

County of Nevada
State of California

Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission
Application for Landmark Registration of Historical Resource

Name of proposed landmark: Grant Schoolhouse

Location, including Assessor's Parcel Number, of property on which
resource is located:

135 Winchester St., Grass Valley, CA 95945

Parcel No. (APN): 008-460-020-000

Name of applicant: Ari Brouillette

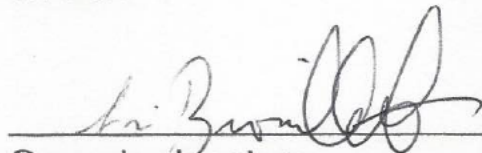
Address: 135 Winchester St., Grass Valley, CA 95945

Cell phone: [REDACTED]

email: [REDACTED]

Name and address of owner upon whose property proposed landmark
is located, if owner is not applicant: Same

I consent to this application and authorize the placing of a plaque or marker
on site.


Owner's signature

December 6, 2024
Date

Brief history and description of proposed landmark:

Located on the corner of Winchester and Marshall Streets in Grass Valley, the second oldest school in Grass Valley, Winchester School, was built on the site in 1864 at a cost of \$1500; approximately 100 students attended. (1)

In July of 1895, it was decided to cut the next school term short one month, to effect a sufficient saving to erect and equip a new schoolhouse on Winchester Hill. It is estimated the building will cost \$1500, and to furnish it \$500. (3)

In September of 1895, an adjacent schoolhouse, named Grant, was built in twenty-two working days, and was home to Miss Julia Dahl's school. The first class was held on Monday, September 29th. (4)

On September 5, 1898, both buildings were completely destroyed by fire, presumably started by someone carelessly throwing a lit cigarette or cigar into the dry grass. A passerby attempted to use a garden hose to extinguish the fire, but the water had been turned off, and not a drop was available. The fire scorched adjacent residences, and the fire department could do nothing to quench the flames. (5)

Report of the fire appeared in the Sacramento Union, San Francisco Examiner, and the Los Angeles Times.

In 1900, Grant School was rebuilt, and opened to students on April 2, 1900. On April 17, 1900, a report of intruders doing damage to the building.

In 1904, a stone wall was completed around Grant school and topped with an iron fence.

In 1906, the school went on an all day picnic to Olympia and Glenbrook Parks.

In the spring of 1940, the Grant school was abandoned. The windows were boarded, and the doors locked. To all intents and purposes, the school was finished. But in the fall of 1940 an increase of students in Grass Valley found a need for the school and it was opened again.

In 1943-1945, empty classrooms were used for Red Cross Nursery school and many Boy and Girl Scout meetings were held there. The school was not used again in 1947-48, but was renovated in 1948 for use that fall.

In 1955, there was concern over Grant being used for the 1955-56 school year because of its age and condition. It was described as historic and crumbling.

In 1959, fire extinguishers were found to be thirty years old.

The building was abandoned in 1961-63. In February of 1962, The Citizens Committee for the Grass Valley Schools voted to have the building razed, and the property sold. The plan was rejected by the Grass Valley School District, but the building was renovated and opened again in the fall of 1964 due to overcrowded classes at Hennessy School. The upper story has been condemned for many years.

In January of 1966, it was sold to the California Division of Highways as the new proposed freeway would put it in their right of way. The transaction never occurred, as the route was adjusted through town.

The school closed for good in June of 1968.

In 1968, the Grass Valley School District sold the school the Christian Church for \$11,000, as the district had no use for it after the new Gilmore School was readied for classes.

Historically significant aspects or properties of proposed landmark:

Now a private residence, the former Grant schoolhouse is one of the finest preserved buildings in Grass Valley. It is recognized by the City of Grass Valley in its Historical Resources Inventory, Grass Valley 1872 Townsite.

How will the landmark be protected and maintained?

By the owner and applicant, who lives in the building, with the assistance of the Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission.

Bibliography. Cite or attach available books, records, articles or other materials pertaining to the proposed landmark.

Books and articles:

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2. Weeks, Clara A. (April 1956). *Early Schools of Nevada County*. Nevada County Historical Society Bulletin, Vol. 10, No. 2, P. 5
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Also, *The Sacramento Union, Los Angeles Times, and San Francisco Examiner*.
6. *Many more from the Daily Morning Union and the Union*.

Historical or civil records: (e.g., ownership, assessments etc.)

1898 and 1912 Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps for Grass Valley.

The City of Grass Valley Historical Resources Designation (April 2009)

Other: (e.g. photographs, prints or drawings. Please list and attach separately)

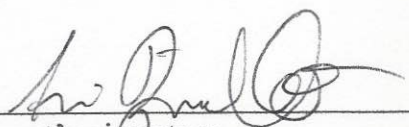
1898 Fire photo.

1904 photo of Grant School. by Harold Biggs.

1908 Grant 6th grade class.

1969 Christian Church

2024 Photos by Jerry Martini


Applicant's signature

December 6, 2024
Date

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This completed form and all related documents shall be sent to the:

