

Honolulu School District

The Honolulu School District was established in 1890. The first school house was located approximately a half mile up Lumgrey Creek in the old settlement of Gottville, approximately 10.5 miles down the Klamath River from Klamath River Bridge on State Route 96. This building burned; the next school house was located at the mouth of Dutch Creek. This second school house also burned and a third structure was built in 1931 just west of Lumgrey Creek. The building is still standing and is being used a residence. In 1899 Miss Kate Timmons was the teacher. School was held for a six month period with 13 pupils.

The Honolulu District was named in recognition of a group of Hawaiians who had settled there in the early days. Folklore has it that these Hawaiians were originally shanghaied and brought to San Francisco. They escaped from the city and eventually found a refuge along the Klamath River.

In 1933, on one of his many fishing trips to the Klamath River, President Hoover visited the school. He was particularly sympathetic to the hot lunch program – a soup kettle operation, supported by local donations of food and conducted by the teacher, Mrs. Elise DeAvilla, who devoted more than thirty years to the children of the district. Hoover was so impressed that he donated a sum of money to the school each year thereafter for the rest of his lifetime.

In 1965 the district lapsed and was annexed to the Yreka Union District.

Reference in board of Supervisors minutes:

Established: May 9, 1890 – Boundaries given (4-540)

August 7, 1922 – Part of Mono given to Honolulu (12-452)

June 23, 1964 – Lapsing deferred for one year (28-295)

July 15, 1965 – Lapsed and annexed to Yreka Union (Bk. 4) (x)



Honolulu School #1, ca. 1935. Photo by Bob Dennis, from the collection of Bob Dais.



Honolulu School #1, March, 1939. Siskiyou County Office of Education School History Collection.



School sign for school #1, ca. 1939. Siskiyou County Office of Education School History Collection.



School #1 class, ca. 1939. Siskiyou County Office of Education School History Collection.



School sign for school #2, ca. 1939. Siskiyou County Office of Education School History Collection.



Honolulu School #2 and teacherage, ca. 1935. Photo by Bob Dennis, from the collection of Bob Dais.



School #2 class, March, 1939. Siskiyou County Office of Education School History Collection.



School #2, March 1939. Siskiyou County Office of Education School History Collection.





Back Row R-L: Gorham Nelson, Jimmy Stevens, Fae Clyburn (teacher, Dorothy Austin), Donald Freshour; Middle Row: Hal Smith, Bob Weinzinger, Virginia Weinzinger, Lenore DeAvilla, June Freshour, Edna Skeahan, James Smith, George Skeahan; Front Row: John Skeahan, Mike Skeahan, 2 Linville kids, Anna Smith, Edgar Stinett, Andrew Nelson, Don Smith. Standing alone in front: Ruby Smith.





Upstream view, ca. 1930-1932, donated by James C. Stephens



Downstream view, ca. 1930-1932. Teachers: Miss Collins, 1930-1931, Dorothy Austin, 1931-1932, donated by James C. Stephens.