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Barboursville Village  
Council Records -- 1865  
to 1875 -- With School  
Records.

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First Records of Council Meetings of <sup>14</sup>/<sub>21</sub>/1867  
the Town of Barboursville, W. Va.

At a meeting of the Common Council of  
the village of Barboursville, W. Va.  
held in the Clerk's office, June 5, 1867;

Presents J. B. Baumgardner, Mayor.  
C. W. Hall, Recorder,  
Henry J. Samuels,  
Joel K. Salmon,  
Andrew J. Dick,  
William Merritt - Councilman elect.

The Mayor presented a communication  
from Wm. Algeo, County Supt. of Schools,  
protesting the dismissing of Miss Irene  
McComas, a teacher in the public school  
of this village, and whereas Miss McComas  
presented to the Board the certificate re-  
quired by law, at the time of her employ-  
ment, she is hereby directed to proceed  
in teaching until otherwise directed  
by this Board, for the completion of her term.

Those voting for her were  
Samuels, Salmon, Dick and Merritt.  
Negative votes were Hall & Baumgardner.

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Meeting May 27, 1867.

Charles H. Hall is employed to teach  
a free school in this village to begin  
on June 3rd 1867 at \$2 per day.  
Council to furnish a room to teach in,  
and Irene McComas is employed to commence  
on June 3rd at \$40 per month

She furnishing her own house to teach in. Also seats and desk at her own expense.

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Apr. 27, 1867.

Charles Hall filed his certificate No. 58 grade No. 1, signed Chas. H. Hall.

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June 25, 1867.

On motion ordered that Miss Irene McComas who is now teaching one of the public schools in this village without having taken the test oath is required to do so, and file it, as the law requires. And upon her failure to do so, that she at once desist from teaching said school.

(Note The Recorder was to serve notice on Miss McComas.)

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June 26, 1867.

A levy was laid of one dollar (\$1) on the one hundred dollars (\$100). 40¢ for schools, 40¢ for roads, and 20¢ for scales.

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Sat. Sept. 14, 1867.

Order issued to Chas. H. Hall for 3 months teaching to be paid from State School Fund of 1866.

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Oct. 30, 1867.

On motion of James H. Ferguson, Helen Jewell was chosen Female Teacher, and that the Mayor employ her not to exceed three months, at \$40 per month.

Com. of Ed. to select a room and fix seats, and all at as reasonable price as possible.

Ordered that a male school is to commence between the 4th day of Oct. and the 15th day of November, the teacher to be employed by the Com. on Education.

Dec 3, 1867, Chas. H. Hall and Helen Jewell filed their certificates

March 12, 1868

Ch Hall given order for \$150, for 3 mos. teaching. \$150

School Tuitions

April 18, 1868.

Tuitions for schooling to be collected by An. J. Lick:

Order on Thomas Adams for 25 days at 5¢ 1.25

Margaret Hodge, for Toliver

Order on C. (has) (H.) Summerson for  
George & Richard 15 days at 5¢, .75

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May 10, 1868  
Levy of 50¢, for schools, roads,  
and incidentals.

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Aug. 13, 1868  
Ordered that the recorder  
advertise for applications to  
teach schools commencing, on  
first Monday, in September  
next.

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Oct. 25, 1868  
~~Poll Tax of \$~~  
Small pox, at Thomas  
Kyles. He later died with  
it.

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Feb. 2, 1869.  
Margaret Kincaid employed  
by the Mayor, to teach school  
declared legal. Hired for 4  
months.

Contract w<sup>th</sup> Chas. H.  
Hall, 4 mos. To begin Feb 4,  
1869, at \$50. a mo.

April 17, 1869.

Ordered that the order allowing Miss Irene McComas \$40, for one month's salary, for teaching a free school, in the corporation, in the year 1867, has not been already entered upon the minutes, which shall be ~~it~~ as the same was allowed by the former council. It shall be the same as was allowed by the former council."

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Claim of R. Sneed, \$4.00  
for two blackboards allowed.

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~~May 17, 1869.~~

July 28, 1869.