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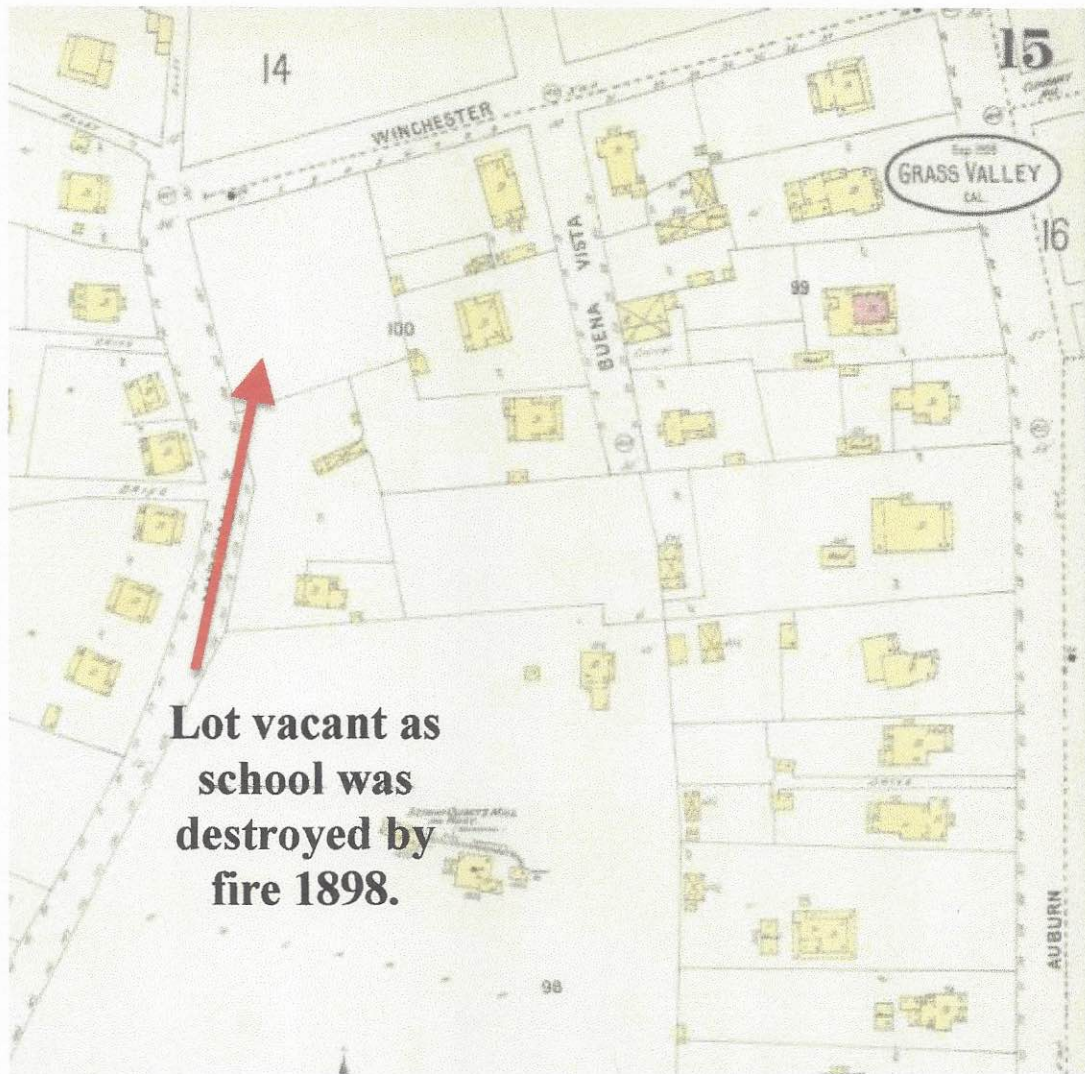
Attachments and related documents may be submitted in electronic format
to info@nevadacountylandmarks.com.

An application must be considered solely on its historic or architectural
merits and not for commercial gain, political benefits, or other non historical
reasons.

An individual Commissioner can advise and counsel an applicant, but all
applications must be considered by the full Commission, meeting in regular
session.

**Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from
Grass Valley, Nevada County,
California.**

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Sanborn Map Company, 1898**



Sanborn Fire Insurance Map
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WINCHESTER

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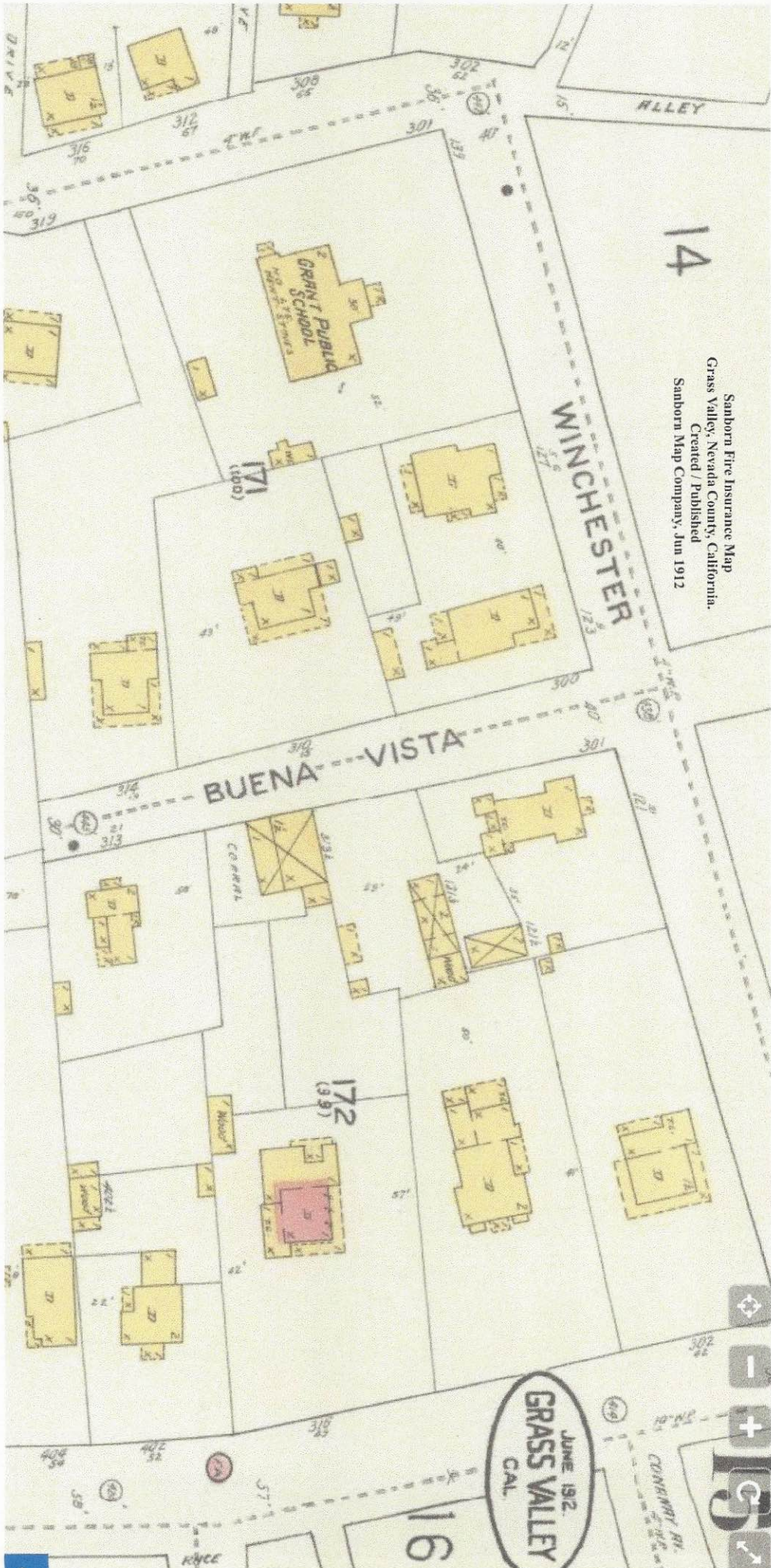
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May Consider Other Bids.

