

## Edgemere School. 1902-1913

Barb Koski would like a picture of this school. Contact webmaster if you have one.



**Edgemere School Teacher Miss Jordan.**

The Stanton Township School Board started work the summer of 1902 (they became a township in 1902! separating from Hancock Township) on two school buildings, one in Freda and one in Edgemere (on waterfront between Redridge and Beacon Hill).<sup>1</sup>

### Edgemere.<sup>2</sup>

Was a small hamlet located 3/4 of a mile west of Redridge and 1/2 mile from Beacon Hill. It was the home of a copper stamp milling company, the property of Adventure Mining Company of Greenland in Ontonagon County. It began in 1901.

Now a ghost town, it was called Edgemere because it was located on the very edge of a sandstone projection overlooking Lake Superior at a height of about 150 feet above lake level.

It had a two-room wood -frame school and was served by the Copper Range Railroad. A one-room railroad station operated south of the hamlet for residents and children traveling on the school train.

<sup>3</sup> The stamp mill closed in 1913 so the school probably closed then also. The school did not have a long life. 1902-1913.

Judy lives today in her parent's home in Edgemere - Emil and Catherine Heltunen.

She knows a Miss Jordan was a teacher sometime at the Edgemere School.

One building was a small one room school house that had grades 1-5. From 6<sup>th</sup> grade on the students would walk to Redridge (and in high school take the school train to Jeffers High School in Painesdale).

Families I recall hearing about between 1900 and 1920's were

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<sup>1</sup> Clarence J. Monette's booklet Freda, Michigan

<sup>2</sup> Clarence J. Monette, Some Copper Country Names and Places

<sup>3</sup> Resident of Edgemere Judy Sharrar

Hauswirth, Isaacson, Karvakko, Kyllonen, Laakso, Lampi, Manninen,  
Raisanen, Rothberg, Schrader, Sharkey, Simonson, Solmonson, Stein,  
Westenberg,



School children on beach. Esther Heltunen is 8<sup>th</sup> from left

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