

Snowden School District

The Snowden School District was established in 1898. The school house was located five and a half miles north of Montague on the right hand side of the Montague-Ager Road. The original school house burned around 1912, and a new one was then built. When the district lapsed and was annexed to the Willow Creek District in 1943, the school house was purchased and moved to Yreka where it was used as an office building.

The first teacher was Lena Rose Barbour. School was held for six months with 16 pupils attending.

The name of the area stems from an incident that took place in 1887. A man called Fogerty, a construction boss for the Southern Pacific Railroad, arrived on the plains north of Montague with about 500 Chinese coolie laborers. Heavy snow fell that first night and continued for several days. The men were snowed in and used rails from fences for firewood. They designated the place Snowden.

Reference in board of Supervisors minutes:

Established: April 4, 1898 – Boundaries described (6-189)

April 5, 1899 – Bond election (6-358)

July 6, 1943 – Lapsed and territory added to the Willow Creek District (19-207)



Snowden School, ca. 1935. Photo by Bob Dennis, from the collection of Bob Dais.



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