

# Hooksett Historical Society

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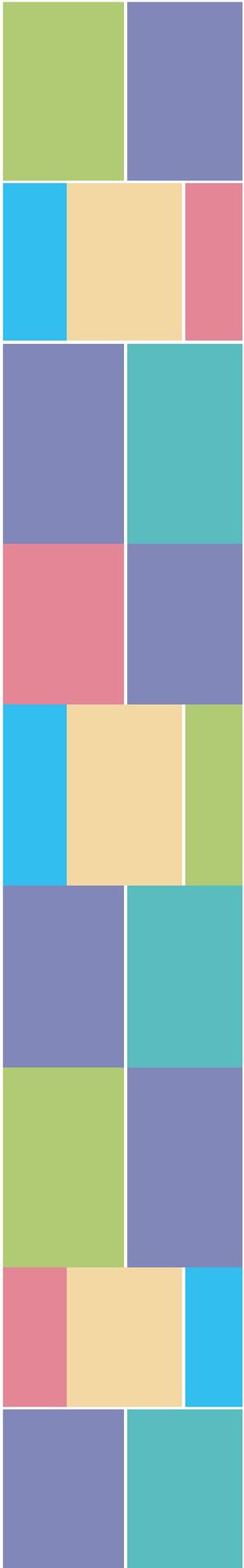
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With the end of the school year approaching the June issue will focus on the schools of Hooksett. The above two pictures are the original Village school on Main Street, which was destroyed in the 1936 flood and original Martin's Corner School located on the south east corner of Whitehall Road and By-Pass 28. A "district" system operated in Hooksett for many years. It comprised of eight districts and was numbered as #1- Head District, #2 Martin's, #3 Rowe Corner, #4 Lincoln Park, #5 Neal District, #6 Village District, #7 Hackett Hill and #8 River Road. Currently Hooksett has three schools operating and there are 6 previous used school buildings still standing. Head's, Village, Hackett Hill( private home), Martin's Corner ( Deerhead ) and two in Lincoln Park located near Brace Ave. ...cont'd



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The original Martin's School #2, as seen in picture above was built by the town of Chester in 1808 at a cost of \$112. In 1925 a new three-room school house, now the home of the Deerhead Sportsmen's Club, was built for \$14,000 included ventilating system, larger rooms, 6 windows and modern toilet facilities. Even in 1925 it was a difficult task to get the citizens receptive to building a three-room school house. One school board member refused to work with the building committee and stated "Mark my words, you'll never see the time when a three-room school will be needed at Martin's Corner. In 1958 this school was closed along with Lincoln Park and children were sent to the new Fred C. Underhill School.

(taken from Hooksett Historical Sketches - C.R. Hardy)

School record notes

From the 1903 school report this interesting comment appears: *A teacher who could successfully keep a school having four to eight grades and obtain the same results as the City schools of one grade could well command a salary of at least \$600 yearly.*

*From the Desk of the Superintendent February 1, 1919*

*"We shall require better buildings and furniture to preserve the health; better equipment and courses of study to train for citizenship and to prepare for living; teachers with a broader training and a deeper life experience, of the highest type of manhood and womanhood, physically, mentally, and spiritually strong"*

Editors note: That seems to apply equally to today's education.

**Quiz:** Where was Neal School located? Who named Hooksett Memorial School? How many kids graduated from Hooksett grammar schools in 1906? **Come to Historical Society meeting on June 24 for answers**

New



**Cawley Middle School**  
Old



**Head School #1**

June 24, 2010  
*Society Meeting*

The Hooksett Historical Society goes to school. On Thursday, June 24 at 6:30 pm the Society will hold its June meeting at the Head School on Pleasant Street at Head Cemetery, Hooksett. The meeting will feature the *Head School Preservation and School Life in the 1800's*. Kathie Northrup, chair of the Heritage Commission, will update us on the preservation project and the schoolmarms from the Hooksett Head School Society will give us a glimpse into a typical Hooksett classroom in 1840. The Society members will be the students so be prepared for "Yes Ma'am," reading, a little geography, mental arithmetic, and some interesting discipline for those who whisper during class or tease the girls. Schoolmarms giving this class are Barbara Hill Allard and Ruth Knowles. The Head School was one of the original one room school houses that serve the Hooksett School District. The newly restored school was a project of the Hooksett Heritage commission. So join us for a wonderful trip back to yesteryear and visit Head School.