

## **The Hazel Dell Township School #8**

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This report has meager content at this time. It holds two photo(s) from Virginia Larsen.

The one-room rural Hazel Dell #8 school, which I have heard called the *Frost or Nixon School*, served the south central portion of Hazel Dell Township in Pottawattamie County, Iowa, north of Council Bluffs. It was located about eight miles north of Council Bluffs and just east of the Hazel Dell Methodist Church and Cemetery. The school subdistrict served Sections 27, 28, 33 and 34 of Hazel Dell Township. I

My aunt, Florence (Larson) Larsen, taught at the Hazel Dell #1 school for several years beginning in 1925.

The Hazel Dell #8 School was probably closed in the early 1950s.

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For an 1875 map and a current map of Hazel Dell Township, see my report *Boomer and Hazel Dell Townships Overview*.

I would appreciate hearing from you if you have further photos with identifications. My contact information is in the *Acknowledgments and Sources* section of *Boomer and Hazel Dell Schools*.

### **Known Hazel Dell #8 Teachers**

1925-? Florence Larson, d/o Andrew & Maggie Larson of Hazel Dell Twp., m.  
Bernard Larsen.

1943-44 Eileen Olsen

1956-57 Mrs. Zina Powell

**The following list of 1925-1926 Hazel Dell #8 students was found in one of Florence (Larson) Larsen's photo albums. The photo itself, with caption "*me and my first school*", was missing.**

1<sup>st</sup> row: Robert Vallier, Walter Sieck, Darrell Nixon, Dorothy Sieck, Isabel Hough, Mildred Hough, Bernice Heisler, Harold Ford  
2<sup>nd</sup> row: Bernice Vallier, Leonard Sieck, Lucille Hough, Chester Nixon  
back row: Freda Sass, Florence Larson (teacher), Marjorie Vallier, Merle Hough, Raymond Hough, Clifford Sieck

"Orville Spittler (sic, Orville Ford) and Henry Altoff are not present."

**The above children organized into families:**

Children of George Henry Althoff & Clara Katie Augusta Linsel:  
Henry Althoff (15 Apr 1912 – 23 Feb 1972) m. Dorothy F. Heady.

Children of George T. Ford & Mabel Margaret O'Donald:  
George Harold "Harold" Ford (18 Feb 1916 – 5 Jan 1997) m. Freda W. Negley.

Children of Joseph Hyrum Ford & Maggie Porter Harris Spittler:  
Orville J. Ford (26 Nov 1913 – 23 Aug 1978) m. Dorothy \_\_\_\_

Children of Walter Jay "Jay" Heisler and Anna Christena Hansen:  
Jean Berniss Heisler (25 Dec 1916 -)

Children of Verne L. Hough & Zella L. Gallup:  
Raymond Wayne Hough (20 Apr 1912 – 21 Dec 1995) m. Helen Elizabeth Owen.  
Merle Hough (7 Oct 1913 – 2 Jan 1994) m. Gladys M. Henry.  
Lucille Hough (19 Aug 1915 – 18 Aug 2005) m. Lyle May.  
Mildred Hough (abt 1916 -) m. Lyle Allen  
Isabel Hough (25 Oct 1918 – 6 Dec 1977) m. George T. Pilling

Children of Ira Nixon & Lillie L. O'Donald:  
Chester D. Nixon (10 Oct 1914 – 25 Nov 1997) m. Myrtle Irene Funk  
Ira Darrell "Darrell" Nixon (11 Aug 1917 – Nov 1987)

Children of Theodore Detlef Sieck & Freda A. Detlev:  
Clifford E. Sieck (16 Sep 1913 – Jun 1986)  
Leonard T. Sieck (abt 1915 – 4 Jul 1993) m. Doris H. Sessions.  
Walter L. Sieck (abt 1917 -) m. Ila Fay Stille.  
Dorothy Sieck (20 Nov 1919 – 8 Mar 2008) m. Charles E. Wright.

Children of John Lenard Vallier & Bertha Helena Ford:  
Bertha Marjorie "Marjorie" Vallier (30 Aug 1913 – 17 Mar 1997) m. Marshall Johnson & m. Perry Johnson  
Bernice Vallier (23 Apr 1917 – 4 May 1998) m. Leonard C. Crispin  
Robert Wayne Vallier (25 Jun 1918 – 6 Oct 1983) m. Dorothy R. McCormick.



***Students at Hazel Dell #8, 1925-1926***  
(photo from album of Florence (Larson) Larsen)





***Students at Hazel Dell #8, 1925-28***  
(photo from album of Florence (Larson) Larsen)