- (4) This was when the family lived at Wind River Slough about one mile west of Wind River. The spot where the house stood is now occupied by a small Bureau of Fisheries Hatchery by Grandma's spring.

FILE: Skamania County Schools