

Obenhoff School. 1908-1920.

T54 N R 35W Section 5. Near Rautio.

Clarence Monette in his book *Some Copper Country Names and Places* shares: This Stanton Township community once had a one room school that served 8 grades. It was built in 1908 and educated as many as thirty children in one room. Classes were discontinued in the late 1920's and this building was removed in the 1930's.

It was located in the middle of Section 7. It appears to be on land that was part of the family of Legris. Other nearby families in 1923 were: Rautio, Kempainen, S??tala, Niemitalo sp?, Rovo sp?, Harma, Holman, Lautinen sp?, Juntilla, Marx. (Sorry, Barb could not read the 1923 plat well to get names spelled correctly)

High School students took the Copper Range Company School Train to Painesdale. The tracks came by the community to the west.. and continued on with what we call the Covered Drive.

There is a row of sections north of the school, and then there is the Onnela School.

Obenhoff Lake is on the Legris property in 1923.



Obenhoff could hold 30 students in 8 grades. In late 1930's it closed. It was torn down for salvage.

Don Heikkila shares Nov. 2008: He believes that a man Mr. Obenhoff was a logger in this area early 1900's, shipping from Chassell. I think he lived here where Doug Coponen lives near Obenhoff Lake.

School Board minutes regarding Obenhoff School:

August 12, 1941- Obenhoff School. Get hinged doors for windows that can be opened when used as community hall.

Dec. 23, 1943 – Obenhoff and Canal School meeting to decide if to be sold. Yes. Put in paper.

January 17, 1944 – voted to dispose of Canal building and its heating plant by advertizing in papers 5 times. Decided not to dispose of Obenhoff at this time.

July 8, 1957 – Highest bid for Obenhoff School? is \$55 by August Marinelli from Houghton.

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