Tidings: As Jacob Hodge, the successful bidder on the contract to erect the new school building on Winchester Hill, was not able to guarantee that he would complete the structure within thirty days, and as this will be an essential part of the arrangement, the Board of Education will be obliged to award the contract to some other party. A meeting will be held tonight to consider the matter. All those who put in bids would do well to attend the meeting, and be prepared to give the requisite guarantee.

At the meeting Saturday night A. A. Russell was awarded the contract for \$480.

1895 Aug 5 May Consider Other Bids

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The Latest Events at Grass Valley Up to 4 O'clock This Afternoon.

The new school building on Winchester Hill is being finished as rapidly as possible, considering the unavoidable delays. According to the contract, it should be completed on the 6th of September, but as the builder was obliged to wait nearly a week for lumber, he will have until September 12th or 14th in which to finish the work. After that he will forfeit \$10 per day until the building is completed.

It is expected to make a general holiday

1895 Sep 3 New school to be finished

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At the special meeting of the Board of Education Tuesday evening the new school-house on Winchester Hill was accepted and the contractor, Mr. Russell, allowed \$25 for extra work. A bill for mill work presented by the contractor was refused payment. A portico will be built over the doorway, the Board employing Mr. Russell to construct the same. Mrs. Caddy was appointed janitor of the building at a salary of \$4 per month.

The stock of dry goods, fancy goods, millinery, carpets, etc., in the store formerly conducted by Samuel Yeo, will be closed out at forced sale, beginning on Saturday next, to satisfy creditors. S. Jacobowitz of San Francisco will have charge of the sale.

1895 Sept 19 Special Board Meeting

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Description of the New Schoolhouse Located on Winchester Hill.

WINCHESTER SCHOOLHOUSE. The new school building on Winchester Hill, into which Miss Julia Dahl's school will move Monday, is one of the handsomest small schoolhouses in the county. The plans were prepared by W. S. May, under the direction of the Board of Education. The building is two stories in height and the exterior measurements are 38 by 38 feet. The entrance is made through a hall ten feet in width, with double stairways, containing four landings, leading to the upper room. On either side is a waiting or cloak room 10 by 7 feet. Only the lower room has been finished and this is now ready for occupancy. This room is 25 by 37 feet and is capable of seating from 75 to 80 scholars. Both rooms are lighted by seven windows, furnishing a sufficiency of light at all times during summer or winter. The teacher's stand and desk are at the western end of the building. The room is finished in natural woods, redwood and pine alternating, and is the latest Oxford combination desks. Mr. A. A. Russell is the contractor and he had the building completed in 22 working days. The building was painted by Messrs, Lelong and Lane and its appearance contrasts greatly with the older school buildings of the district. A handsome portico has been added to the building in addition to the original plans and this will add much to the appearance of the building's front. The room which has been finished contains seventy feet of natural slate blackboards, three feet in width. The upper room will undoubtedly be finished next year, or as soon as sufficient funds are on hand to complete the same. Mr. Russell has secured the contract to erect the new schoolhouse in the North Star district and promises something new and neat in the way of a one-story country schoolhouse.

Daily Morning Union
Grass Valley, California
28 September 1895
Volume 54, Page 4

It Cost \$1800.

Tidings: At the meeting of the Board of Education, Tuesday evening, all of the bills pertaining to the construction of the Winchester School building were audited or considered. The total expense of that structure will be \$1800. Wm. May, who was to receive $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of the cost of the building for his work of superintending, received a warrant for \$45. The building is considered an excellent one for the money which it has cost.

1895 Oct 11 It Cost \$1800

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A VERY DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

TWO SCHOOLHOUSES ON WINCHESTER HILL IN ASHES.

Half a Dozen Residences Narrowly Escape a Like Fate—Estimated Loss by the Fire.

