

Spring School District

(Also See Secret Spring)

The Spring District was established in 1886 and was originally called the Ruby School. There were three school houses in this area: Secret Spring, Spring, and Ruby. Secret Spring and Spring were legally constituted districts. As far as is known, the ruby School was not an official school district.

The Spring school house was located 13 miles southwest of Dorris on the Sam's Neck Road at the foot of School house Hill. The building still stands. In recent years the school grounds have been used to store Christmas trees before shipment to urban areas.

In 1899, Miss Mary M. McCraig was the teacher. School was held for six months with 10 pupils in attendance. Apparently, Secret spring, Spring and Ruby were combined and eventually annexed to the Dorris District in 1949.

Reference in board of Supervisors minutes:

Established: April 7, 1886 – No boundary description (4-115)

August 2, 1889 – Lapsed and made part of Lava Bed District (4-467)

February 15, 1890 – Established and boundaries described (4-518)

September 4, 1923 – Suspended and re-established (13-143)

August 3, 1926 – Suspended (14-19)

September 8, 1925 – Re-established (14-26)

August 3, 1926 – Spring school not suspended (4-128)

August 6, 1929 – Suspended and re-established (15-205)

July 6, 1939 – Part of Oak Grove added to Spring District (18-220)

July 19, 1948 – Suspended (20-427)

September 7, 1948 – Re-established (29-447)

July 5, 1949 – Lapsed and joined with Dorris Elementary School District (21-75)



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



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



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



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Pictured below: The building that was Spring School currently resides at the Outdoor Museum of the Siskiyou County Museum. It has been set up to look as it did when it was an active school. The information about this school from the book, "History of Schools in Siskiyou County" indicates that the school was still standing when the book was written ca. 1974. Since then the school building was moved to the museum in Yreka.