At Council meeting of Council  
at house of James McDermid,

Present:

R. H. Bright Mayor

H. J. Samuels

Thos. Thornburg

John Mills

William Merrill

} Councilmen

Ordered that Messrs Samuels  
Merrill & Salmon were app<sup>o</sup>nted

for contracting for a lot, for  
School purposes. Instructed to  
purchase a lot with a house al-  
ready built, if possible.

Oct. 18, 1869

Lot No 32 & fraction Lot 38  
for school purposes. — Condemn-  
ing same.

Present R. D. Bright Mayor  
H. J. Samuels  
John Mills  
William Merrill

Oct. 20, 1869

Two schools to be commenced  
8th day of Nov. 1869, in houses  
of James Mc Dermitt & Mrs. Neuber-  
ger, if they can had for  
the purposes. A male & female  
teacher to be employed.

B. H. Thaxton to be paid  
\$50, per month, for 4 mos.,  
for teaching a school within  
the corporation, for boys,  
and the said Thaxton is  
allowed the privilege of taking  
outside scholars, not exceed-  
ing ten, unless the citizens  
should subscribe sufficient to  
make his school a day school.



"In which case, no outsiders shall be taken."

On motion ordered, that Miss Kate Jewell be employed to teach four months school for girls within the corporation, for \$35 per month.

R. D. Bright, Mayor.

Jan. 12, 1870.

Present R. D. Bright, Mayor

H. J. Samuels

Thos. Thornburg

Green Harrison

John Mills

On motion, ordered that the teacher of the Female School, shall not teach any children living outside the corporation, until they have been transferred, as required by law.

May 27, 1870.

Appointments:

Com. on Education

H. J. Samuels

Jos. S. Miller

John Mills.

School Com. directed to advise for bids for building a school house, within the corp. as her statute allows

filed with the recorder.

Jno. W. Church, Mayor.

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July 14, 1870. It appearing  
to the Council, etc. that  
Benj. J. McCune was the lowest  
bidder, for building new school  
house of the corp. as per  
specifications. Ordered that he  
be awarded the contract for  
building same for \$1000,  
to be completed by Oct. 15, 1870  
said B. J. McCune to give  
bond, etc.

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Aug. 12, 1870.

McCune claimed not to have  
seen specifications when he  
bid on school house & thought  
it was to be plastered, but  
ceiling would cost \$100 more.  
Ordered he build it according  
to his understanding, or if  
he ciled it 5 ft. up from  
the floor, to receive \$1025 -  
\$25 extra.

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~~Oct. 7, 1870.~~

Nov. 16, 1870.

Ordered that School Com. have a coal house, privy, & front fence built, for the benefit of the scholars & school house

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Dec. 5, 1870

School Com. as per advertisement, having received bids for teachers, for the schools of the corporation, it is therefore ordered that John H. Church be employed to teach a male school, of 5 months, in B'ville beg. Dec. 12, 1870, for \$45, per month &

Miss Kate Jewell, is employed, at \$40 per mo, for 5 mos., commencing same time, as the male school.

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School Com. ordered to repair the old desks & benches. & having same properly placed in the school house. Also to make new desks & benches if required & to have all in

for above teachers, by Dec. 12, 1870.

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June 6, 1871

Johnson C. Lusher allowed \$<sup>00</sup> for building half the fence, between the school house lot and the lot now owned by Lucy Lusher & children & occupied by them, at this time

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Treasurer ordered to pay to John W. Church \$45, for teaching one month, it being the balance of a 5 mos. school, ending June 2, 1871.

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June 6, 1871.

Treas. ordered to pay Miss Kate Jewell \$200, out of any money, in his hands, as Treasurer, it being amt. due her for 5 mos. Teaching, beg. 12th day of Dec. 1870, and ending May 31, 1871, & a receipt from her is his voucher.

June 6, 1871.

