

Education in Welton le Wold The First School notes by Phyllis Smith

1812 Meeting at Lincoln to promote the education of the poor throughout the county.

1816 Louth National School started.

(Copy of letter in Church box at the Rectory, Louth)

'He the said Edmund Smythe by virtue and in exercise of the power & authority to him in & by an Act of Parliament made and passed in the 6th & 7th year of the reign of his late Majesty King William the Fourth instituted an "Act to facilitate the conveyance of sites for School Rooms" and of all other powers and authorities whatsoever in this behalf enabling him Hath given granted bargained and sold & by these present doth give grant bargain and sell unto the said Godfrey Egremont and Richard Weightman and Benjamin Hewson and their successors the Rector and Churchwardens of the said Parish of Welton le Wold for the time being All that plot piece and parcel of ground situate lying & being in Welton le Wold aforesaid containing in length from North to South ninety feet and in breadth from East to West ninety feet. To have & to hold the said piece & parcel of ground unto & to the use of the said Godfrey Egremont and Richard Weightman & Benjamin Hewson & their successors as aforesaid do & shall furnish and suffer the said building to be erected as aforesaid to be forever hereafter used and enjoyed as school-rooms for teaching and instructing the children of the poor inhabitants within the said Parish of Welton le Wold to be selected from time to time by the officiating Minister & Churchwardens for the time being of the said Parish according to the system and under the rules and regulations approved by the National Society for promoting the education of the poor in the principles of the Established Church throughout England & Wales by such master duly qualified to teach children and carry on the System of Education as shall from time to time be appointed to that office by the Rector for the time being of such Parish of Welton le Wold such Master to be removable for incompetency, infirmity, neglect or breach of duty or misconduct as the said Rector shall in his discretion think fit.'

Original Bargain of Sale is in the Church Chest, Welton le Wold Lincs Archives ref: 16/1

Concerning the salary of the schoolmaster:-

"Extract from letter to Mr Knowles from the Rev. E.W. Hughes, May 1848
£70 would be guaranteed for the first year after that the proprietors hoped that these contributions may be lessened and the teachers' emoluments increased by assistance from the government; but even should that not be possible the case the salary of £70 would not be lessened so long as the Master & Mistress continue to give satisfaction. The school is half a mile from the Church where the Master & Mistress attend twice every Sunday with the children of their Parish and every morning at 5 minutes before nine whence they proceed to the school when the service is over which last nearly half an hour.

The garden is 7 chains long by 2 chains & 4ft wide including the space on which the house stands.

School land	N to S	98ft	E to W	88ft
	East Beck	5ft	North Beck	6ft"

"Copy of Answers returned to Questions of Committee of Council of Education dated 24th March 1840 include the following details: -

Boys & Girls School-rooms – length 24ft, breadth 14ft, height from floor to ridge of roof 12ft, to eaves 8ft 2".

Teacher's Parlour 12ft by 11ft, kitchen 8ft 6" by 8ft, scullery 8ft 6" by 3ft 6". Height of these rooms 7ft 8".

1st Bedroom 12ft x 11ft, 2nd Bedroom 12ft x 11ft 6", height of these 6ft 11".

Boys + girls schools part of the same Establishment and under same management.

Brick wall slated 10" walls in good repair.

Date of erection of school buildings 1840

£55 from Subscriptions, £15 from School funds, £5 from Betton's Charity

Master £40. Mistress £20. Books etc. £7.9s.4d. Repairs £1.0.3d Expenses £4.15s.

Incidental debts £1.0.10d

Master's name – Manchester. Immediately April 9th. Man & Wife

Received into Union with the National Society 11th January 1837

Date on the stone 'Erected 1839', but not the present building, which was erected 1840.

For Betton's Charity the date is May 1840."

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[I am not sure who made these copies, possibly Rev. Egremont]

The stone date now obliterated 1962. The Rev. W Smyth's Journal says May 1840.

In the 1842 White's Directory, the master's surname was Lambert, but when the Tithe Commissioners arrived in June 1842, they were met by the Rector and schoolmaster, Robert Lambeth.

Rev. Wm. Smyth's Journal, transcript pp48-9;-

August 16th 1844.

"A grand holiday to the inhabitants of N. & S. Elkington in commemoration of the restoration of the Church ... In the course of the afternoon about 100 of the women and the children from Welton Diocesan School and our own Sunday school (amounting to 100 more) had tea in the tents. The Rechabite brass band consisting of 8 musicians played at intervals during the whole afternoon and added considerably to the animation of the scene. In the evening an exhibition of fireworks took place, ..."

Letter from the Secretary of the Committee of Council on Education, Privy Council Office, Downing Street, to the Rev. E.W. Hughes dated 26th March 1847.

"Reverend Sir,

The Lords of the Committee of Council on Education have had before them a report from Her Majesty's Inspector of Schools, the Revd J.J. Blandford giving an account of his recent visit to the National School in your parish of Welton-le-Wold.

In the year 1840, this School received from the Lords of Her Majesty's Treasury a grant of £25.

My Lords regret to learn that the school-building, towards which that grant was appropriated, is now out of repair; and that the Deed of Conveyance of the site has not been enrolled in Chancery. It is feared that the Deed may be invalid, from it not having been enrolled within the prescribed period; but if you will have the goodness to forward it to this Office, my Lords will procure gratuitously the opinion and advice of their counsel as to its validity." Signed Harry Chester

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