

#33 VIRGINIA

From MONTICELLO TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS
PIONEER, ONE-ROOM, COUNTRY
1852-1999 (1962)

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Note: Present or today in article refers to 1999

The first school house was built in 1865 at present 71st and Gleason.

In 1875 a one acre site was acquired at present 71st Street and Clare Rd. where a new one room frame school house was built in 1877. The old Virginia school house was sold and move to the new owner's farm for use as a barn.

The first school term in the new school house was the winter term 1878.

Virginia's door was open to preaching and a Sabbath School was organized. It was used for a writing school and lyceum.

The vestibule, containing a cloak room was added on the front soon after the turn of the century.

A new second building was erected in 1953 for grades 5 through 8, with grades 1 through 4 using the old building.

The school closed in 1962 with unification.

In 2004 the school house was placed on the National Register of Historic Places by MCHS (Monticello Community Historical Society) and moved from it's original site in 2005 to the school ground of USD #232 Mize Elementary School located at 7301 Mize Road.