

## **Salmon (or Salmon River) School District**

The Salmon River District was established November 6, 1877. The first school in this area was at Petersburg and was in operation before 1865. In 1876, another school was built at Rush Creek. A third school was started at Summerville in about 1890. The fourth school in this area was the East Fork School.

Rush Creek and East Fork ran alternately during the year (three months at Rush Creek and three months at East Fork). In 1909, Rush Creek closed and only East Fork was in session. The East Fork School closed in 1911, and a new one at Rays Gulch was built and operated until 1918.

In 1899, Miss L. Nellie Burns was the teacher. School was held for a six month term with 14 pupils in attendance. On July 21, 1947, this district merged with the Forks of Salmon School District.

There has been a school in Cecilville off and on from 1914 until the present time. The school is used as an attendance center of the Forks of Salmon School District whenever there are enough children in the Cecilville area to warrant opening the school in any particular year.

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

Established: November 6, 1877 – Boundary description given in records of County superintendent of School Office, taken from division of Sawyers Bar. No description given in minutes of this date (3-418)

November 3, 1879 – Established out of a portion of the Black Bear School District with same boundaries as Salmon Township (3-515)

August 2, 1927 – Suspended and then re-established (14-249)

July 6, 1939 – Suspended (18-219)

July 6, 1943 – Suspended (19-208)

July 21, 1947 – Merged with forks of Salmon School District (20-291)

Note: Apparently the “Salmon” School District and the Salmon River school District were one and the same.



Salmon River School, ca. 1919. Notes from photo back: "Burned 1921. Mr. Berk? teacher when burned. Mrs. Lynch (teacher) took picture 1919. Salmon River District School above Black's Gulch near Sage Gulch. Handmade desks were in it. Compliments of Effie (Roff) Young in Etna, California." Siskiyou County Office of Education School History Collection.



School and class, date unknown. Siskiyou County Office of Education School History Collection.



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