Assessor to take an enumeration  
of all youths, white & colored bet.  
6 & 21, who permanently reside in the  
villages of Bill

Aug. 26, 1871

Sch. Com. ordered commenced  
Oct. 1, 1871, unless council orders  
otherwise & that the Com. advertise  
for teachers

Following applications were  
received:

Mrs. Harriet J. Hall at \$40 per mo

Miss A. D. Hoff 40 " "

Miss Lina Mearns 50 " "

Mr. Charles Guthrie

Terms not stated

J. L. Lasley \$60 " "

John W. Church \$50.00 " "

M. S. Thoruburg \$50.00 " "

who was employed as male  
teacher, to begin the first  
Monday in Oct. 1871, for  
6 mos.

Council took further  
time to consider

of Miss. Hall, and Miss Hoff  
until Sept. 27, 1871.

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Sept. 27, 1871.

Application of Miss A. D.  
Hoff employed, at \$40 per  
mo. of Female Teacher to  
begin First Mon. & Oct. 1871,  
& continue for 6 mos.

Also understood between  
Miss Hoff and Council that  
if council was not satisfied  
with her teaching, at the  
end of the first month, she  
would withdraw.

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Oct. 28, 1871.

Ordered that Mrs. Thos. Joy,  
Mrs. Strupe, Mrs. Mary Merrill  
and John Dodd be permitted  
to send to Wille when  
properly transferred.

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Miss A. D. Hoff given order  
for \$40 for 1st mo. beg. Oct 24  
1871 & ending Oct. 27, 1871  
to ch. p. 1.

Notes on Rees, etc., from  
Will Goodwin's note book

A James Rees, June 25, 1816,  
died in Huntington(?) Most likely  
was father of Enoch and Allen  
Rees, brothers.

Enoch came to Western Va  
with Allen, but went further west,  
and was never heard from.

Asa Rees served on a  
grand jury 3-25-1817, in  
Cabell Co.

Oct. 28, 1871.

Ordered that Recorder of this village apportion the amount of \$130 <sup>57</sup> among the white and colored children of this village & treasurer directed to collect same of the sheriff of Cabell Co.

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~~Nov. 4, 1871.~~

Dec. 18, 1871.

Ordered that Miss A. D. Hoff be paid \$80 for 2nd & 3rd month

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H. M. Scott ordered paid \$900 on Lot 32 & part of Lot 38, "for order of publication" in the case of O. W. Mather & John J. Hibler, on the application to condemn Lot 32 & part of Lot 38, for school purposes.

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Moses Thornburg ordered paid \$50, as male teacher, in the free school, for 2nd month, etc.



Recorder ordered to issue his  
order on the Treasurer, etc

Feb. 12, 1872.

Ordered that Miss A. D. Hoff  
be allowed \$40, for the 4th  
mo., etc

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M. S. Thornburg \$50, for  
3rd mo.

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March 15, 1872.

Miss A. D. Hoff asks use  
of school house to teach a  
subscription school. Council  
took further time.

She was paid 40 for 5th mo.

M. S. Thornburg paid \$50  
for 4th month, etc.

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April 25, 1872.

Special Meeting.

M. S. Thornburg given \$32  
for services as Recorder &  
Clerk of B. of Ed. for year  
ending April 30, 1872.

Also paid him \$25 for  
services as assessor.

in making 2 copies of land books  
for year 1871

Ordered that M. S. Thornburg be  
allowed \$50 for 5th mo. school.

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Miss A. D. Hoff employed  
to teach two months - May  
& June, beginning as early in  
May as practical

(Dr) C. D. Moss, Mayor.

Above followed her regular  
school

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Jas. H. Ferguson & H. M. Scott, &  
V. R. Moss were app. a com.  
to find out whether Miss A.  
D. Hoff would teach school  
to commence in May 1872(?) and  
they made arrangements for  
her at \$50 a month limited  
to 50 pupils, but if they ex-  
ceeded that they were to  
pay extra tuition, in proportion.

Com. on Ed. ordered to  
examine the school house &  
report its condition & what  
is necessary to make it com-  
fortable

May 6, 1872.

Moved & carried that V.R. Moss, B.H. Shackston & H.M. Scott, be appl. a com. to receive bids for fixing & repairing benches in the school house & to report as soon as possible.

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July 13, 1872.

