

East Orford Schools – Teachers, Pupils, Weeks of School

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The first statistical table showing weeks of school, number of pupils, teacher, and curriculum appears in the 1880 Town Report. Up to that time, the only specifics were the number of pupils and the tax money raised for the school.

Remember, the Town Reports are for the year before: for example, the 1920 report covers the calendar year 1919. This makes the school material confusing and the data below may have some errors due to this. So, Carrie Bean is listed in new items as teaching for two years at Davistown but doesn't show up in the report for but one year.

Davistown

The first building was on the SE side of 25-A, just east of the old county road. In 1903 – a new building was built, on the NW corner of 25-A and East Cemetery Road. It is now a private home.

Year	Dist.	Wks.	Teacher	#Pupils	Taxes
1870	7			29	\$121.67
1871				39	\$167.74
1873				25	\$137.40
1874				28	\$158.22
1876				36	\$208.76
1877				35	\$225.57
1878			Metta Gault		<i>[summer term; PNS '78; news items]</i>
1879				32	\$146.30
1880	10		Emily W. Strong	17	
	10		Emily W. Strong	17	
1881	8		Martha H. Coombs	14	[Rumney]
	10		Mary A. Courier	9	
	8		Lottie E. Gannett	14	
1882	10		Ellen G. Whitmore	15	
	10		Annie H. Whitmore	14	
	8		Menta T. Gale	10	
1883	10		Menta T. Gale	15	
	8		Abbie M. Witcher	15	
	8		George F. Plummer	18	
1884	12		Abbie E. Clark	15	
	8		Elma C. Foster	17	
	14		Georgianna P. Avery	17	
1885	10		Carrie A. Avery	14	
	8		Stella L. Foster	14	
	13		Elma C. Foster	14	
1886	8		Mrs. Clara J. Waldron	12	
	12		Oscar Drake	12	
	15		Mrs. Clara J. Waldron	12	
1887	10		Mrs. Clara J. Waldron	14	
	10		Luella P. Ames	13	

	10	Emma E. Goodwin	10	
1888	8	May Colburn	6	[Pomfret, Vt.]
	7	Luella P. Ames	12	[Piermont]
	13	Florence P. Lampry	13	[Piermont]
1889	10	Millie E. Underhill	11	
	10	Millie E. Underhill	11	
	10	Millie E. Underhill	10	
1890		Florence Carr		[from news items]
1891		Florence Carr		
1893	7	Jennie M. Sargent	22	\$203 [total for all three terms]
	12	Jennie M. Sargent	17	
	10	Jennie M. Sargent	17	
1894	9	Jennie M. Sargent	26	\$210 [total for three terms]
	11	Jennie M. Sargent	20	
	10	Jennie M. Sargent	16	
1895	10	Jennie M. Sargent	21	\$140 [total for two terms]
	10	Jennie M. Sargent	25	\$60
	10	Mertie M. Huckins	21	
1896	10	Florence A. Russell	22	
	10	Mertie M. Huckins	20	
	10	Mertie M. Huckins	21	
1897	10	Mertie M. Huckins	21	
	10	Mertie M. Huckins	15	
	10	Mertie M. Huckins	14	
1898	10	Mertie M. Huckins	13	
	11	Mertie M. Huckins	18	
	11	B. Blanche Annis	14	
1899	10	B. Blanche Annis	22	
	10	B. Blanche Annis	21	
	10	B. Blanche Annis	17	
1900	10	Mary A. Eastman	26	\$70
	10	Fred L. Recor	24	\$65
	11	Florence L. Carr	27	\$88
1901	10	Florence L. Carr	18	\$80
	11	Alice N. Brown	21	\$77
	11	Alice R. Laughlin	23	\$80
1902	10	Alice R. Laughlin	20	\$80
	11	Alice R. Laughlin	19	\$80
	11	Phebe M. Witcher	21	\$82.50 [New Hampton]
1903	11	Phebe M. Witcher	29	\$82.50
	10	Luenna Perkins	24	\$145 [total for two terms]
	10	Luenna Perkins	19	
1904		Addie L. Flanders		\$140 [total for two terms]
		Mary A. Currier		\$77
1905	10	Addie L. Flanders	20	\$217 [total for three terms]
	11	Addie L. Flanders	21	
	10	Addie L. Flanders	18	

