

## Thompson One-Room School

The school was built in White Lake in 1876 to replace one built in 1840 on the same site. It was located on the Thompson Farm on Bogie Lake Road. It was used as a school until 1942 when the last teacher (Reta Halsey) joined the armed forces during World War II.

In 1946 a consolidation took place forming the Huron Valley Schools, the school was moved to Hickory Street in Milford on the grounds of Milford High School and was used as a band room until 1960. After 1960 it was used for storage for the school district.

In 1989 the WLHS heard it was available but did not have the resources to move it.

In October 1995 when Marge Sawruk read it was going to be demolished, along with the high school, the WLHS received a great offer from Jim Thompson to dismantle it (with some assistance) and move it to the Kelley-Fisk Farm state historic site. It was literally cut apart on October 30 and 31, placed on Jim's flatbed and moved to the farm, compliments of Jay Brendel, on November 2, 1995.

A Schoolhouse Committee was quickly formed and consisted of Barb Fitzpatrick, Marie Hewitt, Ron Hinman (whose position was later replaced by Lyn Van Overberg), Charles Hopkins, Jim Thompson and Marge Sawruk, Chairperson.

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