

# Welcome to the Eaton County Rural School Project DVD

This is the master list of various index files that are available on this DVD. When there is a file available on the DVD for a record (a name, or a school), there is a link to click and the image or file will display.

Click on the underlined links for the indexes. Most indexes lead to links to images and other files existing on this dvd project.

<a href="#">Memories files</a>	This shows people who provided memories, history or other interesting items. Many of these came from people who shared with the project. However, some are included from materials found in our research.
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<a href="#">School Summary files</a>	This link opens a directory that has school summary files for each school.
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## Indexes By Names

<a href="#">Name Summary</a>	Summary of names. This list shows each unique name in the project, the earliest and latest years they have a record for, and the number of records existing.
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<a href="#">Last name begins with A-G</a>	<a href="#">H-Q</a>	<a href="#">R-Z</a>	All names in alphabetic order. Each of these are a list of each name in the project showing the year, person, age, info, school and category for each record. If there is an available file on the dvd, the File name is linked to the image or file.
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## Indexes By Schools

<a href="#">All Photos</a>	Photos by School - these are all photos available in the school project, sorted by School Name and Year order. Click on a photo for a link to the larger-size image.
<a href="#">School Buildings</a>	School Building photos - these are photos of entire school buildings and/or the outside showing partial buildings.

<a href="#">School name begins with A-G</a>	<a href="#">H-Q</a>	<a href="#">R-Z</a>	All records by School. Sorted in School name, Year, Last Name, First Name order. These include school photos (if no name, it is a school photo).
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All records by school within a township:

<a href="#">Bellevue</a>	<a href="#">Benton</a>	<a href="#">Brookfield</a>	<a href="#">Carmel</a>	<a href="#">Chester</a>	<a href="#">Delta</a>	<a href="#">Eaton</a>	<a href="#">Eaton Rapids</a>
<a href="#">Hamlin</a>	<a href="#">Kalamo</a>	<a href="#">Oneida</a>	<a href="#">Roxand</a>	<a href="#">Sunfield</a>	<a href="#">Vermontville</a>	<a href="#">Walton</a>	<a href="#">Windsor</a>

<a href="#">Township School Maps</a>	This link opens a directory that has township maps showing where schools are or were located. This directory also includes some school maps that are not printed in the book.
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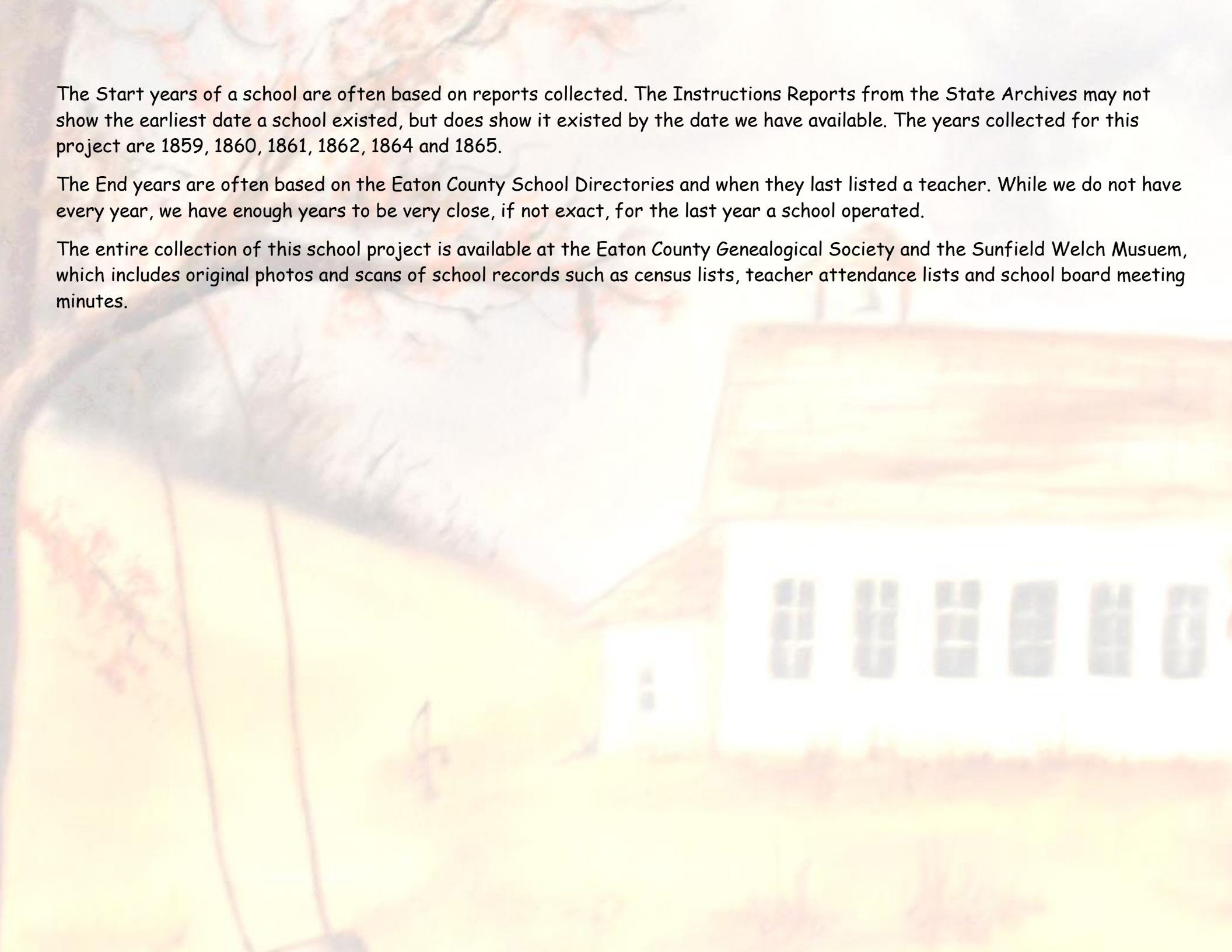
<a href="#">Resources List</a>	This link opens the list of all resources used for this project.
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### School Project Notes:

There are many places in the collecting of information where the wrong information can be reported. Handwriting can be extremely hard to read. Original documents can be wrong, along with anywhere along the line where information was transcribed into the Eaton County Rural School Project database. It is our hope that errors are in the minority of the records created for this project. Some records and photos of unknown schools have been included and it is possible these are for public schools rather than a rural school.

Pupil Lists (and other records): There are discrepancies with some attendance-type lists as the teacher did not always write the teacher name, school and/or year on the lists. Many of these lists were not kept together. We attempted to put them in the correct order based on what we had.

Instruction Reports by Township: The early years were copied from the Michigan State Archives microfilm and most of these are very difficult, if not impossible, to read. If a name is included in the index, take it with a grain of salt. The importance of these reports is to show the school districts that were in existence during the time period.



The Start years of a school are often based on reports collected. The Instructions Reports from the State Archives may not show the earliest date a school existed, but does show it existed by the date we have available. The years collected for this project are 1859, 1860, 1861, 1862, 1864 and 1865.

The End years are often based on the Eaton County School Directories and when they last listed a teacher. While we do not have every year, we have enough years to be very close, if not exact, for the last year a school operated.

The entire collection of this school project is available at the Eaton County Genealogical Society and the Sunfield Welch Museum, which includes original photos and scans of school records such as census lists, teacher attendance lists and school board meeting minutes.