

1851

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History of dist no 2 Sumter

This district was organized in 1851. The first school meeting was held at the home of Solomon King 4.00 P.M. April 22, 1851.

There were 34 pupils ready to start with the school. There were 12 familys in the district. At the first meeting Albert Jameson was elected clerk, Solomon King treasure and John Hoover Director. They voted to hold 4 mos of summer school in Jameson summer kitchen. E. Howard was the first teacher. Solomon King then give

one half acre of land for
which to build a school house.
Dexter Farnum then
built a school house
20x36 ft. and the room
was to be complete. It
had eight Windows. In
1853 the name was changed
from from district No. 10
to district No. 2. No other
rural district in the County
furnished so many Civil
~~and~~ soldiers for there
were thirty two of them.
In 1878 the district purchased
six lots from Henry King
and E. D. King, on which they
moved the school house.
This cost \$106.00 more in the

fall of 1891 the old school house
was sold sold to Mrs. Jameson
for \$28.00 and it then stood
on the farm owned by Alex
Stuber and was used for
a henhouse. It has since
been destroyed. Then they
built the school house that
now stands here. It has
seven windows, a bookcase
and writing desk combined
two cupboards one in the
North East corner and the
other in the North West
corner. It has two small
entrances one in the South
West corner and one in the
South East corner which
leaves a room in between

the entries where they had
a stove, a woodbox and some
benches. This was completed
in 1892. There has been
sixteen clerks ~~six~~ and
sixteen treasurers and
twenty Directors since
the school began.

When the people
first settled here they
were not troubled by
Indians but one time
they had a great scare
for a man came over
the Baraboo Bluffs and
said the Indians had
killed most everyone
on the other side of the
Baraboo Bluffs and were

coming this way. The people were frightened very much the men took some gun powder and guns and some food for both man and horse and they took their children and wife to go to the brick house where every one met to get together and fight the Indians. They stayed here two days. Afterward another man came to visit some of his friends on the prairie and saw no one was at home he came to the brick house and saw every

one was ready for battle,
he asked what was the
matter. They then told
him, he said it was a
false story for he had
come over the bluffs and
no one was killed. So
the people went back
to their homes after they
had tried their guns
and only one would shoot.
The first settlers came
in 1838 before this only
Prairie du Sac and Baraboo
But not in this district

In 1863 and 1864 there
were 102 pupils of school
age while 1851 there
were only 31 pupils

of schoolage. Those who have graduated are Bent King, Herman Zantow Mable Haynes, Maude Kooch Julia Rueland and Agnes Rueland, Myrtle Haynes. Some of them became teachers, blacksmiths, mechanics, doctors, ministers, merchants, engineers, house keepers, dressmakers and farmers. Until 1867 the district paid the teacher's board besides her or his wages. The first three yrs. the parents furnished one half cord of wood to each pupil but now one man gets the

wood for so much a cord
of wood. In 1838 the
chief market was Milwaukee
it took about five days
to make the round trip

Wheat which was
the main product
was sown by hand
and cut with sickles and
raked and bound by hand
and threshed with flails.
The nearest flour mill
was near Lone Rock.
It took 3 or 4 days for
the round trip. Corn
ground corn in old fashion
coffee mills.

Augustas Michel came
here from New York

in May 1858. From here he moved to Minnesota in 1875 and died there Anthony Michiel came here from New York in May 1858 He resided here over twenty years and then moved to Philadelphia Penn. where he died

Andrew Hodget came here from Southern Wis. 1838 He lived where J. D. Kill now lives later he died in the course of the measles

Nosea King was born 1787 On 1843 he and his wife and five sons came here from Ohio They were

four weeks on there way
In April 1852 he died at the
home of his son Solomon
Solomon King was
the son of Kosea and
came here with his father
He was born in 1818.

Eli King was a brother
to Solomon King he came
here with his father
He was born 1842

Thos. Farnum Sr.
was born in Mass. later
he moved to Ohio then
he moved to this dist.
then to tunnel City Wis.
Where he died 1872

Dexter Farnum
was born in Penn. 1829

He came here in 1845 where
he died

John Hoover was born
Pa. He was one of the first
settlers in Wis. he died
in 1868

John Jameson was born
in Penn. He came here
to Wis abt 1838. He died here
in 1874