

The History of Union Hill School

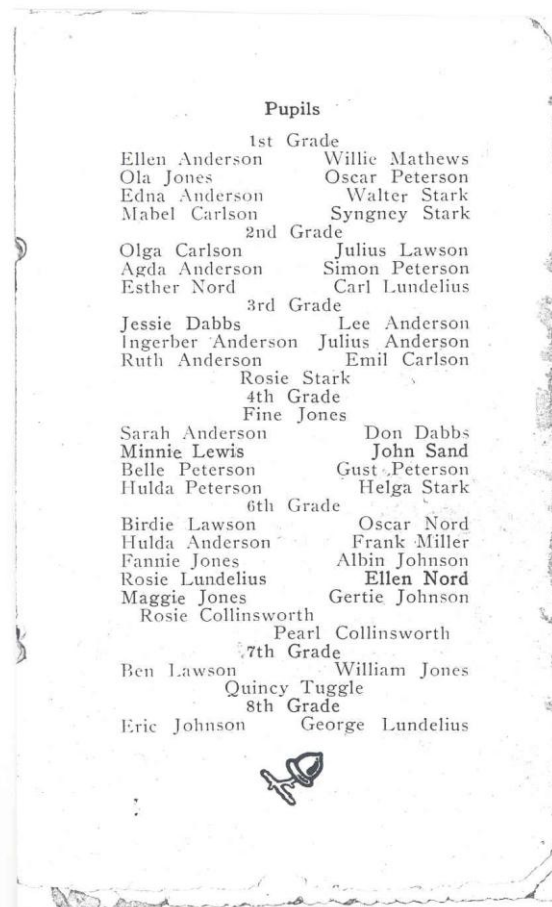
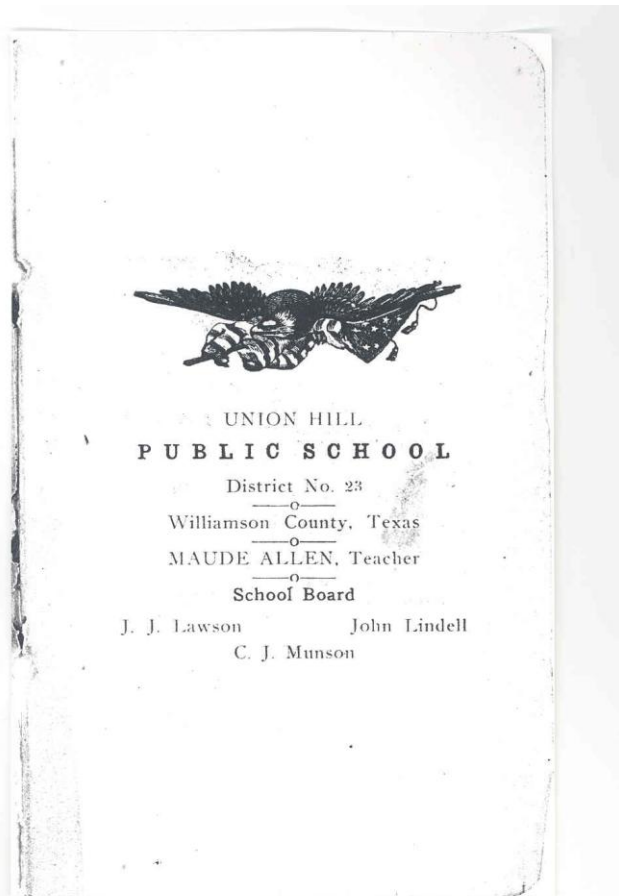
Round Rock ISD has honored local history by giving historical names to many schools, including Stony Point High School, Hopewell Middle School, Double File Trail Elementary, Caldwell Heights Elementary, and in 2002, Union Hill Elementary.

In the early 1900's, the original Union Hill School was one of about 100 "common" schools for first through eighth graders in Williamson County. At that time, the school was seven miles north of Round Rock. The school was officially named Robertson School, although it was commonly called Union Hill School. Located in a Swedish farming area, about thirty to forty students lived within walking distance. Many families spoke Swedish at home, but most students had learned English by the time they started school. Union Hill School was also used for Lutheran church services and community activities. The school closed in 1913 when Caldwell Heights School was built.

This information was compiled from *Historical Round Rock, Texas* by Karen R. Thompson and Jane H. DiGesualdo, published in 1985 by Eakin Press of Austin, Texas.

1909 Union Hill School Souvenir Book

The images below show pages copied from a 1909 Union Hill Public School Souvenir Book. Mrs. Alice Stried graciously shared the copies from a book that belonged to her mother, aunt, and uncle when they were Union Hill students.



The Close of School

The time has come to say farewell!
For now our term is through;
To sound our present school days knell
And bid you all adieu."

Farewell, a word that stirs our hearts
That moves our feelings strong,
That sadness frequently imparts,
And makes us linger long."

For months together we have met
And conned our lessons o'er,
And done our best to know and get
A part of Learning's store."

Thro' all the days I've labored hard,
And often during night;
Your progress was my sole regard,
Your well-fare my delight."

And oh! my pupils, I have tried
To do the best I could;
I've ope'd the book of knowledge wide,
And hope you've understood."

Get wisdom, said the Sage of old,
Who spake in sayings wise:
More precious she than gems of gold,
Or any other prize."

And richer far than greatest king,
Or treasures of the mine,
Are they who drink from out her spring,
Or worship at her shrine."

With all your getting therefore get
An education true;
'Twill be a crown with jewels set,
A pow'r to each of you."



In memory of days spent
together in the school-
room, this token is pre-
sented with the compliments of
YOUR TEACHER



And thanks for all your favors shown,
For cheer, which toil beguiles;
For roses in my pathway strawn,
For all your love and smiles."

And at the parting of the ways,
We at this moment stand,
And soon we'll close our dear school days,
And take each other's hand."

Most fondly do I wish you well,
And hope you each may be
An ornament where e're you dwell,
And from all vices free."

And now the swift, descending sun
Proclaims the time is here;
So good-by each and ev'ry one,
Farewell, my pupils, dear."