

Bethel Township Schools
A special thanks to Beth McCarrick of Bethel for her help

#1 Larkin or Central School or School #1

On September 25, 1820 Isaac Larkin sold {O-132} a half acre of land to three trustees: Thomas Booth, John Larkin and Nathaniel Larkin. A one room stone school was built at the southeastern corner of the intersection of Bethel and Foulk Rds. that became known as "School #1" or the "Central School". This school was replaced in 1868 by a new stone building built by Osborne Booth at a cost of \$2661.00.

June 19, 1868 – Chester, Pennsylvania (Delaware County)

DELAWARE COUNTY REPUBLICAN

Advertisement

Proposals – Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of Directors of Bethel School District, until 29th inst., at 5 o'clock, P.M., at which time the Board will meet at school house No. 1, for building a new stone school house in said district. Plans and specifications may be seen and examined at the residence of R.H. Barlow, in said district, on and after Tuesday next. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids for the same. By order of the Board, A. Baldwin, Secretary.

This one room school was used until 1952. The school was sold { 1668-374 } to Delmas Christopher on September 18, 1953 for \$3,000.00. The school still stands at 3196 Bethel Rd. Boothwyn and is now a private home.



#2 Booth's Corners School or School #2 and #4

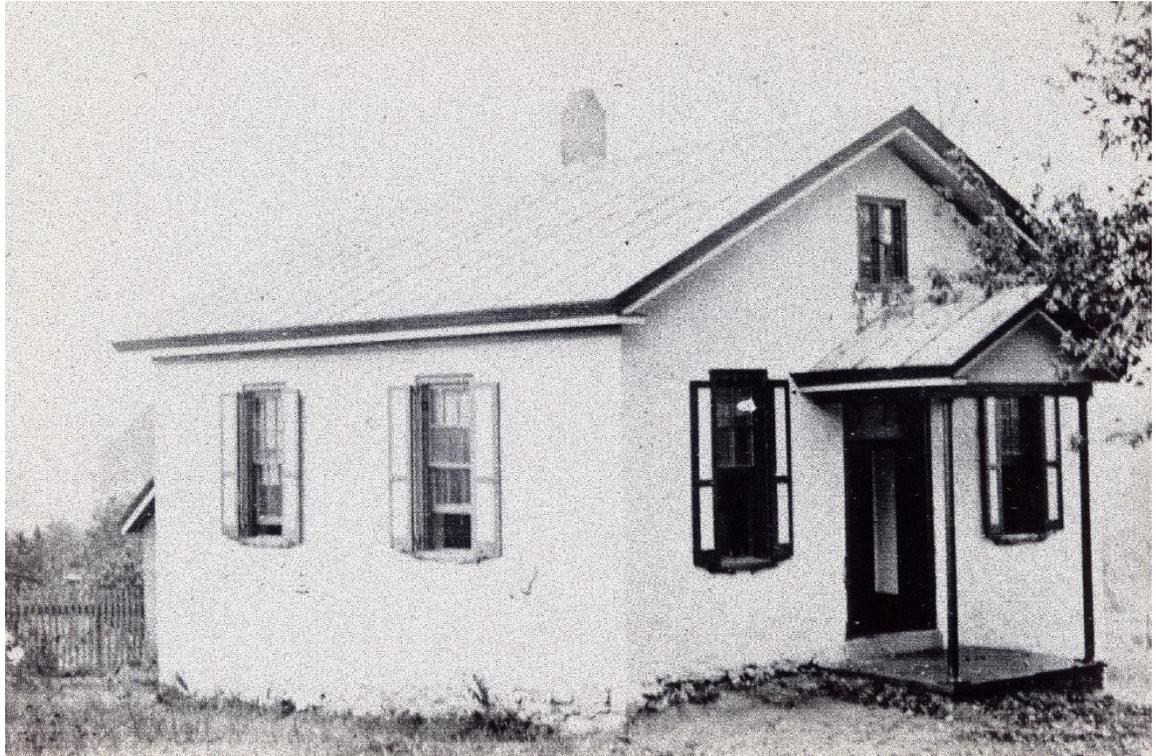
On September 9, 1839 Foulk Cloud sold {U-521} 55 perches of land to the school board for \$27.50. A stone eight-sided school was built known as "School #2 or the Booth's Corner School". This school burned to the ground in the 1840's and was rebuilt using the old walls. The school was replaced with a new building in 1870. The contractor was Nelson Green and the cost of the new school was \$1789.00. A frame second story was added in 1898 and was known as "School #4". The second floor was used as the population demanded it. This school was used until 1952. On September 2, 1953 the school was sold {1670-112} to William Briggs for \$4000.00 and is now next Briggs Auction at #1315 Naaman's Creek Rd. Boothwyn.



