

Wilna Public School 1930-1947

One of the earliest schools in the Temora district was situated halfway between Stockinbingal and Springdale. It was called Stanleyville and was just over the railway line north of Gundibindyal siding. This school was later moved in the early 1900's to a place approx. seven miles east of Temora on the Stockinbingal Road and the school was still known as Stanleyville.

The Ex-Stanleyville School building was moved in the late 1920s to the Old Cootamundra Road and then called "Wilna" with Mr Fitzpatrick who was teaching Yarrandale then taught at Wilna School.

Wilna School was active in sport competitions such as foot running and jumping. For many families in the district and the outskirts of town Wilna School was the same distance as it was from the Temora School so many students were enrolled at Wilna school.

As the years went by, many pupils went to the Temora Schools or left altogether. Wilna continued on until 19th November, 1947. Mr Troy was the teacher when the school closed. The total number of pupils on the register was 346 and the number of teachers, ten, during the schools existence. The first name in the visitors book was A Becus. Most of the visitors were religious instructors and school inspectors. Names include, Mr Hicks, Mr Ravenscroft, J Hayes, Father Slattery, Rev Gibson, Rev Pike, Rev Thorpe, Rev Macauley, Rev Boddington and Rev Hyde.



Some families in the district that attended Wilna School were:

Aboozaid, Alchin, Baldock, Bames, Bell, Brown, Carr, Cartwright, Cooper, Delaney, Dunn, Egan, Espagne, Ferguson, Fisher, Fitzpatrick, Flint, Foote, Gordon, Gowans, Haeusler, Harmer, Harrigan, Hayman, Herridge, Holden, Jones, Jordan, Joyce, King, Macauley, Maguire, Marsh, McAlister, McKenzie, McNally, Meehan, Noack, O'Brien, O'Connor, Overs, Pinney, Price, Reddie, Regan, Richards, Ross, Rushby, Schruhm, Sinclair, Smith, Stevenson, Thacker, Thompson, Troy, Turner, Vogele.