Ordered that Miss A. L. Hoff be allowed \$104.65, for services in teaching free school for the month that M.S. Thornburg failed to complete, on acct. of sickness, and for her 6th month which is ordered to be paid out of any money in the hands of the Treasurer.

Ordered Miss Hoff be allowed \$104.30, for services as teacher in teaching 2 mos. school after the expiration of the 6th month, etc. to be paid out of levy of 1872 etc.

July 18, 1872.  
It appearing the order of \$104.65  
paid Miss Hoff was an error  
the amt. due her being \$87.50  
"the said order is thereby set aside"  
\$40 of her last mo. & \$47.50 for  
19 days for M. S. Thornburg's last  
month.

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School Com. empowered to  
employ a good male teacher  
& a female teacher, or  
two teachers & grade the school,  
"they to advertise by a hand-  
bill or in some newspaper  
printed in the county."

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At a meeting of the Board of Council for  
Cabell Co. W. Va. the 26<sup>th</sup> of August 1872.

Present

John B. Baumgardner Mayor,  
E. W. Blume, A. J. Dick, Jas. H. Ferguson,  
and H. M. Scott councilmen.

Ordered that John McCune be allowed  
the sum of one dollar and fifty cents for  
painting the black board in the school house  
in said village.

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Ordered that the School Committee  
in this village be instructed to make  
arraignment with the trustees of the  
proper school district for the transfer  
of the children of ~~Miss~~<sup>B. J.</sup> McComas, Chas. Shipe,  
and Mrs. Mary Merritt to attend the school  
in this village.

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At a meeting of the Board of Council  
held October 7<sup>th</sup>, 1872.

The certificate of Transfer of the  
Children of Thomas <sup>Wm</sup> Barnett to the free  
school in the village of Barboursville was  
ordered to be referred back to the Trustees  
with instruction to give the No. of district  
and the amount of money due for each  
one of them.

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At a meeting of the Council on the  
6th day of November 1872.

The Mayor having notified W. G. Ryan to appear and answer certain charges that were against him, the said Ryan this day appeared, and there being no written charges against him, it was ordered that the person who desired to prefer the charges should put them in writing, and this cause is continued until Saturday and that the charges should be served on the Mayor, and a like copy on Ryan whereupon the said Ryan tendered his resignation. The Council refused to accept the same at this time, and thereupon the said Ryan withdrew the same.

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At a Council Meeting on Nov. 11, 1872. Andrew J. Dick this day presented an account for one load of coal for school house and trip to poor house after Samuel McKendree, amounting in all to nine dollars and twenty seven cents (\$9.27) which is allowed.

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Nov. 23rd 1872. \$  
Ordered that M. B. Ryan be allowed \$270 for services in teaching the free school for the first three months, which amount is allowed and ordered to be paid

21 1873

At a Council Meeting of Barbourville  
W. Va. January 4th, 1873.

Ordered that the Treasurer of this  
village call on Thomas Thornburg  
a check or draft issued by  
Chas. Lewis, State Superintendent of  
free schools of this State, which is to  
be paid out of the Peabody Fund for  
the use of the village schools.

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Ordered that the Treasurer and  
Constable of this Village be required  
to set aside the sum of five hundred  
and forty dollars (\$540) for the purpose  
of paying the teachers of the Village,  
and it shall not be used for any other purpose  
unless ordered by the Council.

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Ordered that O. W. Mather be allowed  
the sum of seventy five dollars (\$75.00) with  
legal interest from the 2nd day of July, 1872  
until paid the balance due on an order  
heretofore issued by L. C. Ricketts Mayor. It being  
part of the purchase money on lots No.  
whereon the school house now stands, which  
lots were condemned for a school house site

At a Meeting of the Council held

Feb. 14th 1873.

Ordered that O.W. Mather be allowed the sum of \$19.84 interest on the purchase money for the lots purchased by the Corporation for the use of the school of said village which amount is the interest due and unpaid on the order heretofore issued by L.C. Ricketts Mayor. And it is ordered that the same be paid him out of any money in the hands of the Treasurer not otherwise appropriated and this allowance is made in full satisfaction of all claims and demands of the said Mather upon the said village of Barbourville for any and all part of the purchase money for said land lots or parts of lots as mentioned and described in the report of Commissioners in their condemnation of said real estate at the last term of the Circuit Court of Cabell County.

