

## Sale of School Buildings - 1930s

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Town Report, Ending 1/31/1935.

- School Warrant Article #10 “To see if the district will authorize the School Board to sell the Indian Pond school building.”

Town Report, Ending 1/31/1936.

- No mention of sale and no receipts listed.

Town Report, Ending 1/31/1937.

- School Warrant Article #14 “To see if the District will authorize the School Board to sell the school houses at East Orford and Mt. Cube.”

Town Report, Ending 1/31/1937.

- School Warrant Article #9 “To see if the district will authorize the School Board to sell the Indian Pond school building.”

- Detailed Statement of Receipts:

- April 14, Owen Bennett, sale of schoolhouse, \$300

- April 14, M. Bean, sale of schoolhouse, \$200

I bet these two sales were the Davistown and Mt. Cube [Halltown] buildings. Bennett was perhaps the agent for Lucy Worthington, while it makes sense that a Bean would purchase the Mt. Cube [Halltown] building, as a Bean family lived there for some years after. The Indian Pond schoolhouse was still for sale – see above and would have likely been the least desirable of the three, being on a back road, while the other two were adjacent or just off Route 25-A, an increasingly well-traveled highway.

From Harry Pease, 2/19/24: “Dad told me that the barn at Ken and Evelyn Nutter's, which is not there anymore, was the original schoolhouse that was moved over there. I think that was when Tibbetts owned the place.

The Alice and Lucy often used agents to purchase property it seems. Dad told me they had Charlie Ladd buy a few lots around East Orford for them because they didn't want people knowing it was them buying. I think the Davistown Schoolhouse and land was owned by Lucy Worthington, not jointly with Alice Herrin. Dad bought it from Lucy in October 1951 just before he and Mom married in November. There is an entry in Grandpa's October 1951 diary saying he went to the bank in Plymouth and got \$1,500 for Dad to buy the schoolhouse from Lucy. Dad said he paid Grandpa back by having a \$1.50 withheld from his pay each week. Dad sold the school property to Duane and Dottie Belt around 1971. Belts sold to Frank Pushee, who sold to Michael Carter, who sold to the current owners (can't remember their names).