

Sawyers Bar School District

The Sawyers Bar School District was established in 1875. There have been several school houses in the district. All but the last one were located on the same site; one half mile northeast of Sawyers Bar on the Etna-Sayers Bar Road and approximately a one fourth of a mile up the School House Road from its junction with the Etna-Sawyers Bar Road. The next to last school built still stands on this location and is now being used as a community hall. In 1966, a new school was located at the west end of town.

In 1899, Mrs. S.M. Long was the teacher. School was held for six months that year with 41 students in attendance.

The town of Sawyers Bar was founded in 1850 by Captain John Best and his scouting party. Gold was discovered on the sand of the north fork of the Salmon River. The town was renamed for the rich gravel bar which adjoined the camp of the early days Sawyers.

Reference in board of Supervisors minutes:

Established: August 2, 1875 – Made up portion of what was formerly Orleans School District and Klamath School District (boundaries described in records of County Superintendent of schools Office) (3-294)

April 4, 1892 – Boundary change (5-126)

April 3, 1906 – Bond issue (7-231)

July 3, 1906 – Bond issue (7-239, 242)

January 9, 1907 – Bond election (7-299)

April 2, 1907 – Bonds

January 6, 1914 – Russianville merged with Sawyers Bar (9-416)

July 21, 1947 – District suspended (20-291)

June 7, 1949 – Petition to re-open school, no action (21-57)

June 20, 1949 – Resolution to re-open school if they have enough pupils (21-67)

July 5, 1949 – County superintendent asked that the district be lapsed; refused (21-75)

July 26, 1952 – District lapsed and annexed to forks of Salmon (21-87)

August 4, 1953 – Public hearing to establish school (22-496)

November 3, 1953 – Established, boundaries described (23-48)



Sawyer's Bar School, early 1850's. Note from photo back: "This old Catholic Church was first school in Sawyer's Bar, in early 1850's. Temporary teacher was Father Florien - first priest for whom the old church was built." Siskiyou County Office of Education School History Collection.



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Sawyers Bar, spring 1935. Handwritten note on verso says, "The tail that never was told." From a photo album owned by Lyle Allison, donated by family friend Elva E. McBeth Melton.



Staff, ca. 1940. Siskiyou County Office of Education School History Collection.



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ca. 1940. Photo by Mildred Grant, donated by Roderick and Larry Grant.



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Sawyer's Bar class, date unknown. Siskiyou County Office of Education School History Collection.



Sawyers Bar student body, date unknown. See caption BELOW for student names from note on photo back. Siskiyou County Office of Education School History Collection.

1. Ed Townes (teacher), 2. Jim Dairs (former D.A.), 3. Roget Corbett, 4. Alice Bigelow, 5. Henry Erhart, 6. Minnie Luddy, 7. Anita Hytti, 8. Frank Luddy, 9. Albert Dairs, 10. Wilbur Hamilton, 11. Stella Skillen, 12. Winfield Carl, 13. Ruth Hickey, 14. Gene Golden, 15. Ralph Peters, 16. Merla Peters, 17. Edith Luddy, 18. Ed Hickey, 19. Grace Carl, 20. Johnny Golden, 21. ?? Hytti, 22. Celia Hamilton, 23. Eddie Golden, 24. Mildred Barry, 25. Tom Bigelow, 26. Lena Erhart, 27. Alman Skillen, 28. Amelia Hytti, 29. Bill Corbett, 30. Gladys Peters, 31. Laura Klein, 32. Hazel Luddy, 33. Clive Barry, 34. Frank Barry, 35. Johnny Wike.



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