

After the county was organized Oct. 16, 1888 and during the balance of 1888 and 1889 there were thirty-six school districts and one joint school district with Stevens county. Later the number dropped to twelve.

Today the school districts have been reorganized and consolidated and at this writing there are eleven districts.

Grant county rural high school does not cover all of Grant county as a portion of the southeast corner of the county is attached to Satanta rural high school in Haskell county.

Grant County Rural High School was organized in 1911. Classes were conducted in three rooms of the old court house. Mr. Lipper was the first teacher and Mrs. Dan Sullivan was principal for two years. The graduates are listed according to years.

1914

Madison Alexander

1915

Bertha Belle Anderson

Alice May Byers

Olive Ruth Pitcock

1916

Jane McKay Alexander

Carl Howard Blake

Grant Sanford Jones

John Ralph McGillivray

1917

Clara Belle Blake

James Allen Hickok

Ethel Rhoda Carter

Mary McGillivray

Alta Ethel Steward

1918

Maggie Gordon

Virgil Mamie Gordon

Hazel Hallene Hoffman

1919

Louise Josephine Alexander.

1920

Jennie Carter

Maude Lucille Hoffman

1921

Reba Carpenter

Mable Carter

Cleo Leierer

Ethel Lewis

Fred Maxwell

Gladys McGillivray

Helen McGillivray

Ray Miller

Ada Peterson

1922

Ernest Adair

Marie Carter

Anna Ethel Gumm

Kenneth Hickok

Veris Johnson

Vern Albert Johnson

Doris Alice Pearsall

Loleta Pearsall

Elmer Pudge

1923

Chester Klick Pearsall
Opal Roseberry
Jesse Zongker

1924

Lillie Matilda Fogleman
Ethel Winona Hoffman
Lucille McGillivray
John William Murphy
Fred Pudge

1925

Ada Velma Brollier
Lewis Carpenter
Lowell E. Damon
Lovena Daniel
Charles Hoffman
Ethel Grace Kepley
Ralph Daryl Kepley
Blanche Leierer
Helen Marjorie Miller
Frank David Smyth
Mildred Dovex Thomason
Lemoine Edward Wheeler
Beulah Pauline Workman

1926

Fred M. Barnes
Alice Carter
Fred Fowler
Delos Hennigh
Kathleen Hickok
Roscoe Hutchinson
Arthur Johnson
John Lee Kennedy
Eva Kepley
Bessie Lewis
Margaret Lovelock
Herbert Lowe
Elmer McColm
Stanley Miller
Haskell Pearsall
Evelyn Peterson
Selma Ryder
Marjorie Stubbs

1927

Earl Carter
Ethel Dimmitt
Carrie Hollingsworth
Elva Harper
E. Bernice Kepley
Ray Kepley
Wilbur Keplinger
Argyle McGillivray
Marvin Scranton
Beatrice Stone
Victor Stone
Francis Thomason

1928

Lester Adair
Melvin Adair
Claude Bever
Lucile Binney
Mildred Binney
Raymond Brollier
Eddie Bunn
Gwenllian Evans
Nedra Evans
Faye Gay
Mildred Harper
Vera Kennedy
Verna Kennedy
Nina Keplinger
Hazel Kinsman
Wayne Leierer
Laurence McGillivray
Wilford Murphy
Verne Pearsall
Opal Peterson
Marcella Crebs
Laurence Steen
Karmyl Stone
Cecil Thomas
Opal Thomas
Charles Wheeler
Pebble Wray

1929

Marion Aeschliman
 Eldon Banker
 Francis Buckmaster
 Pauline Carter
 Daniel Gay
 Ernest Gentry
 Clarence Hackworth
 Ruth Hickok
 Fay Leierer
 Nola McGillivray
 Irene Peterson
 Wilbur Workman

Vivian Kennedy
 Leslie King
 Lucille Martin
 Mignon Moyer
 Tressa Peterson
 Fred Thomas
 Wilma Tyner
 Cecil Walker
 John Wiebe
 Viona Williams
 Emma Willis

1930

Alden Gilliam
 Ruth Greenslate
 Raymond Hammond
 Wallace Hand
 Frances Miller
 Ethel Murphy
 Beatrice Ramsey
 Roy Reaka
 Owen Steen
 Vaden Titus
 Dalbert Walker
 Alta Wheeler
 Anna Bell Willis

