Manzanita School records, 1872-1954

Finding aid author: Mark Cooper.
Manzanita School records, 1872-1954

Sonoma County Library

Overview of the Collection
Collection Title: Manzanita School records,
Date (inclusive): 1872-1954
Identification: SPC.00074
Creator: Manzanita School (Healdsburg, Calif.)
Physical Description: 1 volume
Language of Materials: English
Repository: Sonoma County Library Archives
c/o Sonoma County History and Genealogy Library, Sonoma County Library
725 Third Street
Santa Rosa, CA,
URL: https://sonomalibrary.org/locations/sonoma-county-history-and-genealogy-library/sonoma-county-archive
Email: history@sonomalibrary.org
Phone: (707) 308-3212
Abstract: This collection contains collection of school registers for the Manzanita School, located near Healdsburg, California.

Index to School Registers

Biography/Organization History
Manzanita School, built in 1855, was located on Dry Creek Road, one-half mile west of the current freeway. The building still stands and is used as a residence.

Schools were established early in Dry Creek Valley, because most of the farm families had young children. The Manzanita School was evidently the first to be erected in the valley, when, in January of 1855, the commissioners hired a teacher at the District #2 (the southern part of Mendocino Township) school for three months at a rate of $4.00 per pupil per month. Located a few hundred yards north of the present Manzanita schoolhouse, it was built at a cost of $200, with donated labor (Dry Creek Neighbors Club 1979:1).

The 1861 Report of the School Marshals noted a total of 249 children in Dry Creek, 55 under four years of age, 104 between four and 18, four between 18 and 21; 86 had been born in California. By 1863 four schools had been established in the valley: Dry Creek, Lafayette, Mill Creek, and Manzanita (Dry Creek Neighbors Club 1979:2,9).

Soon thereafter state law encouraged building school houses three miles apart to accommodate horse and buggy transportation, and so that children would not have to walk so far to attend. Invariably with one room and one teacher, grades were one through eight, and students studied during class and played at recess. Games played at the Dry Creek School included over-the-school-house, tag, run-sheep-run, hide-and-go-seek, marbles, baseball, and red-line (Dry Creek Neighbors Club 1979:13).

As the closest high school was in Healdsburg, students either had to walk or go by horseback or horse and buggy, or stay in Healdsburg during the week. In 1917, however, Frederick Patronak, one of the school trustees, felt so strongly that all the children should have the opportunity of an education that he furnished a bus to take them to school The bus, driven by his granddaughter Elizabeth Allman St. Clair, was a hand-cranked Ford. It was driven for two or three years, and then the children were chauffeured by car (Dry Creek Neighbors Club 1979:34).

Scope and Contents
School registers for Manzanita School in Healdsburg, California.

Arrangement of Materials:
Arranged chronologically in a single series.

Access Terms
This Collection is indexed under the following controlled access subject terms.

**Corporate Names**
Manzanita School (Healdsburg, Calif.)

**Topical Terms**
Schools--California--Healdsburg

**Genre and Format Terms**
School records
Registers (lists)
Archival materials

**Conditions Governing Access:**
Materials stored offsite, but collection is open to research. In many cases, further details on individual volumes can be found by calling staff at the Sonoma County History and Genealogy Library. To view these materials, please call staff at 707-308-3212 to request they be brought from the Archives to the Library.

**Conditions of Use**
Collection does not circulate and may be photocopied or photographed by arrangement only.

**Publication Rights**
Property rights reside with the Sonoma County Library. The Sonoma County Library has made this collection available and believes that the collection is in the Public Domain under the laws of the United States, but a determination was not made as to its copyright status under the copyright laws of other countries. The Collection may not be in the Public Domain under the laws of other countries. Preferred credit line is: Courtesy, the Sonoma County Library. Please see additional reproduction and reuse information at https://sonomalibrary.org/locations/sonoma-county-history-and-genealogy-library/order-photo

**Preferred Citation:**
Manzanita School, 1872-1954. SPC.00074, Sonoma County Archives, Sonoma County Library, Rohnert Park, California.

---

**SCL Special Collections Control Number:** SPC.00074

**School registers 1872-1954**

**Note:**
ARCHIVES ROW 14 BIN 7

**Physical Description:**
Extent: 1 box