

Etna School District

(See Rough & Ready and Center Districts)

The original school district in Etna, established in 1865, was called the Center School District. In 1873 the name was changed to the Etna School District. School was first taught in the Etna Hotel owned by Wilkes and Brown. The next school was held in an old mill located where the Etna Masonic Hall now stands.

The school trustees brought an old granary from the Rough and Ready Milling Company and moved it near the present school grounds. Classes were held in this building until pupil population outgrew it. The Odd Fellow Lodge then constructed a two-story building on the present school site. The lower story was used for the school. In 1880 the lodge sold the building to the district.

Later, a two-story brick structure raised on the same site. In 1951, when this building became unsafe and was torn down, the present school house was built. Note: also see Center School District, comprising Union, Washington and McConaughy.

Reference in board of Supervisors minutes:

Established: November 4, 1873 – Center School District was renamed the Etna School District (3-238)

November 10, 1884 – Boundary between Etna and Franklin School changed, description given (3-787)

October 5, 1885 – Special tax levied

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June 30, 1908 – Etna and Union School Districts combined to form Etna Union Grammar School District, boundary described (7-488 & 7-489)

June 6, 1922 – Washington School District annexed to the Etna Union Grammar District (12-428)

January 3, 1940 – Douglas School District annexed to Etna Union, boundaries described (18-275)

June 20, 1946 – Allotment of State School funds (20-132)

July 1, 1946 – Sale of bonds (20-139)

January 20, 1947 – Annexation of McConaughy to Etna laid over (20-232)

February 4, 1947 – Annexation of McConaughy to Etna laid over (20-237)

April 21, 1947 – McConaughy annexed to Etna Union (20-261)

May 19, 1947 – Allocation of funds (20-276)

September 13, 1960 – Mound area annexed to Etna (26-423)

October 13, 1965 – Sale of bonds (29-73)



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