The Grant school building and the old Winchester school house adjoining were completely reduced to ashes yesterday afternoon, and half a dozen residences surrounding were ablaze at times and only by the heroic work of the fire department, neighbors and citizens, were they saved from destruction.

How the fire originated is not definitely known, but is presumed to have been caused by someone carelessly throwing a lighted cigarette, cigar or match on the dry grass in the schoolyard, for smoke was first seen ascending from the grass by John Cornish, a resident of that locality. Thomas Williams, driver of the city cart, happened along at the time and tried to turn water on the flames through a garden hose. But the water had been shut off the main pipe to permit a connection to be made on the new pipe line and not a drop of water could be thrown on the flames. Meanwhile the fire had spread, the fence and woodshed in the schoolyard were ablaze and the fire was spreading with lightning rapidity. A light wind fanned the flames and in less time than it takes to tell the story the old Winchester hill school house was being eaten up by the flames.

Fire alarms were sounded and the brave fire laddies were rushing to the scene. Before they could get there the second school house was afire, the flames had leaped across the street to Thomas Plummer's handsome new home and only the prompt action of the firemen in getting water onto it saved it from the fate of the schoolhouses. Frank Dennen's house to the east of the school buildings was badly scorched, as was also the residence of Mrs. Caddy. Flying sparks set on fire the roofs of Richard Gummoe, Thos. Othet, Herman Uphoff and Alfred Kinsman, and the barn of J. C.

Conaway, but fortunately a little attention from the fire department quenched the flames.

There is nothing left of the school houses save a few charred foundation pieces of timber. The chairs, desks and everything else they contained were eaten up by the fire. There was no school session yesterday, on account of it being Labor Day, and the school children did not have their new books in the building.

The Winchester Primary building was insured in the Aachen and Munich Company, of which E. Biggs is the local agent, for \$500. The Grant building was also insured in the Thuringia Insurance Company for \$1000, of which John M. Thomas is the agent. The furniture in the Grant school was insured for \$400 in the Atlas, represented here by Grenfell & Thomas.

There will be but little loss of time to the school children on account of the fire. The pupils of the Fifth Grade will report to their teacher, Miss Thomas, at Bell Hill this morning at the usual hour. The first and second grades, which were to have been taught by Miss Plummer, will have a vacation of another week, or until the seats arrive to accommodate them. A. B. Champion, clerk of the Board of Education, telegraphed for fifty new seats from Weber & Co.

The estimated value of the two schoolhouses destroyed by fire is placed by Mr. Argall at \$2800.

The new building which was destroyed was known as the Grant school and had been built but two years. It was a beautiful structure, handsomely finished, and was the pride of the residents of that locality and the citizens in general. The inside of the building was finished in natural oiled wood, and the desks were of the latest approved pattern.

PRESENTED WITH AN EMBLEM.

Past President J. C. Williams of the Miners' Union was presented with a handsome charm, emblematic of that organization, last Friday evening by the Miners Union. He had presided over the Union with fairness and justice and they attested to their good will by presenting him with this token of appreciation. Mr. Williams is naturally proud of the gift.

N. Offenbach has secured agency for Hart & Obendorf, great tailor manufacturing firm of Chicago. Suits from \$10 up; pants \$3 up. Perfect fit guaranteed.

LOCAL NEWS

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FIRE AT GRASS VALLEY.

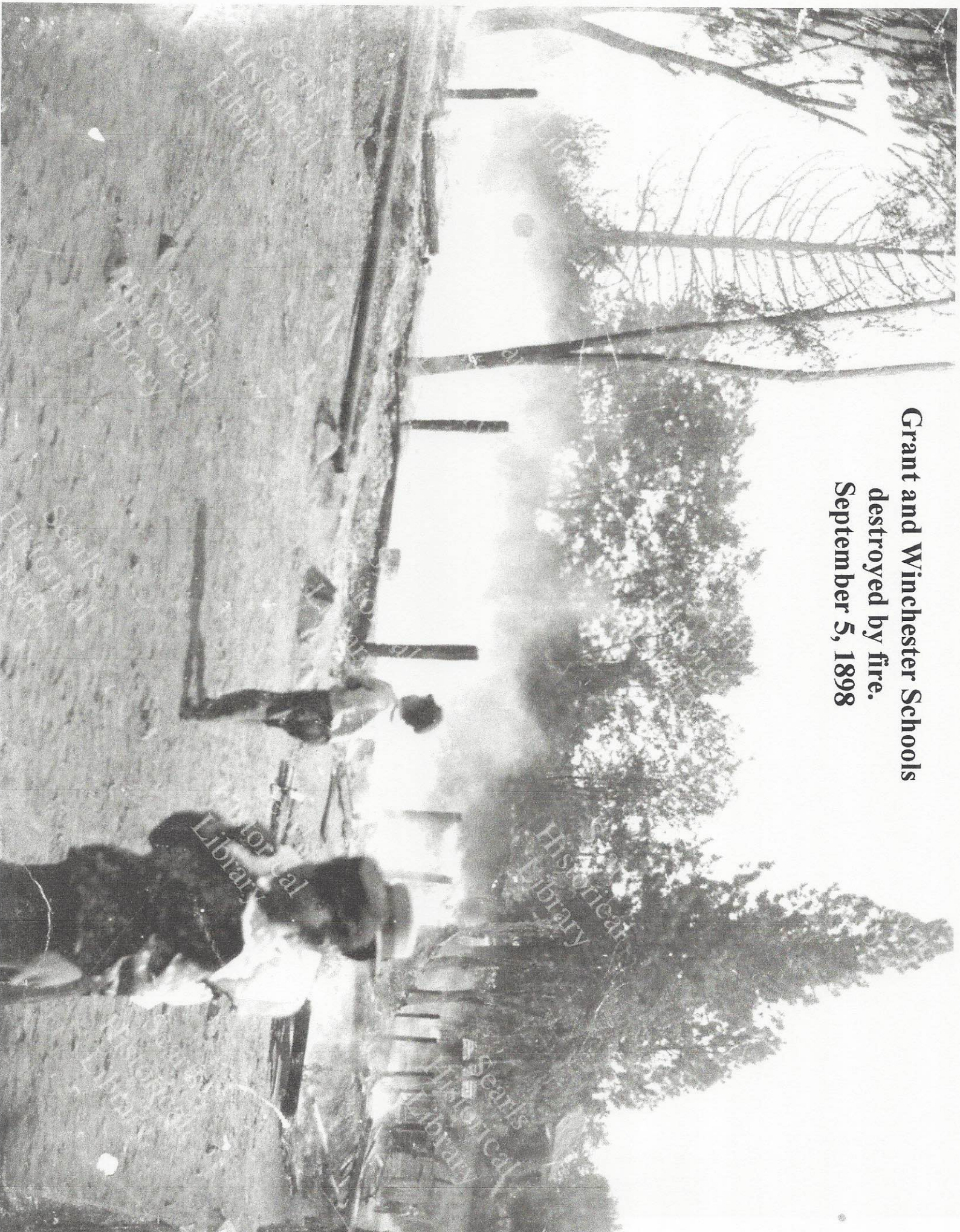
Two Schoolhouses Burned This Afternoon—Died of Consumption.