1932

Esther Byers
 Ethel Byers
 Gertrude Garver
 Orville Gibson
 Opal Hargadine
 Gaynell Goward
 Agatha Kenneday
 Edward Kepley
 Everett Meyer
 Kenneth Patterson
 Maybelle Pearsall
 Carl Pointer
 Fre Stewart
 Elmer Tarbet
 Lois Titus
 Opal Witt

1931

John Aeschilman
 Allen Anderson
 Velma Banker
 Carrol Barnes
 Charles Binney
 Loren Binney
 Everett Christian
 Ione Coerber
 Ruth Dimmitt
 Clyde Faulds
 Bernice Garrison
 Walter Gay
 John Hackworth
 Marietta Harper
 Melvia Housinger

1933

Grace Ansel
 Dorothy Bailey
 Laurence Barber
 Harold Binney
 Mary Christian
 Doris Lee Clay
 Maurice Cranston
 Beatrice Culley
 Pauline Dougan
 Lucille Finley
 Amy Fogleman
 Wayne Galloway
 Lloyd Garver
 Ruth Gillespie

Leslie Housinger
Floyd Kiistner
Gladys King
Hazel King
Emmett Murphy
Dan Sullivan, Jr.
James Terrill
Elizabeth Waiker
Earleen Williams
Kenneth Workman

1934

Jacqueline Carter
Hazel Cavern
Phyllis Forshee
Marie Hargadine
Irene Helwick
Lloyd Keller
Eldon May
William Meyer
Aileen Prior
Rex Schwein
Anita Smith
Marie Trexler

1935

Glenn Baker
Frank Buschman
Joe Cantrell
Dale Cessna
Cecil Damon
Elmer Davis
Lavon Hampton
Thelma Hoskinson
Madeleine Morris
Donella Purcell
Charles Simmons
Lois Stone
Robert Waller

1936

Ruth Binney
Ray DeGarmo
Roy DeGarmo
Garland DeWitt
Bennie Gay

Robert Hickok
Neola Jantz
Gwendolyn Mae Jarvis
Harry Joyce
Lucille Kopley
Arline Meyer
Ellen McGillivray
Katherine McGillivray
Cecil Pucket
Mary Ellen Sullivan
Nancy Terrill
Cleo Titus
Charles Walker
Forrest Walker
Inez Wheeler
Martin White

1937

Ethelynn Adair
Opal Banker
Marjorie Brewer
Marshall Brewer
Jack Brown
Frank Bruce
Velma DeGarmo
Loren Dimmitt
Hubert Hampton
J. D. Hampton
Tom Joyce
Celestine Keck
Margaret Kiistner
Leonard Perkins
Norman Prior
Myrna Reeves
Luella Simmons
Adrean Smith
Marion Stubbs
Martha Sturman
Mildred Trafton
Lenna Trexler
Vernie Walker
Judith White
Charles Wolcott

1938

Ruth Bullock
 Cecil Byers
 Franklin Byers
 Joan Carter
 Wilda Christian
 Annabelle Deyoe
 Wanda Ford
 Leroy Freed
 VaLeda Geyer
 Ethel Hampton
 Rachel Hampton
 Jesse Harmon
 Elton Hickman
 Pauline Howard
 Nellie Burr Kepley
 Vernal Lattimore
 Madge Lozar
 Juanita Lyman
 Thelma McColm
 Charlotte May
 Ellene May
 Betty Jane Reeves
 Harper Rowland
 David Sullivan
 Lloyd Trexler
 Velma Trexler
 Dale Walker
 Jack Waller, Jr.
 Mary Ruth Wiebe
 Esther Wiebe
 Anna Workman

1939

Kathryn Binney
 Paul Brewer
 William Cantrell
 Freda Carlisle
 Faye Deyoe
 Delma Ford
 Gladys Geyer
 Joe Jarvis
 Robert Jones
 Ardine Kennedy
 Nadine Kennedy

Cecil Kepley
 Nellie Oliver
 Maxine Rixon
 Daniel Schmidt
 Corrine Simpson
 Beatrice Teeter

