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PERSONAL MEMORIES OF THE MAPLE AVENUE SCHOOL

A letter from Miss Hattie Chapmen Adams found in Marjorie Graves Scrapbook,
Dated August 5, 1941 and contributed by William Watkins, Deputy Historian of Machias

Dear Editor:

In reading Mr. Perley's letter about the Maple Avenue District School reminded me that, I too, was a pupil there (of course it was before Mr. Perley's time). When I began at the age of 7 years, back in 1868, there were only two rooms and only one occupied, the one on the west side. I have nothing but memory to go by, but they had no man teachers, only in winter. We had no sidewalks, or paved roads shoveled smooth as our kitchen floors, but mud and snow drifts, nearly knee high to plod through.

One year they used the room on the east side and we had Miss Alice Raub for a teacher, an aunt to Merle Raub, I think. I will attempt to recall the teachers' names: George Boyce, George Towne, James H. Waring, who later became District Attorney, and Alfred Spring, who was Supreme Court Judge, at the time of his death. The lady teachers were: Tennie McVey, Annie Giles, Maggie Giles, Libbie Robeson, Alice Raub and Belle Burlingame, mother of E. A. McClouth.

Some of the pupils were: William McClure, William Weed, Charley Weed, Emory Chapman, Ira Burlingame, James Hogg, George Hogg, Wilson Hogg, Eddie Button, Frank Riggs, Miles Riggs, Lawrence Fries, Eugene Adams, James Henry, Wallace Blackman, Artie Blackman, Clarence Blackman, John Sackett, Jerry Sackett, Fred Whitney, Ezekial McKinley, and Arthur Spring. The girls: Jennie Hogg, Ida Davis, Florence Davis, Nora Hoff, Kit Woodworth, Flora Bigham, Louise Gleason, Dana Whitney, Nett Whitney, Cora Waring, Gertrude Waring, Arie Chapman, Mary Henry, Maggie Henry, Agnes McKinley, Jennie McKinley, Annie Wade, Fannie Adams, Grace Skinner, Fannie Perley and Hattie Chapman.

When more room was needed they added three more rooms, making five, and when they discontinued classes, it was sold and made into five dwelling houses on Maple Avenue.

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