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Interview with Elsie Lawrence

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Interview Questions

Background

1. What inspired you to choose the teaching profession?
2. Did you have any formal education in order to teach?
3. What years did you practice as a one room school house teacher?
4. Where did you live at the time you were teaching?

School Facts

5. Where was the school located in which you taught?
6. Is the school still standing and if so, is it located at the site where you taught?
7. How many students did you teach in a given day?
8. What was the age range of your students?
9. Where your students categorized by ages or ability level?
10. Have you kept in contact with any of your students?
11. What did the curriculum consist of?
12. Did you develop lesson plans? If yes, what did they consist of?
13. What subjects were required for students to take?
14. What was the approximate length of time students attended school?
15. When did your day begin/end?

16. How long was the actual school year?
17. What vacations were allowed?
18. What were the requirements for the students to move from grade to grade?
19. Did you have a county Superintendent? If yes, what was his/her name and how often did you meet with him?
20. What was the role of the Superintendent in the educational process?
21. Was there a Board of Education established when you were teaching?
22. What was the role of the Board of Education?
23. Do you remember any of the board policies?
24. What was the yearly teaching salary while you were teaching?
25. What did the average day of teaching consist of?
26. What was the most memorable event of your career?
27. Are there other events that stand out in your memory?
28. What were the advantages of being a one room school teacher?
29. What was the most difficult aspect of your career as a one room school teacher?
30. What historical events occurred, if any, during your teaching career?

31. Was there any particular reason why you quit teaching?
32. When were you born? 25
33. Where did you attend school?
34. Did you have a family? Tell me about them?
35. What did you do after your teaching career?
36. Did you do any other activities related to the teaching profession?
38. What do you do now?
39. What are your personal accomplishments not related to teaching?
40. Can you describe the interior and exterior of Enterprise school house?