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No images of the West School building have been found as of this writing. An early school, situated on the southwest corner of Holley and Utica Streets, it can be seen on the 1872 Beers map labeled only as "School" (fig. 2).

On the Sanborn maps of 1885 (fig. 3), 1892 and 1898 this school is labeled "School No. 10". The 1904 Sanborn map adds the word "Public" to "School No. 10". All the above maps indicate the plan view to be a cross shape.

That changes with the Sanborn maps of 1909, 1914 and 1927 (fig. 4) when the plan view becomes one that looks more like the one known as the Grammar School. Interestingly, these three maps also show that the school number has changed—to "Public School No. 9". Nowhere on any of these maps are the schools called the "West School" or the "Grammar School".

That said, popular references mention that the Grammar school which consolidated the North, East and West schools was built on the site where the old West school once stood.

—*Editor*

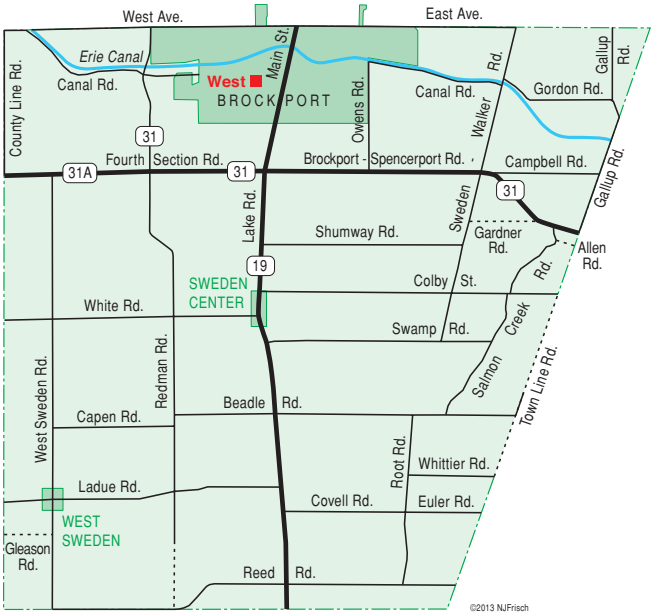


Fig. 1: General location of "West" school in red.

Tozier Scrapbook; newspaper article clipping; Brockport, N.Y.; Wednesday, April 13, 1859

Emulation in Schools—In the West District School, which has just closed with much satisfaction, we learn, to all, **J. A. Tozier**, the teacher, has awarded the Scholarship to two of his pupils,—being unable to decide between the claims of two competitors; and we are happy to say that **Mr. Burbank**, in a spirit of praiseworthy liberality, has kindly responded, and will more than carry out his offer of free Scholarship to the best scholar in each School District, as proposed. The names of the two aspirants for Collegiate honors are **Maria Mattoon** and **Mary A. Smith**. We should recommend the young ladies to read Aesop's Fables, lest they be elated a trifle too much. [p.?-?]

[Note: Tozier's diary refers to his teaching in district 10]

Brockport Republic, "All Brockport Edition" (1913)

The Free Methodists "...went back to the Free Baptist church until...the property on Perry Street was purchased and the church building erected about thirty years ago. While building they occupied the **west district school house**." [p.39-40]

"The Story of Brockport for 100 years, 1829-1929" —As told by Charlotte Elizabeth Martin

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

...The three district schools [East, **West**, North] were, on February 18, 1915, merged into the Grammar School, which is located on the former site of the **West District School**. This is the site that was given to the village by **Hiel Brockway** as a "school site forever." [p.55]

"History of Brockport With Vicinity Happenings, 1826-1956: Also Biographies of Prominent Men of the Past" (1956) —A. B. Elwell

The **West District** had a two-room school on the lost [lot?] where stands our abandoned Grammar School building. The interior arrangement of this building was adjudged a fire hazard for school children of grammar school age. The former two-room school building was torn down when the Grammar School was built. [p.33]

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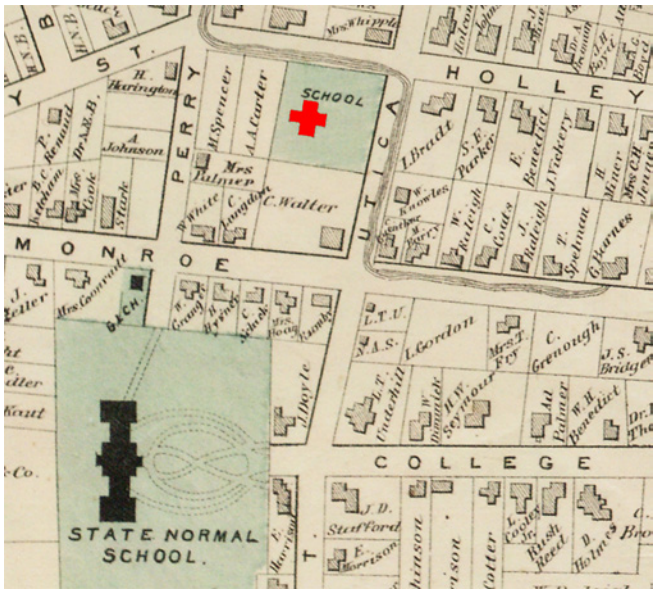


Fig. 2: Site of "School" (here in red). Beers 1872 map.