1906	10	Gertrude Johnson	20	\$236.50 [total for three terms; Woodsville]
	10	Gertrude Johnson	20	
	10	Gertrude Johnson	20	
1907	10	Gertrude Johnson	17	\$75
	10	Florence Russell	17	\$90
	10	Laura Simmons	16	\$77
1908	11	Mildred R. Berry	20	\$154 [total for two terms]
	11	Mildred R. Berry	20	
	10	Johannah C. Swenson	17	\$75
1909	11	Dora Hammond	17	\$82.50
	12	Gertrude Johnson	24	\$181 [total for two terms]0
	10	Gertrude Johnson	16	
1910	10	Annie Brown	18	\$75
	10	Elizabeth Deshon	19	\$157.50 [total for two terms]
	11	Elizabeth Deshon	10	
1911	10	Elizabeth Deshon	17	\$75
	11	Bertha Manchester	15	\$147 [total for two terms]
	10	Bertha Manchester	14	
1912	11	Bertha Manchester	16	\$82.50
	12	Ethel Ray	18	\$90
	9	Maud Eaton	16	\$63
1913	11	Edna McCrillis	20	\$251 [total for three terms]
	12	Edna McCrillis	21	
	10	Edna McCrillis	21	
1914	10	Addie Bedell	22	\$80
	12	Nettie Pushee	16	\$186 [total for two terms]
	10	Nettie Pushee	15	
1915	12	Nettie Pushee	19	
	12	Nettie Pushee	22	
	10	Nettie Pushee	16	
1916	11	Nettie Pushee	19	\$99
	11	Florence Truell	16	\$121 [normal school diploma]
	10	Mary Clement	14	\$100 [state certificate]
1917	12	Mrs. John Weibel	17	\$64 [not a full term]
	12	Mrs. Addie Pease	20	\$220 [two terms and a little more]
	10	Mrs. Addie Pease	18	
1918		Winnefred Perry		\$230 [total for three terms]
1919		Mrs. W.P. Merrill		\$398 [total for three terms]
1920		Mrs. W.P. Merrill		\$286 [total for two terms]
		Mrs. Abbie Pease		\$143
1921		Mrs. Abbie Pease		\$576 [three terms; not listed by school]
1922		<i>Verna Greenly</i>		<i>[based on photo]</i>
1923		<i>Verna Greenly</i>		<i>\$700 [school not listed but likely Davistown]</i>
1924		Verna Greenly		\$720
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1926		Beatrice A. Merrill		\$684
1927		Plymouth Normal Sch. Cadet		\$612 [paid to P.N.S.]

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1930	Kathleen M. Keith	9	\$875 [N. Haverhill]
1931	Kathleen M. Keith	9	\$875 [N. Haverhill]
1932	Carrie Bean	21	\$875
1933	Elizabeth Witcher	12	\$825 [PNS graduate; Bartlett]
1934	Elizabeth Witcher	12	\$778 [PNS graduate; Bartlett]
1935	Dorothy Wallace	12	760

Mt. Cube

This building was on 25-A, opposite the old road to Indian Pond and a bit west of the Mt Cube house; it was apparently no longer used as school by 1894. *[This one is confusing. In news items and Town Reports as late as the 1930, there is sometimes a reference to a Mt. Cube school, which I think must be the Halltown school building.]*

Year	Dist.	Wks.	Teacher	#Pupils	Taxes
1870	15			7	\$29.50
1871				10	\$43.04
1873				13	\$71.53
1874				12	\$67.82
1876				11	\$63.86
1877				9	\$58.01
1879				11	\$50.31
1880		10	Ona L. Johnson	6	
		10	Olive A. Dodge	9	[Piermont]
1881		6	Rose A. Pierce	7	
		10	Nellie E. Patch	7	
		10	Nellie E. Patch	6	
1882		8	Abbie M. Witcher	10	
		10	Nellie J. Danforth	12	
1883		8	Emma L. Finney	4	
		10	May M. Weeks	5	
1884		8	Lena B. Carlton	3	
		8	Eva J. Clifford	4	
1885		8	Nellie J. Danforth	3	
		10	Nellie J. Danforth	4	
1886		12	Nellie J. Danforth	4	
1887		10	Ella S. Lamprey	17	
		10	Dana J. Bugbee	23	
		10	Dana J. Bugbee	17	

I am pretty sure this is actually the Halltown School, west of Mount Cube.

1914	11	Zella M. Rugg	15	\$253
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1915	11	Miss Wilson	12	
1915	12	Miss Wilson	16	

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1916	11	Edna McCrillis	16	\$220 [includes 1 term at Orfordville]
1916	10	Miss McLane	15	\$90
1917	11	Ida B. Furber	14	\$99
1917	11	Bertha Manchester	15	\$364 [2 terms, normal school diploma]
1917	11	Bertha Manchester	17	
1918		Bertha Manchester		\$366 [normal school diploma]
1919		Bertha Manchester		\$561 [4 terms; normal school diploma]
1920		Verna Shields		\$117
		Doris Chamberlain		\$117
		Dorice Pease		\$144 [after two years of high school]
1921		Doris Chamberlain		\$468 [not listed by school]
1922		<i>Ruth Gove</i>		<i>Wentworth; from news item</i>
1923		<i>Teachers listed but not by school.</i>		
1924		Ruth Gove		\$540 [likely just two terms; Wentworth]
1925		Josie Fadden		[boarding at C.L. Bean's]
1926		Josie Fadden		\$612 [married Wallace Bean by 1930.]
1927		Helen Coburn		\$850
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1929		Ellen M. Yeaton		\$875
1930		Edith I. Stuart	11	\$875 [Gorham]
1931		Edith I. Stuart	11	\$875 [Gorham]
1932		Marion Downing	10	\$850 [PNS graduate]
1933		Dora E. Theuner		\$816 [PNS graduate; Manchester]
1934		Dora E. Theuner		\$778 [PNS graduate; Manchester]
1935		Rosina Cummings	12	722