

Data on school teachers and schools attended by Eleanor C. W. Jarvis

In Jan. 1862 I attended school two weeks in a large tent belonging to Bro. ASA Calkins, taught by Jabez Woodward, on the old camping ground. The School was discontinued when the big flood came, and the tent was taken down to Tonaquin for the people to take shelter in whose homes had been flooded. It was pitched at the point of the black ridge above the flood line. After we moved onto the townsite, Sister Orpha Everett opened a school in her tent, which I attended. After the willow schoolhouse was built in the 1st ward she taught there, and later when the adobe building was built at the same location, she taught in it both of which I attended. Those are the first school buildings erected in St. George, and dances and meetings were often held in the adobe one. The fourth was ready for occupancy the winter of 1870, the first term beginning in the fall of -69 being held in the basement of the social hall now Fosters store. The winter of -65 I attended James G. Bleak's school, miss Sarah Clark assisted him, in the basement of the social hall. Bro. Bleak had conducted a school the previous winter in a room of Bro. Jesse Crosby's home. Bro. Burgon taught that winter in the 1st ward. In the winter of -66 & 67 Coos Spencer taught in the Social Hall which I attended. I think Bro. Samuel Miles taught in the 1st ward that winter but am not positive. In the winter of 67 & 68 Bro. Samuel Miles taught in the 1st ward which I attended & assisted him by teaching some of the A.B.C. class to pay for my tuition. Will say that there were many classes in those early schools owing to the fact that text boks were hard to obtain and the pupils took with them any kind that they could procure, often some that their parents, or older brothers and sisters had used in schools before moving to the Dixie country, consequently many classes had only two, or three or four up to a dozen or two, according to what kind of books they had. The McGuffey and Wilson readers were the most frequent, tho in Sister Everetts school we had one class in the Book of Mormon, the Wilson & Blue back or Elementary spellers and various kinds of arithmetics, Geographys-the (Olney being one) and grammars were in use. For quite a number of years I used an arithmetic, Geography & grammar that my father had used while attending school in Mass. before the year 1845 when he was a boy, and as they were the only ones of that kind in the schools I was obliged to recite alone if I recited at all, which I sometimes did after the school was dismissed, if the teacher and not time during the school hours. In the winter of -68 & 69 I attended school in the Social Hall again, taught by Cuoliolmo San Giovanni, commonly called Sanjo, a half brother of Bro. Horatio Pickett. I assisted him by teaching a small class in reading and spelling forenoon to afternoon in payment for my own tbm could attend to. In the fall of -69 Richard Horne came from Salt Lake and introduced what was considered a more modern system of teaching. He insisted on the text books being uniform. The McGuffery reader, the blue back elementary speller, Xuys arithmetic, Guyots geography, Pinnars Grammar, primary to analytical, were set as standards. The first term was taught in the basement of the social hall. And he was assisted by Sister Caddie Ivins McMean, sister of Pres. Ivins. The 4th ward school was moved up there. I assisted him the 2nd term, having charge of the primary department in

the basement. We met, however, in the upper room, & after the opening exercises and roll call, retired to the basement. Three or four of the more advanced classes came down from his department to recite. I received fifty dollars for the three months term between thirty and forty of which went to pay the tuition of my younger brother and sister for the two terms. Richard Horne taught the next winter -70 and 73 in the same ward house, and although I was offered the school in the 2nd ward that winter, I refused, as I felt keenly my lack of ability without further education, so I attended his school, and applied myself intensely to the acquisition of that knowledge lay in my power to obtain. The next winter 71 & 72 I again attended his school and taught some of the lower classes in the 3rd ward school house, all in one room. It was a term of four months & I received sixty dollars for it, about forty dollars of which was required for tuition for myself & brothers & sisters, as I attended night school where he taught penmanship and bookkeeping. That was the last of my schooling, as I was married the fall of 1872, but that winter, Richard Horne went to Beaver to teach and I think the man who taught the advanced classes in St. George was named Kesler. He taught in the upper room of the social hall. Of course there were schools in all the wards each winter after the school houses were built, but I can only remember the ones that I attended. Altho I think Bro. John Macfarlane taught in the 3rd ward the winter of -70-71. In the winter of 74 & 5, Elice Crosby (late Snow), Libby Snow, (later Ivins) taught in the 4th ward, and in the winter of -75-76 Mrs. Martha Cox & my Sister Annie M. Woodbury taught in the same place. Of course the text books were changed several times later, when committees appointed by the legislature I suppose, selected and decided on others and the old boks were exchanged for the new ones.
Sister Snoll and Aunt Marietta Calkins taught small children at their own homes, also Sister Everett after she quit teachin in the public schools.