

Information Sheet

**R Phelps County (Mo.). School District No. 44. Fairview School.
595 Records, 1901-1966.
Twenty-eight volumes.**

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The Fairview community lies a few miles southeast of Rolla. There had been a subscription school in the neighborhood as early as the 1840s. The modern history of the school began in 1872 when Charles L. Thomas donated an acre of land for school purposes in Section 29 of Township 37 North, Range 7 West. A succession of schools, including one blown down by a tornado in 1926, stood on the site. Organized as Phelps County School District No. 3; it became No. 44 after reorganization. As such, Fairview School operated until 1966, when the district's members voted to consolidate with the Rolla district. The last day of classes at Fairview was 26 April 1966.

The records of Fairview School were donated to the Phelps County Historical Society by the family of Venita Snelson, a director of the district and the last teacher. They consist of those kept by the district clerk and those maintained by the teachers. The former include minutes of annual meetings, enumeration of taxpayers and students, teachers' contracts, and lists of warrants issued. Records kept by teachers include student grades, term reports to the county superintendent of schools, and reports on the condition of school property.

Members of the Adams, Dean, Dewing, Haas, Mitchell, Moore, Snelson, Waltz, and Woolsey families are prominent in the Fairview records as district officers, teachers, and pupils.

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