Shortly after two o'clock this afternoon the two public schoolhouses on Winchester Hill were totally destroyed by fire. One of them was built about a year ago, the other being an old building. They stood on the same lot and were both in regular use. The fire started in some grass in an adjoining lot. Neighbors tried to put it out with garden hose when the fence began to burn, but the water was shut off this afternoon to change the pipe line in that locality and they could do nothing. The loss was \$2800 and the insurance \$1900.

1898 Sept 5 Fire at Grass Valley

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**Grant and Winchester Schools
destroyed by fire.
September 5, 1898**



Schoolhouses Burned.

GRASS VALLEY, September 5.—Two school buildings located on Winchester Hill, this city, were burned to-day. One was an almost new building, the other an old structure. The loss is \$3,000; insurance, \$1,900.

1898 Sept 6 Schoolhouses Burned #2

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SCHOOLHOUSE TO BE BUILT.

Board of Education Adopted Plans Last Night.

Low Assignment of Pupils—Salary
Increased—An Offer Made for
Ga field Property.

The City Board of Education held a special meeting last evening at which plans for a new four-room school building, to be erected on Winchester Hill, were adopted. The building will be two stories in height and will be modern in every detail. The Board will furnish all material and E. J. Heffner has been engaged to supervise the erection of the building, his compensation not to exceed two and one-half per cent. of the cost of construction. D. E. Matteson will be employed to make estimates as to the cost of construction and amount of material to be used in the building of a concrete wall foundation for the building.

1899 Oct 1899 Schoolhouse to be Built

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The committee on schoolhouses and repairs was authorized to have the necessary grading done in the basement of the new Grant school for the purpose of utilizing this space for a woodshed, and also to have a fence constructed around the lot.

One of the most important actions taken by the board last evening was the ordering of the finishing of the entire new Grant building. The present contract only calls for the finishing of the two lower rooms, but upon considering the matter the board decided to finish the two upper rooms also. They will thus be enabled to close some of the old and unsanitary buildings and give the children better accommodations.

The committee on supplies was authorized to ascertain what desks will be necessary to equip the new building and to purchase the same at the lowest prices as soon as possible.

Principal Smith

Grading of Grant basement

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CONTRACTS AWARDED.

Board of Education Opens Bids for a New Schoolhouse.

The City Board of Education held an adjourned meeting last evening at which all members were present.

The first matter taken up was the opening and reading of bids for the construction of the new school building to be erected on Winchester Hill.

The following bids were received: D. E. Matteson for plastering the building, \$230; for erecting chimney, \$66; for building concrete foundation, 30 cents per cubic foot; bidder to furnish all labor and material.

Wilson & Loney, for plastering the building and building chimney, \$347.

Charles Hooker, for doing all carpenter work according to specifications, \$385.

W. T. George, for labor for painting, \$68.50.

Joseph Lelong, labor for painting, \$80.

Miser & Brough, labor for painting, \$75.

Geach Bros. also submitted a bid for doing the carpenter work, but did not accompany the bid with a certified check, therefore the bid was not considered.

The board, after considering the bids, awarded the contract for building the concrete foundation, plastering and building the chimney to D. E. Matteson.

Charles Hooker was awarded the contract to do the carpenter work for \$385, in accordance with the plans and specifications and a written contract to be hereafter agreed upon.

The contract for painting the building was awarded to W. T. George for \$68.50.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING. B

But Little Business Transacted Other Than Allowing Bills.

The City Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting last night, at which a number of bills were ordered paid and other business transacted.

The Board ordered that the finishing of the two upper rooms of the new Grant building be left in charge of Committee on Schoolhouses and Repairs.

The request of Miss Brown for three desks and three rears was granted and the clerk was instructed to have the seats put in. The clerk was also ordered to purchase necessary supplies for inkwells and glasses. The report of the Committee on Classification and Promotion, relative to the new course of studies and supplementary readings, was deferred until the next meeting.

The following bills were presented:
James Stead, labor at Washington School, \$1.25.

C. C. Adams, slate blackboarding, \$246.96.

Nevada County Electric Power Company, lighting for November and December, \$2.20.

A. L. Fisher, supplies, \$4.80.

Brady & Robinson, supplies, \$2.65.

W. P. Oliver, labor and supplies, \$2.50.

Elam Biggs Hardware Company, supplies, \$4.40.

