

Lava Bed (Lava) School District

The original site was on the Meiss Lake – Sam’s Neck road about three miles west of Macdoel. The building was moved by sled from the original site and is now being used as a granary on the ranch nearby. This building is truly the work of a master craftsman. It was constructed with exactly matching hand-hewed logs. The corners have a unique mortised triangle fitting. The joints were so tightly fitted that not one was loosened when the entire building was moved the rough two miles by sled.

During the 1899-1900 school year, two teachers were employed. Miss Lottie Wheeler taught 3.25 months and Miss Phoebe A. Denny taught 3.25 months. School was held for a 6.5 month period with 12 pupils attending.

Reference in board of Supervisors minutes:

Established: March 27, 1883 – Boundaries described (3-683)

July 8, 1884 – Petition to form new school district denied (4-247)

February 16, 1880 – Boundary change (4-416)

July 5, 1905 – District lapsed and attached to Spring School District (7-187)



Lava Bed (Lava) School, date unknown. Siskiyou County Office of Education School History Collection.



Mortised triangle corners on school, date unknown. Siskiyou County Office of Education School History Collection.