#11 School — Town of Sweden



Fig. 1: #11 school, corner of West Sweden and White Roads. Decommissioned as a school in 1940s, it was converted to a private dwelling, and has remained occupied since that time by successive families. This view to the west? was taken in ?.

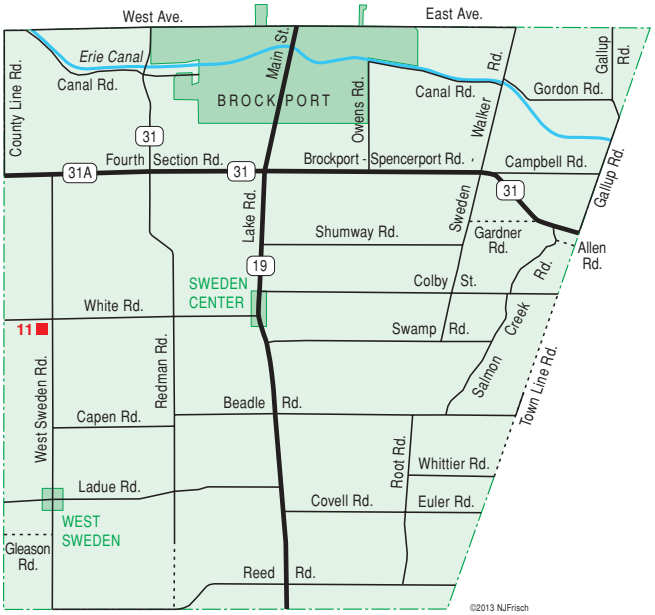


Fig. 2: Location of #11 school in red.

Rural Schools And Three R's; Remember 'em

—A.B. Elwell [transcribed by Sue Savard from]: Brockport-Republic; Thursday, August 12, 1954; p.6 http://news.nnyln.net/brockport-republic/brockport-republic-1953-october-1956-november/brockport-republic-1953-october-1956-november%20-%200346.pdf

About one mile to the south of the Fourth Section Rd., on the West Sweden Rd., was located very early another school called the White District School, as many families living in the district bore that name. **John White**, who still resides near the school site, attended the school when very young. He tells me a **Miss Lilly Brooks**, who resided at West Sweden, was one of his early teachers. The school building at this site has been reconstructed for use as a dwelling. **Mr. and Mrs. Robert Linscott** are the present occupants and owners.

John and Alice Seymour interview

—Sue Savard; Friday, September 7, 2012

"The land referred to as Lot #4 on our property's affidavit was conveyed by **Sarah Spencer** to the trustees of school district #11 on June 15, 1870. As near as we can tell, our home was built as a school around 1885.

Originally, the inside of the building consisted of one large room. There was never an upstairs until the building was turned into a home, possibly by **Mr. Webster (Web) Chapman**. We moved in on July 15, 1973. The ceiling in the kitchen was covered in sheetrock. We removed it and discovered wainscoting underneath. Later we learned from **Mr. White** that the wainscoting had originally been installed vertically on the lower walls of the classroom. We painted the wainscoting a soft grey, and added strips of wood to cover the seams. The only original floor in our house is in what is now a back bedroom.

Around 1979, our neighbor, **John White**, gave us some information about the building."



Fig. 3: Alice and John Seymour.

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He said, "**Miss Lilly Brooks** was one of my first teachers. There was an outhouse, and the building was heated with coal. When I attended the school, the stove was located near the front door. Because I lived close by, it was my responsibility to get the stove going in the morning. The school was a dilapidated old building when I attended in about 1905 or 06. Girls hung their coats on one side of the door and boys on the other. In the spring, we used to dance around a Maypole in the side yard. I helped in 1916 during the period of the Spanish flu. In September, there were thirty students in the school and by the following April, only fifteen were alive."

"Mr. White told us all the names of the students and where they were buried.

One day, a **Mr. Spinks** stopped to visit us, walked into our living room, and pointed out the exact spot where his desk sat."

The notice of the sale of the building and property was published six days before the auction. One was tacked on the school's front door. The other five notices were scattered around the district, and the auction was listed in the newspaper on October 23, 1941. The building and surrounding property was sold at public auction to Web Chapman for $250 on November 1, 1941 at 2 p.m.



Fig. 4: #11 School, West Sweden Road at White Road, picture ~1907-1908. Teacher: Miss Rose Ryan.
Row 1 (l-r): ? Ed McGuinn, Helen Norton, Mary Weimer, ? Leo McGuinn, Margaret Weimer, Unice Lutz.
Row 2 (l-r): Carl Weimer, John Connors, John White Jr., Roland Lutz, Harold "Pike" Stickney, Arthur Weimer.
Row 3 (l-r): William Connors, Maggie Connors, Albert McIntyre, Teacher Rose Ryan.