Birce & Smart, lumber, \$26.58.

E. G. Champion, labor, \$20.75.

G. A. Wanamake, hauling, \$2.50.

James Pollard, making bookcase, \$4.00.

A. B. Champion, supplies for Grant building, \$192.39.

All bills were ordered paid except those for supplies on the new Grant building and that of J. P. Pollard.

SCHOOL MATTERS WERE DISCUSSED.

City Board of Education Or- ders a Fire Drill Practice.

**A Large Number of Bills Audited and
Ordered Paid—The Schools Show
Increased Attendance.**

The City Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting last evening. All members were present excepting Trustee Tyrrell, who was out of the city. The most important transaction of the evening was the payment of about \$3000 worth of bills, nearly all of which were contracted in the building and furnishing of the new Grant School on Winchester Hill.

1900 Feb 14 Grant School Furnished

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The new Grant scholhouse, on Winchester Hill, is now occupied by the schools of Miss Plummer and Miss Thomas. The building is commodious and convenient in every respect and is a credit to the city. The plans were drawn by M. W. Argall, president of the City Board of Education.

Grant shool now occupied 1900

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Complaint having been made of intruders entering the Grant school building and doing damage, an order was made appointing Messrs. Michell and Tyrrell as a committee to prosecute all such intruders.

1900 Apr 18 Inturders in Grant School

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time the first ore will be crushed.

A baseball nine from the Fifth Grade of the Grant School will try for laurels against a nine from the Third and Fourth grades of the Watt School. The game will be played this afternoon at the Boston Ravine grounds.

Grant vs Watt baseball 1901

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THE SIXTH GRADE at the Grant School in 1902.

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SCHOOL ENJOYS AN OUTING

GRANT PUPILS SPEND A
DAY IN WOODS.

JOLLY PICNIC AS THE GUESTS
OF PRINCIPAL R. T. ROWE.
HIS TEAM DEFEATS YOUNG
AMERICAS IN A FAST GAME.

Olympia and Glenbrook Parks were scenes of fun and frolic yesterday. The Grant school pupils held their annual picnic, dividing forces between the places. To be quite accurate, it should be stated that the pupils of this school were the guests of their principal, R. T. Rowe, who has made it a point for a number of years to give his pupils an outing prior to the summer vacation.

The first lot went out on the 8:30 car, which was packed to the steps. The next two cars also carried many youngsters, while quite a number were accompanied by their parents. In addition, former pupils of Grant school added their presence to the affair.

The picnickers enjoyed games to their hearts' content, racing and romping, swinging and boating, while a few of the graver lads in the party took a dip in Olympia Lake. The ball players adjourned to Glenbrook Park, where Grant school defeated the Young American by the close score of three to one, after an exciting game. The line-ups were as follows:

Grant school—J. Forrest, catcher; C. Oliver, pitcher; E. Bennallack, first base; L. Toy, second base; M. Roach, third base; D. Wasley, shortstop; J. Sprout, left field; Andrews, center field; F. Toy, right field.

Young Americas—J. Conlon, catcher; I. Harry, pitcher; T. Kitchen, first base; J. Nolan, second base; N. Aunger, third base; C. Luke, shortstop; F. Conlin, left field; Bud Morgan, center; Bert Toy, right field.

As soon as the baskets and boxes were unpacked and the good things spread beneath the pines, where the light-hearted throng enjoyed the feast with appetites whetted by hours spent in exercise in the open air.

During the afternoon an interesting program of musical and literary numbers was rendered, with the big dance platform for a ball and the music stand for a stage.

It was not until the sun was sinking behind the western hills that the merry gathering turned homeward, tired, dusty, but, oh, so happy!

Grass Valley School District News

The Grass Valley Elementary Teachers' Association is sponsoring the reporting of school news.



Grant School's "Country Store"

First Grade—Grant School

Amy Obenland, Teacher

"Our grocery store" has a "Sale Today." We have learned shopping is fun. The storekeeper helps us and tells us how much things cost, and then we learn to count our money and to make change. Also we have learned about quantities, such as quarts, pints, doens, and what it means to buy by the pound. We all read the "for sale" advertisements, and it is fun to write stories about our store, too.

Second Grade—Grant School

Barbara Bratt, Teacher

How do we recognize an insect? How do insects change? What are community insects and birds? What makes birds fly and how are birds like airplanes?

We are learning the answer to these and many more questions about insects and birds. Our science books and reference books are our source of information. We are learning to do research work and then write stories. We correlate reading, writing, and spelling in creative expression. This is one of Barbara Delaney's stories.

"Insects have six legs, two feelers and three parts to their bodies: head, thorax and abdomen. A butterfly is an insect but first it is an egg. Then it hatches into a caterpillar. The caterpillar is called a larva. The caterpillar changes to a chrysalis. On a Spring day out of the chrysalis comes a butterfly!"

"In Spring all the birds are singing. They sing all day long. I like to hear them sing. I like to sing myself, too. But we use singing books, and birds don't. Singing is fun for birds and people."

Third Grade—Grant School

Public School's Week was a busy and rewarding experience for teachers and students of Grant School. Twenty-nine parents and friends attended the scheduled visiting hour in Mrs. Hamilton's room. Phonics and Social Studies were presented.

In Mrs. Fasel's Third Grade, visitors watched students dramatize a Social Studies Unit on Clothing—from raw material to the clothing store.

Now the Third Grades at Grant are studying Nevada County history. A field trip to the Nevada County Museum, the court house, the Forest Service and other historic spots relative to gold mining in the past and present, is planned for the coming week.

