

property deeded to the Trustees in 1845 by Gabriel and Catharine Ludlum and, in 1907, supplemented by land from the heirs of Rebecca LeFever. The Napanoch School was sold in 1999 to the Town of Wawarsing and is being readied to serve as a day care center. District No. 3 served Leurenkill children in a much smaller structure, which the district's voters determined would be sold to Ben J. Slutsky in 1956.

1856 and 1857 deeds from John Ernhout and wife and John and Julia Stratton transferred property to the trustees of School District No. 4 in Greenfield Park. The *Greenfield Park Historical Society* took ownership in 1958 and the Town of Wawarsing opened the refurbished one-room school to the public each summer until recently.



(Above, a one-room schoolhouse in Dairyland, District No. 13; all photos are courtesy the **Ellenville Public Library & Museum**)

School District No. 5 is a joint district between the Town of Wawarsing and the Town of Mamakating in Spring Glen. Action on a request that the property be sold in 1955 was suspended due to litigation. The outcome of that litigation is still being researched.

The deeds pertaining to District No. 6 in the Town of Mamakating are somewhat complicated by adjustments to property lines by seller Samuel A. Adams and the district's trustee just before the turn of the century, but that did not stop the ultimate sale of District No. 6's property to the Town of Mamakating in 1976. The *Cragsmoor Volunteer Fire Company* purchased District No. 7's Cragsmoor property in 1954. School District No. 8's property from Samuel and Hannah Burhans in 1866 contained a reversion clause "...for a school house lot and when it is not needed or used for such purpose, it is to revert back and be the property of the said Samuel Burhans or his heirs, executive administration, and assigns." And thus it was.

The *Briggs Street School* of District No. 9 was sold in 1956 to Sam Gerges of Briggs Highway. Cragsmoor's second school district, No. 11, originally sold by Benjamin B. Terwilliger in 1848 to the "Trustees and inhabitants of School District No. 11," was purchased by Clifton Marl in 1961.

The Town of Mamakating had another school district No. 11 on Gumaer Road that is still listed as **Ellenville Central School District** property in the town's property records, although there had been references to a potential sale to the Town of Mamakating.

District No. 12's school on Sholem Road was sold to Clarence Eck of Lackawack in 1945, an interesting fact since Conrad and Mary Eck had been the original owners who sold the parcel to the district in 1877. School District No. 12 had been consolidated with School District No. 24,

but No. 24's property reverted to James D. Sheils by virtue of a stipulation in the 1908 deed "providing the New York City Board of Water Supply should condemn these said lands for water purposes, the whole School House grounds, which means the original whereon the School House now stands as well as the additional herein described and to be used for School purposes, or should cease to be used for School purposes, then, there and at that time the whole school house grounds revert back to the said grantor the party of the first part, his heir or assigns..." All this activity is obviously connected with the construction of **Merriman Dam** and predates the establishment of **Central School District No. 2**. Number 12 is not listed as part of the 28 districts centralized in 1950, but Number 24 is.

There were two different District 15s, one a joint district of Wawarsing and Fallsburg with a school house address of Ulster Heights; a second No. 15 was in the Town of Mamakating. The Ulster Heights address was at **Ulster Heights & Thunder Hill Road**, purchased in 1925 from Henry Lauber and sold in 1959 to Floyd and Mary Marks. The Mamakating No. 15 was sold to James and Emma Ingersoll in 1954.

The Phillipsport School was Number 16 in Mamakating and was sold to the Phillipsport Community Center in 1956. The *Honk Hill School* was Number 16 in Wawarsing, sold by quit-claim deed to Macks Milton in 1956 and replaced by a 1971 deed. Common School District No. 17 was another Ulster Heights site, sold to trustees James Teller, Thomas Balsford, and James O'Neill by quit claim deed by William and Anna Morse in 1843. **Central School District No. 2** sold the property to Lillian Katzman (**Katzman Road**) in 1956.



(Above, District No. 1 Schoolhouse, NW corner of Main & Warren.)

The hamlet of Wawarsing had its own school (District No. 18) which was sold by **CSD No. 2** in 1964 to the *Wawarsing Fire Company*. It is now an auxiliary fire hall of the *Napanoch Fire Company*. Spring Glen's District No. 20 schoolhouse became the property of the *Spring Glen Community Center, Inc.* by a 1947 decision of the Commissioner of Education authorizing the 1948 sale which predated centralization. Mamakating's District No. 20 building was on land deeded in 1883 to the district trustee by James and Jane Farrell and sold to *Ellenville* ↗