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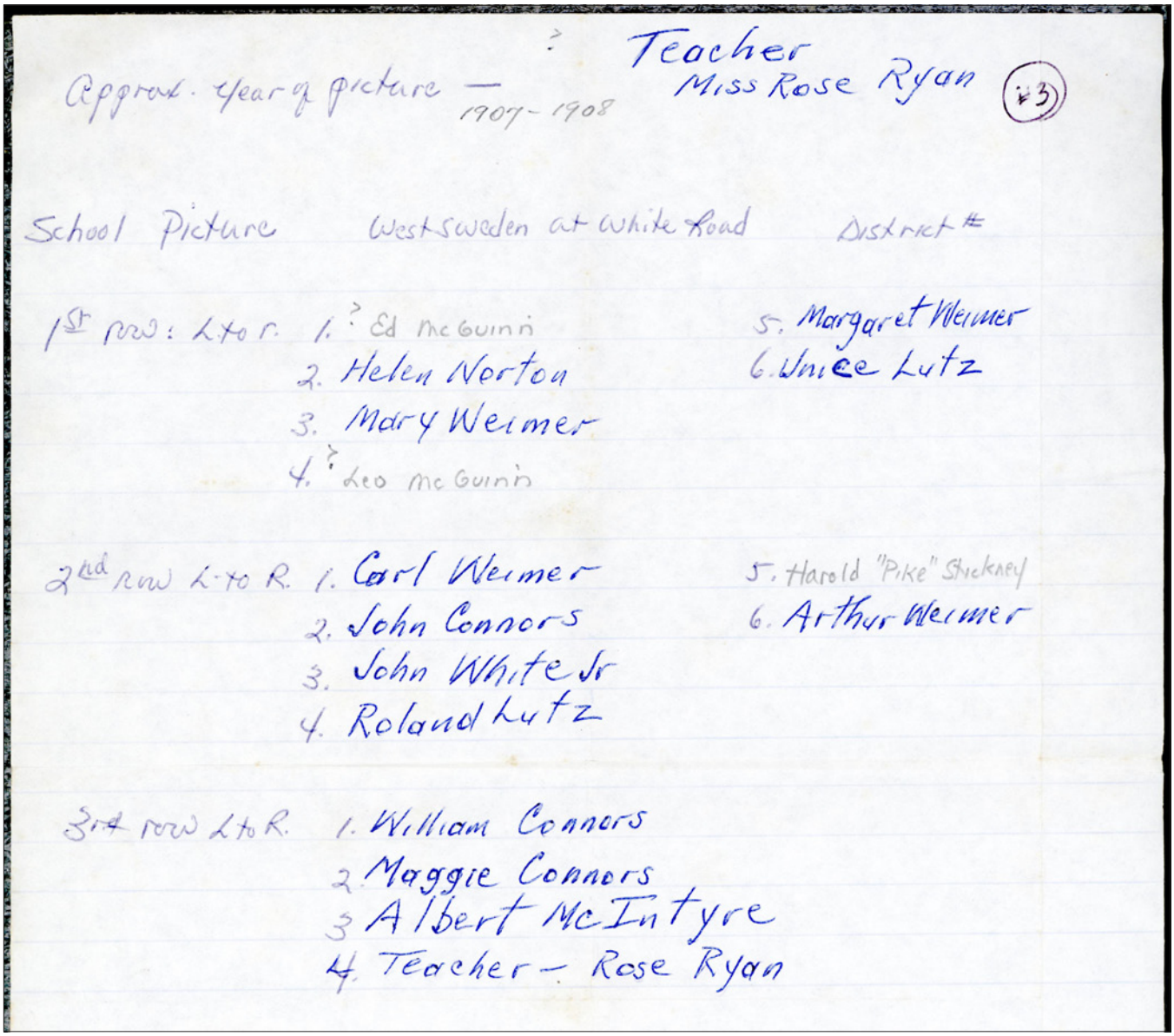


Fig. 5: The above note of an unknown date accompanied the class photo on the previous page at the time of scanning.

Previous homeowner[s]:

Late 60s-early 70s: Charles and Marcia [sp.?] Miller

Note: What to do with copy of deed that is available?

Provenance

Fig. 1: Photo: Courtesy of John and Alice Seymour (date and photographer unknown)
Fig. 2: Map: ©2013 Norman Frisch
Fig. 3: Photo: Sue Savard
Fig. 4&5: Class photo and note from Roberta Anheier's file. Courtesy of her daughter, Christine Hunt.

Production notes:

Fig. 1: Original glossy B&W photo print; in a hinge mount. Somewhat solarized. Print size: 4 3/4"w x 3 1/16"h Image size: 4.0"w x 2 5/16"h Scan: Greyscale, 1000ppi

Fig. 4: 4 1/8"w x 3 1/8"h original, borderless sepia tone photo print on 5 1/2"w x 4 7/16"h mount board. Nothing on obverse side of mount. Scan: RGB, 1000ppi

Fig. 5: 7 15/16"w x 10 7/16"h ruled note paper in pen by Roberta Anheier, with penciled additions by __?__. Scan RGB

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