

## **Berryvale School District**

In 1858 a sawmill was established in Strawberry Valley. In 1866 a post office called Berryvale was opened there. In 1870 a school district was formed called the Strawberry Valley School District (see Strawberry District).

No exact date for the establishment of the Berryvale School District can be found. The first reference of the district is in the County Board of Supervisors' minutes of July 8, 1887. It is possible that the Strawberry Valley District was absorbed into the Berryvale District.

The earliest records in the County Superintendent's Office show that for the school year 1899-1900 there were three teachers at this school: Mr. C.H. Hinchey, Miss Orene Smith, and Miss M.E. McCaskey. They were paid \$70.00 per month. There were a total of 169 pupils that year.

The first school (either Strawberry or Berryvale) was built near the present fish hatchery in about 1871. This school was abandoned.

In 1878 another school was erected near the present site of the Mount Shasta Cemetery. This school was abandoned when another school was built (1888) in a meadow near what is now the corner of Cedar and Alma Streets in Mount Shasta.

The fourth school was constructed on the site of the present Mount Shasta Union Elementary School in 1897-98. It was torn down when the present Mount Shasta Union Elementary School was built.

On April 4, 1916, a petition was made to the County board of Supervisors to change the name of Berryvale School District to the Sisson School District. On May 1, 1916, Berryvale was renamed Sisson School District.

No record is available of the date that Berryvale was established. We can be sure only that it was sometime prior to 1887. Boundary descriptions may be found in the records at the County Superintendent of Schools office.

### **Reference in Board of Supervisors minutes:**

July 8, 1887 – Part of Berryvale take to form Dunsmuir (4-247)

January 6, 1888 – Bonds sold (4-290)

October 7, 1889 – Tax election (4-479)

April 4, 1898 – Berryvale and Mill School Districts consolidated under the name of Sisson School District (6-189)

May 7, 1898 – Order of above consolidation amended to read: Berryvale and Mill School District – consolidated under the name of Berryvale (not Sisson) (6-221)

April 2, 1901 – Part of lands taken from Berryvale added to Black Butte School District. Description of said changes in minutes (6-571)

April 4, 1916 – Petition to change name of Berryvale School District to Sisson School District (10-295)

May 1, 1916 – Berryvale renamed Sisson School District (10-309)



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