SERVICES TOMORROW

Funeral services for Carl A. Cost, 81, retired cement contractor and one year resident of this area, will be held 11 a. m. Thursday at the Hooper Weaver Mortuary with the Rev. E. Lester Lewis of the First Methodist Church. Interment will follow in the Greenwood Memorial Gardens.

Buy at Home

Grant School Opens Monday

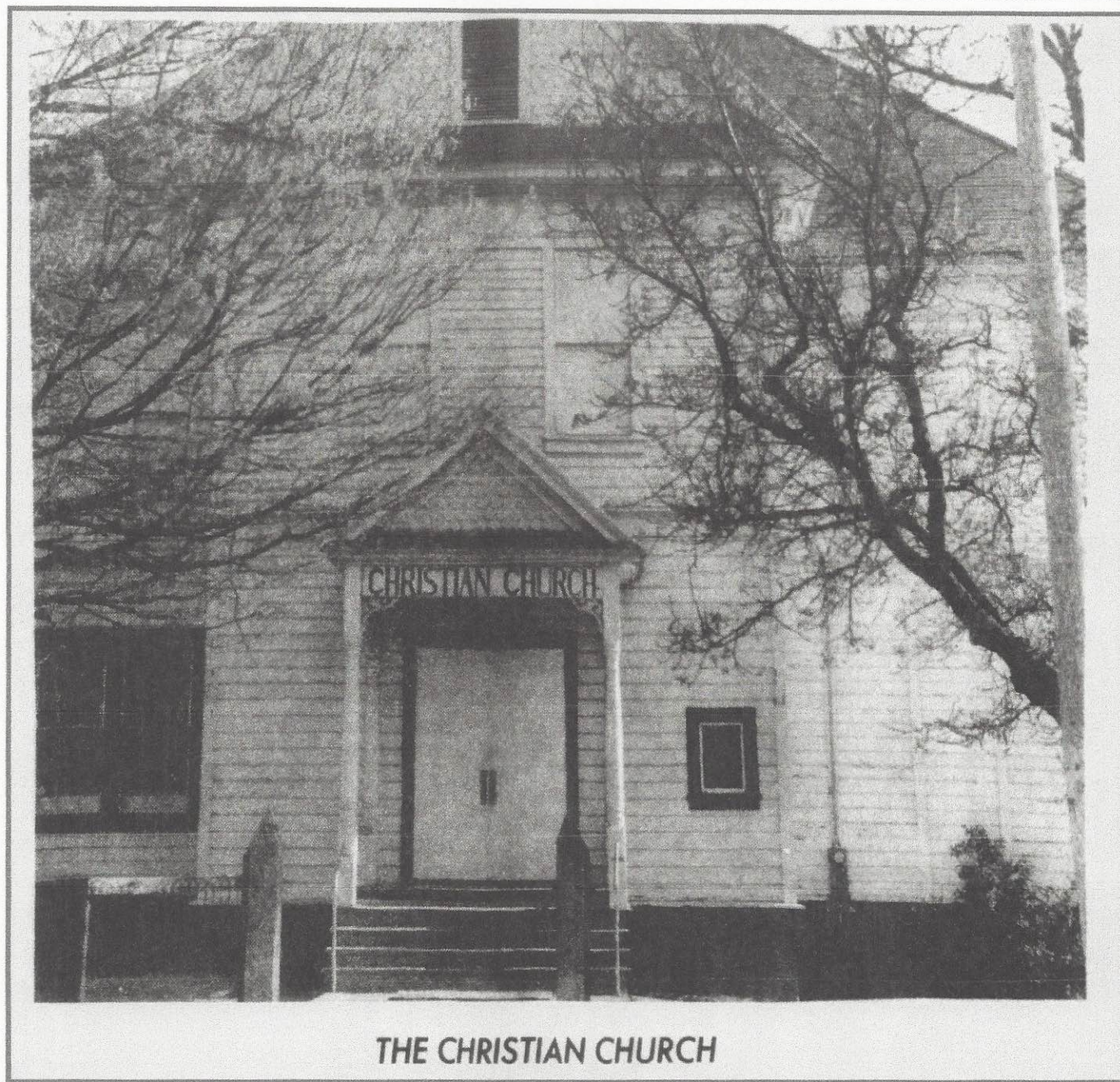
Grant School, out of use for several years, will take on two classes from overcrowded Hennessy School Monday.

An open house at Grant will be held tomorrow at 7:30 p. m. Grass Valley school superintendent Vernon Bond said yesterday the purpose of the open house is to permit the public to see the changes wrought in the old schoolhouse.

Bond reported that classrooms and facilities had been rehabilitated and upgraded to modern standards.

The two classes switching to Grant will be Miss Loretta Albin's second grade and Mrs. Margerie Faseler's third grade.

Refreshments will be served by the Parent-Teachers' Association at the opera house.



THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

1969 The Christian Church photo

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GV planners set hearing

The Grass Valley planning commission will hold a public hearing in city hall at 7:35 p.m. Monday on a permit application of the Christian Church for use of the former Grant School as a church. Streets, from the Grass Valley School District for \$11,000. The district had no use for Grant after the new Gilmore School was readied for classes. The Christian Church purchased the school, located at Winchester and Marshall.

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Interest money to aid buying of Gilmore school

Ten thousand dollars in construction interest money will be transferred to another account to complete the purchase of Gilmore School.

Grass Valley trustees approved the transfer Thursday at the request of county officials who are trying to wind up the long, involved condemnation case which began in 1967.

The money--exactly \$10,100--comes from interest earned on the bond money used to build the school. Much of the money was not needed immediately after the bonds were sold, so was placed at interest by the county treasurer.

This amount, plus the \$118,500 already on deposit in the condemnation suit, will give Grass Valley district \$128,600 in cash to put toward the purchase price, which totals \$173,600.

