

## History of the Pleasant Valley School Teachers - 1889-1935

(Unless otherwise noted, dates in parentheses refer to dates teachers are mentioned in the *Hopewell Herald*.)

### Fall - Spring

**1888-1889** - Miss Hodge (Jan 10, Jan 31, Feb 7, 1889) Last full year of school at the original school house.

**1889-1890** - ? First year of school at the new school house. The year began in the old school house in September 1889.

**1890-1891** - ?

**1891-1892** - ?

**1892-1893** - Virginia Reep (Dec 7, 1892; Jan 4, May 4, 1893);

**1893-1894** - Belle Carkhuff of Lambertville (Sep 28, 1893)

**1894-1895** - Miss Reba S. Ely of Pennington (Dec 20, 1894; Jan 10, Mar 28, May 16, June 6, 1895 – elected to teach again 1895-1896) (She received her 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teaching Certificate upon passing an examination in Trenton on Oct, 5-6, 1894 – Trenton Times, Oct 13, 1894)

**1895-1896** - Miss Reba S. Ely (Jan 15, April 26, June 17, 1896 – said to be coming back 1896-1897. She didn't come back the next year due to getting married.)

**1896-1897** – Miss Mai Fleming of Trenton (Jul 1, 1896 – said to be new teacher for coming year; Sept 16, Dec 23, 1896; Jan 6, Jan 20, Apr 22, May 5, June 2, June 23, 1897 – expects to be back 1897-1898)

**1897-1898** – Miss Mai Fleming (Oct 6, 1897); Elizabeth (Lizzie) May Reed (Nov 30, 1898, June 15, 1898 – chosen for 1898-1899) “Miss Lizzie May Reed, of Titusville, graduated from the State Normal school, Trenton, on Friday evening, January 28”, 1898 (Feb 2, 1898).

**1898-1899** - Elizabeth (Lizzie) May Reed (Feb 8, Jun 21, 1899)

**1899-1900** - ?

**1900-1901** - Miss Annie H. Tunis (Jan 16, Feb 20, Mar 13, May 8, May 29, 1901)

**1901-1902** – Miss Adeline McNair of Neshaminy, Pennsylvania (Sept 5, Nov 13, Dec 18, 1901; Jun 25, July 9, 1902)

**1902-1903** - Miss Louisa Howell (Trenton Times, Jan 12, 1903; signed report card for May S. Hunter although no date is given)

**1903-1904** - ?

**1904-1905** - Miss Dora V. Stafford (Trenton Times, Sept 23, 1904; Hopewell Herald, May 3, May 17, 1905)

**1905-1906** - Miss Elizabeth McCrea of Pottersburg, Pa. (Trenton Times, Sept 11, 1905; Hopewell Herald, Sept 13, Oct 18, 1905)

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**1906-1907** - Miss Elizabeth McCrea (Jan 16, Feb 6, Mar 6, May 8, Jun 5, Jun 19, 1907)

**1907-1908** - Miss Harriet Sears (May 29, Nov 6, Nov 26, 1907; Feb 5, March 4, Apr 8, May 6, June 3, 1908)

**1908-1909** - Miss Harriet Reddig (Sept 2, Nov 4, 1908; Jan 6, Feb 3, Mar 3, April 7, June 2, 1909)  
(Miss Margaret Shaffer of Skillman was reported elected May 22, 1908 for 1908-1909 but apparently did not teach.)

**1909-1910** - Charles H. Olmstead of Woodsville, Hopewell Township (Sept 1, Oct 6, Nov 3, Dec 8, Dec 29; 1909; Feb 9, Mar 9, May 4, June 8, 1910; also, Trenton Times, Feb 11, 1909, p5)  
(Charles was the first known male teacher and also the first married teacher. In 1910 he was 29 years old and he and his wife had a four year old daughter.)

**1910-1911** - Charles H. Olmstead (Aug 3, Aug 31, Dec 7, 1910)

**1911-1912** - Charles H. Olmstead (?)

**1912-1913** - Charles H. Olmstead (?)

**1913-1914** – Charles H. Olmstead (In photograph dated December 1913)

**1915-1916** -

**1916-1917** -

**1917-1918** - Miss Eliza Stiles, principal (April 4, 1917 – elected for 1917-1918)

**1918-1919** -

**Note:** At some time in the early 1920s Miss Esther Rossiter taught at Pleasant Valley School for one or more years. In the 1920 US Census she is living with her parents, Ellwood and Hannah Rossiter, and nine siblings in Upper Makefield Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania where she is 21 years old, single, and gives her occupation as a teacher, high school. According to Lewis (page 209) she lived with her parents near Brownsburg, Pennsylvania directly across the river from the Moore's Station bridge house. She rowed a boat across the river and back each day and walked the mile of Pleasant Valley Road to the school house. In winter she boarded with area families. Lewis describes her as a "very capable teacher." (See her story in Lewis, *Hopewell Valley Heritage*, pages 209-10.)

**1919-1920** -

**1920-1921** -

**1921-1922** -

**1922-1923** -

**1923-1924** - Miss Virginia Percy elected as principal and teacher in the Valley school for 1923-1924 (Jun 20, 1923); Miss Vivian Whalen of New York state appointed to position of primary teacher (July 11, 1923)

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**1924-1925** - Miss Josephine Swanson transferred from Valley to Pennington (Oct 8, 1924); Mrs. John Horn elected principal of Pleasant Valley School (Oct 8, 1924); Resignation of Mrs. K.C. Horn (Nov 26, 1924); Election of Miss Juliet Rogers (Nov 26, 1924) Kate Horn of Trenton and Vivian Whalen of Titusville (Hopewell Township Public Schools Directory)

**1925-1926** -

**1926-1927** – Miss Mildred Wooden of Pleasant Valley, Frank G. Carver of Rosemont, principal (Hopewell Township Public Schools Directory)

**1927-1928** – Miss Mildred Wooden of Pleasant Valley (Sept 7, 1927); Frank G. Carver of Rosemont, principal (Sept 7, Dec 21, 1927)

**1928-1929** - Miss Mildred Wooden; Mr. Frank G. Carver, principal (?)

**1929-1930** - Miss Mildred Wooden; Mr. Frank G. Carver, principal (Hopewell Township Public Schools Directory)

**1930-1931** - Miss Mildred Wooden; Mr. Frank G. Carver, principal (?)

**1931-1932** - Miss Mildred Wooden; Mr. Frank G. Carver, principal (1932 school photo includes Frank Carver)

**1932-1933** - ?

**1933-1934** – School closed

**1934-1935** - Miss Evelyn Smallwood (resignation reported Dec 26, 1934 to accept position at the State Home for Girls.); Mrs. Leo Balaam of Pennington completed the first part of the year. (Lewis, *Hopewell Valley Heritage*, page 210) Miss Harriet Skirm taught the last part of the year. (Mar 20, Jun 19, 1935; Lewis, *Hopewell Valley Heritage*, page 210)

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