1939 — 1940

Oscar Barnes
 Frederick Bashier
 Kathryn Brewer
 Robert Cantrell
 Glenn Ellis Dew
 Lloyd Gee
 Harry Goertzen
 Wayne Gumm
 Almira Hampton
 Marilyn Hennigh
 Charles Hickok
 Hubert McCall, Jr.
 Virginia McGillivray
 Ellen Mitchell
 Arlene Smith
 Arline Steen
 Harry Walker, Jr.
 Dorothy Yohn
 Lorene Walker

1940 — 1941

Merle Bangs
 Talmadge Brown
 Frances Jeanne Clay
 Mary Jane Hoskinson
 Flora Jones
 Ruby King
 Barbara McGillivray
 Mary Anne Reeves
 May Rosel
 Gene Schwein
 June Schwein
 John Silvey
 Dorothy Simpson
 Arthur Williams
 Mary Doris Wright
 Harriet Ungles

1941 — 1942

Mae Alexander
Frank Basler
Geneva Bullington
Eileen Cantrell
Cathryn Christian
Lois Cook
Gail Elliott
Robert Foresman
Wave Gee
Audrey Gumm
Merle Hallenbeck
Lloyd Hampton
Reece Hampton
Ruthe Hampton
John King
Eva Kratzer
Ruth Leierer
Roy Lighty
Robert Lyle
Norma Jean Meyer
Darlene McCann
Archie Oliver
Dale Pucket
Mary Silvey
Bob Titus
Ferne Tuttle
W. P. Wesley, Jr.

1942 — 1943

Lenore Alderman
Helen Bangs
Peggy Bangs
Mary Alice Basler
Howard Findley
Jack Ford
Naomi Ford
Vivian Hamon
Virginia Hampton
Doris Hennigh
Don Hickok
Ruth Julian
Charlene Kinsman
Douglas Lewis
Jean Miller

Robert Moore
Leo Ream
Joanne Rodgers
Leeman Smith
Lawrence Steen
Virginia Tallman
Howard Tarbet
Jane Walker
Wauneta Waller
Ernest Webster
Dale Williams

1943 — 1944

Marjorie Barnes
Paul Binney
Joe Byers
Donald Cantrell
Inez Mae Dew
Robert Deyoe
Harold Findley
Shirley Ford
Allene Hampton
Martha Hampton
Laurabelle Hampton
Ruth Hampton
Marion Hennigh
Carolyn Henry
Annabel Hickok
Lois Jarvis
Claude King
F. L. Clay, Jr.
Eugene L. Ratliffe
Louise Margaret Kratzner
Edward Lewis
Howard Lighty
Virginia Lyle
Mable Malone
Harold Metcalf
Wadean Miller
Ida Moore
Opal Pearce
Bernice Ray
Rosalie Reeves
Eleanor Schroll
Jo Anne Schwein

Bessie Taylor
Margaret Welk
Eldean A. Ratliff
Jessie Malone
Opal Wheeler

1944 — 1945

Marjorie Caldwell
Herschel Miller
Robert Packard
Jacqueline Higginbotham
Mary Wyant
Muriel Tuttle
Betty Yohn
Cecil Meyer
Betty LeMasters
Floyd Everleigh
Myrtle Teeter
Lilah Jones
Norma Jean Plymell
Helen Hampton
Faye Scrogum
Lillian Tudor
Robert Hart
Dorothy Cantrell
Ralph A. Mendenhall, Jr.
Clifford Bringham
Winnie Fay Bowen
Allen Jarvis
Clifford Wayne Lighty
Howard Ray Johnson

1945 — 1946

Norman M. Blubaugh
Betty Jean Carter
Lemoine Davis
Clifford F. Fort, Jr.
Wm. Fredrick Fowler, Jr.
William Frazier
Ernest R. Gall
Mary Hamon
Marjorie Lee Hampton
Jane Hill
Virginia Isley
Wanda Kinsman
Nadene Ladner

Esther Lighty
Irma McGlohon
Lolita Mendenhall
Norma Lee Mitchell
Pansy Mae Stitch
Kathleen C. Tudor
Lawrence Walker
Marian Walters
Dave Wechsler
Martea Wesley
Eva Joe Wyant
Mildred Yocum

