

## **Vandalia School, Lafayette Township, Owen County, Indiana**

Lafayette Township was divided into districts about 1855 and land was donated July 25, 1863 for the Vandalia School (District # 2) to be built. It was finished by 1868 and still stands today [in the year 2017]. Since the school's closing in 1951, the building has served the Vandalia community as a meeting place for club, church, 4-H, and family and school groups. In years past, it also served as a voting place for Lafayette Township. The old building was restored by the community in 1976 and is presently being preserved and maintained by the Vandalia Community Preservation Association.

Mae Worman was the last teacher at the Vandalia School, with 25 students grades 1 – 5. Earlier teachers were: Ethel Whallon 1949-50, Clara Schmalz 1948-49, Doris M. Kaiser 1946-47, Anna Townsend 1944-45, Mary F. Archer 1942-43, Doris M. Kaiser 1940-42, Martha C. Stephens 1939-40, Doris M. Kaiser 1938-39, Nellie R. Powell 1937-38, Clifford Harris 1935-37, Nellie R. Powell 1932-35, Neva Hart 1931-32, Nellie R. Powell 1929-31, and Raymond Smith 1928-29.



**Students at the Vandalia School around 1925**



### Vandalia School Children 1926

Back Row: Woodrow Everly, Walter Hoffa, Wayne Watermon, Anna Townsend (teacher), Truman Townsend, Kenneth Galimore, Sherman Townsend

Middle Row: Gordon Bonnewell, Delbert Booth, Emma Everly, Mabel Everly, Printice Galimore

Front Row: Walter Everly, Geneva Booth, Evelyn Everly, Mildred Galimore





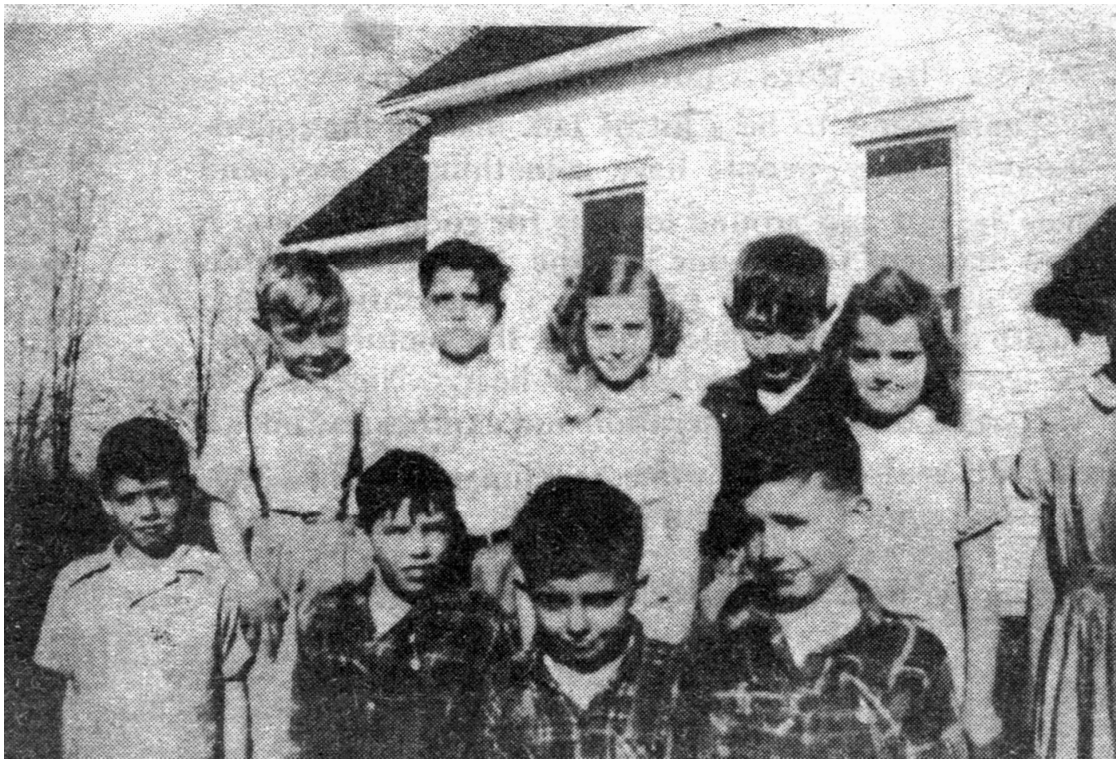
**Vandalia School, 1932 – 33**

**Row 1** – Boy?, Boy?, ? Dubois, Jim King, Boy?, Arthur Wright, Boy?, Wilbur Miller

**Row 2** – Boy?, Loren Wright, Girl Randall?, Frances Query, Ruth Miller, Girl?, Betty Randall, Virginia Droke, Girl?, Boy?, Girl?, Walter Query

**Row 3** – Boy?, Lois Simpson, June Everly, Girl?, Maxine Simpson, Girl?, Girl?, Dorothy Everly, Imogene Bonnewell, Mary Droke, Girl?

**Row 4** – Girl?, Girl?, Girl?, Ruth Powell (teacher), Girl?, James Bolinger, Girl?, Dexter Boy?, Mary Everly, Walter Everly, Boy?



**Vandalia School 1947- 48, Grade 3 Students**

Wallace Simmons, Oran Query, Fred Coley, John Coley,  
Richard Burwig, Dean Cross, Phyllis Gabbard, Dale Dubois, Lola Cross,  
Betty Jo Mendenhall & Lela Cross