

## **Big Springs School District**

The Big Springs School District was established in 1884. The original school house was located approximately one and one-half miles south of the junction of the Big Springs-Ellis Louie Road.

The school was moved to the junction of the Big Springs-Ellis Louie Road. It was eventually abandoned, when a brick building (which also had a two-year high school in it) was built in the site of the present structure. In 1955 the brick building was torn down and the present school house was built.

The records in the County Superintendent of Schools office show that during the 1890-91 school year Nellie Timmons was the teacher. She received \$75.00 per month for a six month term. There were 22 pupils.

The name Big Springs derives from the natural springs fed by the snows of Mount Shasta that make this one of the most fertile farming areas in Siskiyou County.

From 1884 to 1914 a post office called Mayten was operated in the area. Mr. Richard Rader was the postmaster. The name Mayten was give to the post office simply because it was established on May 10. Mayten is still the official name of the election precinct of the district.

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

Established: July 11, 1884 – Boundaries described (3-748)

April 9, 1885 – Petition to change boundaries (4-47)

October 5, 1885 – Tax to build school house (4-82)

October 4, 1886 – Tax levied to build school house (4-149)

April 4, 1898 – Territory added from Table Rock District (6-188)

July 9, 1908 – Lapsed and annexed to Table Rock District (7-522)

January 3, 1911 – Reestablished “from territory now included in the Table Rock School District” (8-375)

February 3, 1948 – Big Springs and Shasta View Elementary School Districts unionized (20-369)

March 12, 1957 – Bonds sold (25-27)



Big Springs (Mayten), ca. 1912. Siskiyou County Office of Education School History Collection.



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Big Springs School Sign, ca. 1940. Siskiyou County Office of Education School History Collection.



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