

GLENN EYRIE SCHOOL AND THE CHAMBERS FAMILY

the following information about the formation of the Glenn Eyrie School and the Chambers participation in it was taken from the minutes of the school board meetings located in the Starsmore Research Center in the Pioneers Museum. See boxes 147 both labeled Glen Eyrie School and accession numbers A74-151-8, A74-151-4. This research was done on March 23, 1990 by Carol Kennis.

From box labeled: Glen Eyrie School District 35 in A74-151-4, abound ledger type book titled "District Record 1887"

"the electors of the proposed new school Dist. assembled at the residence of J.O. Hardwick at 1:00 p.m., Jan. 6, 1888. R. M. Chambers was elected chairman and Mrs. E.W. Chambers secretary." (note: these notes were written originally by E.W.Chambers)

"Jan. 12, 1888 Meeting of school board at R. M. Chambers. Moved that the west room of R.M. Chambers house be rented for use as a school-room at \$10.00 per month including stove, coal and blackboard. Carried. Rent will begin from time of occupancy."

Also at this meeting it was moved and carried that: school be in session 5 hours a day; to be opened Feb. 1st, 1888, that teacher pay be \$40.00 per month and that there be 3 months of school. It was noted in the record that the school opened on Feb. 8th because it was not possible on the 1st.

It was voted on Feb 7th to spend \$24.00 for desks and seats, \$33.50 for dictionary, globe and maps and for screws and crayons, 75cts.

March 10th warrants were given to R. M. Chambers for rent - \$10.00 and to Mrs. E. W. Chambers \$40.00 as salary for one month's teaching.

April 15th, Received notice from the Co. Supt. that the "appropriationment" from the General Fund for 1888 for Dist. 35 is \$95.60.

April 11, 1888: at this meeting it was decided that annual school board election on May 7th be at the residence of R.M. Chambers. The ballot box open between 1-4 p.m.

At the election May 1888, Mrs. Berry was employed as teacher \$40.00 per month. Note: during this time the meetings show plans for building a school building and choosing the site. Also gives the legal location of the planned school. There was some discussion on this over a period of time and the location was even brought to a second vote but was defeated. By Feb. 1889 E. W. Chambers was no longer employed as teacher. Also included was a structural description of the school and information about the contractor.

Jan. 1890's meeting shows the vote on the bylaws and rules of conduct for the students in the classroom and on the grounds. Ben L. Chambers was voted as secretary (also written as Benj. L Chambers; more research is needed to show if this is the Chambers' son and his wife.) in 1892 R. M. Chambers was elected secretary pro tem.

September 1893 Eleanor W. Chambers was employed as teacher. Throughout these meetings several were held at the Rock Ledge Ranch. But they moved around a bit, sometimes being held in the superintendent's office. It is also quite clear that though officers in the school board changed over the years the Chambers took a very active part in the formation and the support of the school. Notes taken by Mrs. Chambers were very thorough and well written. As the years progressed the minutes became more illegible and brief until after the turn of the century.