Another \$45,000 in school district bonds will cover the difference, and they will be sold by the board of supervisors next Tuesday. One of the previous owners of the land Wallace Butler, has committed himself to purchase these bonds because high interest rates make it unlikely that financial institutions would bid beneath the five per cent maximum interest rate.

Dep. County Counsel Brian Bishop asked the board to approve the transfer, explaining that it had been expected the \$10,000 would come from the 1968 sale of Grant school. However, when county officials inspected the district's finances last month, they found that the Grant school money was not reserved for this purpose as had been believed.

Bishop said \$10,000 from the Grant School sale "was commonly understood to be" available for the Gilmore purchase, "but maybe that was a little in error. I'm afraid the Grant School money got slipped into the budget and spent."

No one now with the district

or at the county level knows exactly what expenditure was made with the Grant money. Vernon Bond resigned as superintendent last month in the midst of a separate financial crisis in which the district may have operating deficit of more than \$100,000 this year.

Bishop's explanation and the board's action took only 10 minutes. Two members were unable to attend the special noon meeting at the superintendent's office, Jack Montre and Harrel Ammon.

The board's action instructs Acting Supt. John Waggoner to write the county auditor's office formally requesting the fund transfer.

Engineers have ideas on sewers

An engineering firm which represents some of Nevada county's largest developers wants things other than lot size considered in the proposed sewer ordinance.

The board of supervisors has ordered that a subdivision ordinance amendment be drafted which would require sewers in all subdivisions where lots will be smaller than one acre. At present, the area's second-home subdivisions use septic tanks primarily.

The ordinance proposal was not ready for presentation to the board this week, but should be by next Tuesday. Necessary material to prepare a draft has been submitted to the county council's office by the public works office.

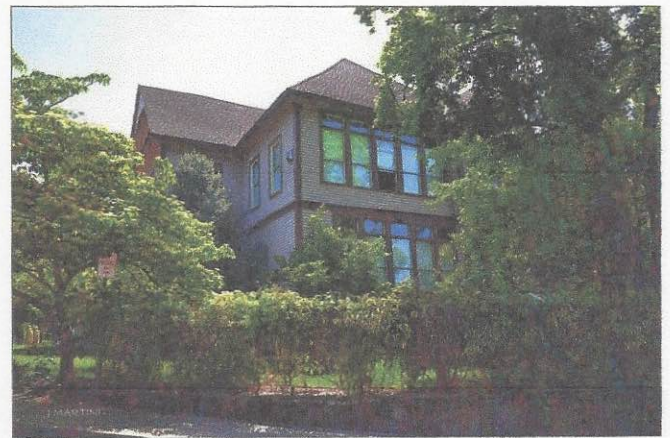
A letter from David Glendening of Raymond F. Murphy Associates asked that other factors be considered. The Murphy firm has done much of the engineering for Lake of the Pines

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Grant Schoolhouse 2024

Photos by Jerry Martini



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*Resource Name or #: 135 Winchester Street

- P1. Other Identifier:** South Grass Valley/APN 08-460-20/Winchester School
- *P2. Location:** ☐ Not for Publication ☒ Unrestricted ***a. County:** Nevada
- *b. USGS 7.5' Quad:** Grass Valley, CA **Date:** revised 1973
- c. Address:** 135 Winchester Street **City:** Grass Valley **Zip:** 95945
- d. UTM:** (Give more than one for large and/or linear resources) N/A **Zone:** N/A
- e. Other Locational Data:** The subject property is located adjacent to Winchester Street.
- *P3a. Description:**

The property consists of a two-story, wood-frame Queen Anne style grammar school that has been converted to a residence that fronts Winchester Street. Character defining features of the home include its hipped roof with lower cross gables and front gable porch roof clad with asphalt shingles, a closed pediment front gable accented gingerbread ornamentation, diamond and round shingles and an arched attic louvered vent, horizontal wood shiplap siding, 6-over-6 light and 1-over-1 light vinyl windows, a small portico with gable accented by round shingles, turned columns and balustrades, a wooden staircase with similar turned posts and balustrades and wooden front entry double doors with transom which is repeated in the south entrance to the building. The historic schoolhouse is accented by a decorative metal fence with iron posts, some brickwork, lawn and mature trees. The school was reportedly built in 1864 and later remodeled in circa 1898. It was originally named Grant School in 1898 in honor of President Grant. The school ceased operating in 1960 and was served as a church for many years until its conversion to a residence.

- *P3b. Resource Attributes:** HP-2, single-family property.
- *P4. Resources Present:** ☒ Building ☐ Structure ☐ Object ☐ Site ☐ District ☒ Element of District

- P5. Photograph or Drawing** (Photograph required for buildings, structures, and objects.)



- P5b. Description of Photo:** View looking from Winchester Street.

- *P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources:** ☒ Historic
Circa 1864; remodeled 1898; City of Grass Valley Historical Files;
Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, Grass Valley, CA;.
- *P7. Owner and Address:** Susan Swann et al., 135 Winchester Street, Grass Valley, CA 95945.
- *P8. Recorded by:** Dana E. Supernowicz, Architectural Historian, Historic Resource Associates, 2001 Sheffield Drive, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762.
- *P9. Date Recorded:** April 28, 2009
- *P10. Type of Survey:** ☒ Architectural
Describe: Historical Resources Inventory, Grass Valley 1872 Townsite.
- *P11. Report Citation:** City of Grass Valley Historical Resources Inventory, Grass Valley, Nevada County, California. Prepared for the City of Grass Valley, 125 East Main Street, Grass Valley, CA 95945. Prepared by Historic Resource Associates, 2001 Sheffield Drive, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762.

*Attachments: Property Location Map

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View of the west elevation of the converted school.