KEITH LOCKY

#3 Chelsea School or School #3

On May 22, 1860 Curtis Barlow sold {H2-237} 84 square perches of land to the Bethel Township School District for \$129.00. A stone one room school was built known as the "Chelsea School or School #3". This school was located on the north side of Bethel Rd. This school was used until 1952 when a new grade school was built. The school was sold {1664-302} to Oliver Copenhaver on December 11, 1952 for \$1500.00. The school was later torn down for a Power Co. right of way. The school stood in the 2100 block of Foulk Rd.



#4 On September 29, 1808 Caesar and Margaret Paschell, a black of Concord Twp. paper maker, sold [I-408] an acre of land to four trustees for \$40.00. The four trustees were; Benjamin Cloud of Upper Chichester, John Grubb, William Peters and John Richards all of Aston Twp. Although this property is named as being used for a school, there appears to be no mention of a school in the deed itself. This property was on the north side of Bethel Road about a quarter mile before the intersection of Concord Rd. This school was said to be log and was used till about 1824. No deed has been found at this time regarding the sale. Paschell would later lose the rest of his property at a sheriff's sale to pay a debt.

March 17, 1854 – Chester, Pennsylvania (Delaware County)
DELAWARE COUNTY REPUBLICAN - Education

BETHEL FEMALE SEMINARY – This institution is situated in Delaware County, Pa., within nine miles of Wilmington and five of Marcus Hook. The location is pleasant, healthful and retired; it being designed to combine all the advantages of a quiet family school, with those of a perfectly organized Seminary. Marcus Hook may be reached from New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and adjacent parts of the country by railroad and steamboats. The entire charge for Board, Washing, and Tuition in all the branches, including Latin, French, Drawing, Painting and Music on the Piano, will not exceed \$35 per quarter (eleven weeks,) or \$140 per year. When the

English branches only are taken, the entire expenses are \$20 per quarter, \$80 per year. There are no extra charges whatever. The only additional necessary expense is for text books and stationery furnished....S. M. Kirke, Principal, Marcus Hook, Delaware County, Pennsylvania.

September 8, 1854 – Chester, Pennsylvania (Delaware County)
DELAWARE COUNTY REPUBLICAN – Education

BETHEL BOARDING SCHOOL is pleasantly situated in Delaware County, Pennsylvania, within five miles of Marcus Hook and nine of Wilmington. Marcus Hook is easy of access from New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and adjacent parts of the country, by railroad and steamboats. This school is designed for such young ladies and boys (under the age of thirteen) who may be desirous of acquiring the principles of a thorough English education, together with a knowledge of the Latin and French languages, Music on the piano, Drawing, Painting in water and oil colors, and other Ornamentals at a trifling expense. The entire expenses for tuition in the English branches, including Board, &c., does not exceed \$22 per quarter. When the Languages, with Music and the Ornamentals are taken, the charge is \$38 per quarter. The full term, commencing on the second Monday in October, and continues twenty-two weeks. For circulars, containing references, &c., address S. M. Kirke, Boothville, Delaware County, Pennsylvania.

February 23, 1855 – Chester, Pennsylvania (Delaware County)
DELAWARE COUNTY REPUBLICAN - Education

BETHEL BOARDING SCHOOL FOR GIRLS AND BOYS, (under the age of thirteen) – This school is pleasantly situated in Delaware County, PA, within five miles of Marcus Hook and nine of Wilmington. Marcus Hook is accessible from New York, Philadelphia, Wilmington, Baltimore and the adjacent parts of the country, by railroad and steamboats; from Marcus Hook conveyance may be obtained by applying at the depot, or if timely notice be given, pupils will be met with a conveyance. The entire charge for Board, Washing and Tuition in the common and higher English branches, is \$23 per quarter (of eleven weeks) or \$92 per year.

March 17, 1854 – Chester, Pennsylvania (Delaware County)
DELAWARE COUNTY REPUBLICAN – Education

BOARDING SCHOOLS – We (are) pleased to see that several more of those institutions of learning are being established among us. The old pioneers in the good work – Sharon Female Boarding School at Darby, one of the best in the Union, and Aston Ridge Seminary, are among the most flourishing literary institutions to be found in Pennsylvania. Our advertising columns give notice of the establishment of a new Boarding School under the charge of Mr. Isaac Gray, whose testimonials as a teacher are of the highest order. Mr. G. will, in a short time, open the Crozer Academy in this Borough, and we predict for him a full complement of scholars. The Academy is beautifully situated on the banks of the Delaware, a location noted for its healthfulness and the beauty of the surrounding country. The Female Boarding School of Miss S. M. Kirke in Bethel, is also worthy of the attention of those who have children to educate. Miss K.'s school combines all the comforts of a home with the advantages of obtaining a good English education. Thomas Griffith, a successful teacher in our public and private schools, will open a new Seminary at Media, shortly. Mr. G. has had much experience with youth, and in the various branches of an English education has few superiors as an instructor. Whatever he undertakes will be done thoroughly and well.