1946 — 1947

Rachel Alexander
Betty Jean Eastman
Juanita Fern Eyman
Emma Joyce Eyman
Robert Gindlesberger
Luella Louise Hamilton
Evlon Hampton
Harold Lloyd Heaton
Bobby L. Highlander
Greta Joan Leierer
Victor Murdock Lewis
Lewis D. Porter
Charles Philip Shorter
Cecil Ralph Simpson
Charles L. Smith
John Julius Smith
Joyce Marie Strickland
Jerry L. Sullivan
Melba Torbet
John C. Wesley
Mary Adeline Wiebe
Wilma Shore

1947 — 1948

Ross Davis
Norma Ruth Gall
John Robert Guest
Inez P. Hamon
Gloria Ann Hamer
Donna L. Jarvis
Garold Jarvis
Bernice Harms

Martha Bell Hampton
Lovina Loewen
Marcella Louise Lance
Phyllis Jean Hampton
Neville Howard
Martha Bell Hampton
Thomas Hill
Neville Howard
Pauline Johnson
Jack Julian
Donna Kinsman
Harry William Lyle
Beulah Joyce Malone
Donna Jean Marshall
Jane RoAnn Maxwell
Gordon C. McCann
Max McCollm
Bennie Jean Mead
Robert E. Moore
Lewis M. Reeves
Patricia A. Ryan
Elvin Shelite
Billie Nadine Stagner
Thelma Ruth Shorter
Laura Lee Steen
Mary Florence Sullivan
Orville E. Tarbet
Glenn R. Tuttle
Patricia F. Waller
Morris William Warren
Jacqueline Joy Workman
Peggy Yohn

1948 — 1949

E. Milton Adair
Bobby Archer
Warren Beaumont
Norman D. Blehm
Donald B. Blubaugh
John F. Boylan
John Caldwell
James Robert Caldwell
Mary Ann Christiansen
Donald Damon
Charles Milton Dew

William T. Fort
Marilou Frazier
Arlene Joyce Kiistner
Roberta Lighty
Robert C. McCauley
Donald McGillivray
Ed McGillivray
Reitha Lena Malone
Robert Martin Newman
Carl Lee Metcalf
Mary Ruth Nevels
Donna Shorter
Oliver L. Spencer
Jimmie Stallings
Martha Ilene Telck
Clifton Tillet
Helen Ivadean Towe
Milton L. Williams
Velma Jane Willits

1949 — 1950

Barbara Aldrich
Jeannine Arthur
Jeaninne Beltz
Diane Blehm
Oathel Bonsall
Wayne Bonsall
Patricia Boylan
Wendell Cheek
Everett Christian
Connie Jo Coday
Bette Davis
Charles Davis
Therese Gish
Darrell Hamilton
Norma Lee Hammer
Evelyn Hamon
Don Hess
Don Highlander
Berniece Hollingsworth
Don Johnson
Robert Johnson
JoAnne Keen
Marjorie King
Betty Kratzer

Harold Lance
Ruby Lighty
Beverly Lindsay
Alie Lowen
Wanda Luna
James Martin
Kayo McGillivray
James Michael
Donna Reno
JoAnn Retherford
Joyce Ryan
Lenore Shelite

Lee Shore
Lorraine Simpson
Willia Mae Simpson
William Smith
Ruby Stallings
Ronnie Steen
Yvonne Stever
Joyce Strong
Tom Sullivan
Warren Palmer
Hope White
JoAnne Yohn

CHURCHES

It was in Zionville that the first Sunday school in Grant county was organized. My father, M. M. Wilson, offered his living quarters as a place to meet, it being one large room over the store and large enough to accomodate the people. Many came from long distances to worship. The furniture was arranged for that day and planks were brought up and benches improvised. Cowboys in the vicinity were invited to attend, the agreement being that they leave their six-shooters down in the store.

Occasionally church services were held. A Mr. Crumley and John C. Helmick preached at different times. Later a building was moved from Ulysses and used for a school during the week and Sunday school and church on Sunday.

In other parts of the county as soon as a place could be found that was large enough to hold a crowd of people they gathered there for Sunday worship. Afterward it was customary for the families to stop for a visit.

From the "Register" we have the following announcement, dated May 26th, 1886.

Union Sunday School of Ulysses; minutes of the Union Sabbath School held in this city last Sunday afternoon.

School opened by prayer, followed by scripture lesson and prayer of superintendent, readings of