Fig. 3: "School #10" (here in red) as sited on 1885, 1892, 1898 and 1904 Sanborn maps.



Fig.4: "Public School #9" (here in red) as sited on 1909, 1914 and 1927 Sanborn maps.



Fig. 5: "Alice Fullers Class at West District School".

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Hiel Brockway was this the largest owner of village land and...Land was also given for the **West District School**, the present site of the abandoned Grammar School. This land, it reportedly was stipulated, was to revert to the Brockway heirs if it ceased to be used for school purposes. [p.192-193]

Mrs. Ray Jessup Recalls Gay 90's in Brockport.

There was **N. B. Baker**, the photographer; you had your choice, tin type or regular photograph;...happy days at the **West District School, Mrs. Eliza Knowles** and **Mrs. Louise Allen Brown, teachers**. [p.227; 1956.03.08]

—Editorial note: Might N. B. Baker be the photographer who did the tintype in figure 5?

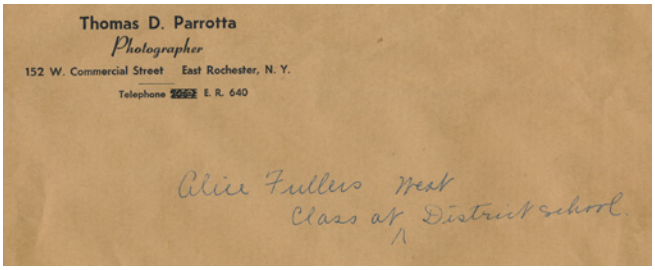


Fig. 6: Section of envelope containing image in Fig 5.

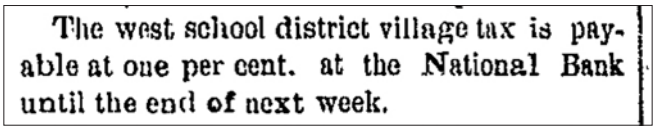

The west school district village tax is payable at one per cent. at the National Bank until the end of next week.

Fig. 7: Section of Brockport Republic 1893.11.02, Thursday p.3[?].

Provenance

Text

Tozier Scrapbook; [unknown] newspaper article clipping; courtesy Emily L. Knapp Museum, transcribed by Sue Savard.

Brockport Republic, "All Brockport Edition" (1913) A pdf file can also be found at: http://digitalcommons.brockport.edu/local_books/16

"The story of Brockport for 100 years, 1829-1929"—As told by Charlotte Elizabeth Martin [excerpt transcribed by Sue Savard, November 15, 2012 from p.55 of an original booklet found at the Emily Knapp Museum, Brockport, NY]. A pdf file can also be found at: http://libraryweb.org/~digitized/books/Brockport_1829-1929.pdf

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Figures

Fig. 1: Map: ©2013 Norman Frisch
Fig. 2: Map: 1872 Beers; courtesy The college at Brockport. The map can be found at http://digitalcommons.brockport.edu/context/local_maps/article/1000/type/native/viewcontent, http://digitalcommons.brockport.edu/local_maps/11/
Fig. 3: Map: 1885 Sanborn map; courtesy Monroe County Library Sysytem, Local History section, via Larry Naukam.
Fig. 4: Map: 1927 Sanborn map; courtesy Monroe County Library Sysytem, Local History section, via Larry Naukam.
Fig. 5: Tintype[?], courtesy Emily L. Knapp Museum via Sue Savard. [No key to students names was found.]
Fig. 6: Section of envelope containing tintype, Courtesy of Emily L. Knapp Museum via Sue Savard.
Fig. 7: http://news.nnyln.net/brockport-republic/brockport-republic-1953-october-1956-november/brockport-republic-1953-october-1956-november%20-%200346.pdf [needs checking, site has been unavailable]]

Production notes:

Fig. 2: Highly cropped version of provided digital file.

Fig. 3 & 4: Provided digital images have been resized, cropped and rotated at differing amounts (sometimes a lot) to be at nearly the same approxinate scale and orientation as fig. 2.

Fig. 5: Tintype. Scan 20140225_03 Date unknown; Class picture, face view: Scan Mode: RGB; Size: 8 1/2"w x 6 1/2"h* glossy sepia tone, original tin-type photo; semi-gloss black back, not scanned (no visible markings)

Note: The original scan was lost following post production adjustments of brightness and contrast (also changed to jpg). No cropping was done to original. The adjusted version used is cropped slightly.

Fig. 6: Envelope (section). 20140225_04 The tintype came in this pre-printed manilla envelope, with ball-point ink note. It is not known if there is any connection with the name on the envelope and the contents. Scan Mode: RGB; envelope (not including partial flap shown) Size: 10 3/8"w x 8 1/2"h (envelope was folded to rough size of tin-type so it didn't slide around inside).

Note: The original scan was down-sampled to 300ppi in post production

Fig. 7: Captured from computer screen image of on-line newspaper page.

Originals scanned at 100% of size and subsequently down-sampled, cropped, exposure adjusted and sized to fit this page format as needed by Norm Frisch.