

Teachers of the Lone Pine School—The Early Years.

When the Lone Pine School was started in 1906, there were rules that all teachers were to follow. These included that she must be single, not seen in the company of any men other than family members, and be inside her home by 8:00 P.M. unless attending a school function. She was responsible for the upkeep of the school including daily sweeping and dusting, weekly washing of the floor, and keeping the fire going to keep students warm. She was to keep her character and morals above reproach at all times. She was not allowed to wear bright or “gaudy” clothing. Skirts could not be shorter than two inches above her ankles and collars were required to have a high neckline. For following these rules, she was paid a salary of \$20-\$30 per month and most likely had to room with the family of one of her students.

These were the teachers of record for the first four years at the Lone Pine School.

The first teacher on record at Lone Pine was Miss Margaret Husted. Miss Husted also had the honor to teach at the Lovells School District #1 (currently the home of the Lovells Cheerful Givers). After teaching in Lovells, Miss Husted taught in the Ogemaw County School District for 40 years, retiring in 1930. Never having married, Miss Husted spent her last years living with her niece, Margaret Douglas, in Lovells. Miss Husted was 99 at the time of her passing in 1972.

The next two teachers also did double duty teaching at both schools. They were Misses Mary Morrison and Augusta McGonigal. In 1909, Miss Ethel O. Love was the schoolmistress at Lone Pine. She had seven pupils from the Ernst, Kellogg and Sikora families. The 1910 census has her listed as residing with the Gustave Ernst family of Lovells. Miss Love did eventually marry in 1923 and spent the majority of her life in the Roscommon area.

Lastly Miss Augusta Kraus, was also listed as having taught in 1910. Miss Kraus was born in Grayling and has the distinction of having taught at the school at the age of 16, prior to her graduation from Grayling High School in 1912. After graduation, Miss Kraus became an accountant and office manager for a manufacturing company and an insurance company in Detroit. She married J. Dell Walt in 1921, becoming a widow seven years later. She returned to Grayling in 1973 and was very active in the Order of the Eastern Star until her death in 1983.