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Pioneer settlers were anxious for their children to receive an education, and quick to provide facilities for their learning.

Early maps of the Town of Sweden and Village of Brockport are dotted with the locations of a number of the little one-room school houses.

The teacher was expected to kindle the desire for learning the 3 R's in all grades, one through eight, as well as maintain strict discipline. It was a big job for a slip of a "school-marm", and in some schools, where the older boys grew to a size too difficult to control, a gentleman teacher was hired to fill the position. School was for learning, and no nonsense was tolerated!

Salaries were meager-- the teacher generally lived in the home of one of the families, or in a " Boarding House" nearby.

Besides teaching the required subject matter, one of the chores was to start , and maintain a fire in the pot-bellied stove used for heating the room.

Water was pumped from a well, generally in the yard, with one dipper used by everyone, or the teacher filled a bucket , and placed it on a bench inside the school.

In 1934, when I first came to Brockport, several of the one-room school houses were still being used. The subject matter taught covered grades one through six. Pupils at seventh and eighth grade level were "bussed" to the "new" school building on Allen Street. Farmers' trucks, with long boards used as seats, served as early school buses.

The consolidation of the schools had begun in 1927. The Brockport Central School District was formed from 19 area school districts inthe immediate vicinity. Brockport was the first in the county, and thirty-fourth in the state to consolidate. Marker erected to that effect in 1961.

Locations of early schools were as follows:

"Rising Sun" - NW corner Rt31 & Sweden Walker Rd.
later became a tavern- burned to the ground 1970's

Dist.#8	-SW corner 31A & West Sweden Rd.	now a dwelling
Dist.#?	-NW " 31A & Lake Road	1st to go
Dist.#3	-SW " White Rd. & W.Sweden Rd.	now a dwelling
Dist#12	- Salmon Creek Rd.	" " "
Dist.#2	-Sweden Center ES Lake Road	" " " (once VFW)
Dist.#1	-SW corner Lake Rd. & Ladue Rd.	" " "
Dist.#4	- Root Rd. & Covell Rd.	
Dist.#9	- Redman	

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Adams Basin school - Canal Rd. at Hinkleyville Rd. Recreation bldg.
State Normal School - End of College Street now Hartwell Bldg.
Dist.#13 - NW corner Park Ave. & Union St. replaced by a dwelling
Dist.# ? - W side Fayette, south of Liberty now a dwelling
Brockport Central High School Allen Street W side present Middle School
Grammar School - SW corner Holley & Utica Streets demolished 1950's
now a playground
Dist.#? N side West Canal Rd. near canal bridge
Dist.#? E side Sweden-Walker Rd. Garland School)
Clarkson Academy Bldg. Rt. 104 SS west of Lake Rd.
Dist.#? - NW corner Holley Rd. & Redman Rd.



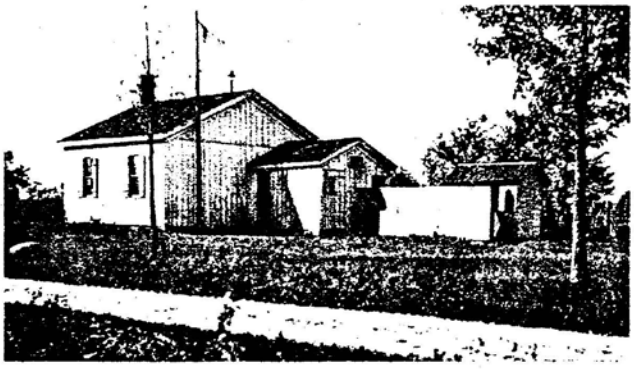
Group photo (1907) at the Salmon Creek School House shows teacher and ten enrolled students.



The same schoolhouse twenty years later with only five students.



Sweden Center



District No. 7 West Sweden



Lake and LaDue Roads

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