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Ordered that at the end of the present quarter of the Village school that the Board of Education of said Village make a contract with M.B. Ryan to take charge of the whole school by consolidating both schools into one provided the average daily attendance does not exceed that at which it now averages to wit 35 scholars, and that they report them preceding to the Board of Council for approval or rejection



Feb. 24, 1873.

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Ordered that J. B. Allen be allowed the sum of six dollars and fifty cents as per account presented to the Council and allowed for Coal furnished the village school houses.

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This day there was a petition signed by P. G. Finnell and 40 others praying for a change in the school, whereupon the Mayor J. B. Baumgardner refused to preside over the Council, and E. W. Blume one of the Council ~~also~~ withdrew.

Thereupon A. M. Scott, V. P. Moss, and A. J. Dick three of the Councilmen remained in session and declared M. S. Thornburg the Recorder, Mayor pro tem and the meeting duly organized, and the petition was then fully read by the recorder, and after hearing the motion of Albert Laidley to hear and record the petition, and the remarks of M. B. Ryan against it.

Whereupon the said M. B. Ryan tendered his resignation in writing, which upon motion of Albert Laidley the same was and accepted the said resignation. And thereupon the Recorder was ordered to settle with the said M. B. Ryan for his services as teacher in the free schools in the village of Barboursville. After the settlement there appears to be due M. B. Ryan \$225<sup>00</sup> which is ordered to be paid out of the Peabody money in the hands of Thomas Thornburg, which the Treasurer has been ordered

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April 12, 1873.

Ordered that Thos. Oakes? be allowed the sum of \$7.80 for coal furnished the school house in and for the village of Barboursville, and it appearing that the same has been paid by the Treasurer, it is ordered that he have a credit for the same.

Ordered this meeting be adjourned until otherwise ordered. M.S. Thornburg, Recorder.

At

At a Meeting May 1st 1873.

Ordered that Miss A. D. Hoff have the use of the Village school house to teach a subscription in. The said Miss Hoff is to leave the school house in as good repair as it was the day she took possession, The said Miss Hoff to give possession any time called on by the Council or their legal authorized office organ.

May 15th 1873.

Ordered that Miss Annie Blake have the use of one of the rooms of the school house, and that she keep the same in good repair, and deliver the same up when ever the Council calls on her for the use of the same, and she is to use the same for school purposes only.

Ordered that the meeting adjourn  
Wm. J. Thompson.

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At a meeting of Council May 23rd 1873

Minutes of last meeting read & approved

The report of H. E. Potter, Geo. E. Thornburg, and B. F. McComas a Committee to examine and report what it would cost to put a fence at the school ~~the school~~ house, this day made their report in which they report it would cost \$20.28, which report was ordered to be filed, W<sup>m</sup>. J. Thompson, Mayor.

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At a meeting of Council ~~Aug. 8th~~ <sup>July 9th</sup> 1873.

On motion of Geo. E. Thornburg the Recorder is ordered to post the necessary notices for the election of School Officers as required by law for the election to be held on Aug. 8, 1873.

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At a meeting of Council Aug. 13th 1873.

Ordered that it be certified that at an election held on Aug. 8, 1873 at the Village School house for the election of a County Superintendent of free schools in this County that Wm. Algeo received 55 votes and J. Alfred Buckner received 7. And on the same day and at the same time and place at the same election the vote was taken for school levy and against levy, For levy 58 votes, against levy 3.

Wm. J. Thompson, Mayor.

At a meeting of Council Sept. 16th, 1873<sup>00</sup>  
Ordered that the free schools in this village  
be for 5 months school, and that two competent  
teachers be employed.

And ordered that the School Committee make  
such arrangement with a male and a female  
teacher for the best interest of the village  
and its citizens

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At a meeting of Council January 2nd, 1874.  
Ordered that the Mayor and Recorder issue  
their order on the Treasurer of the village  
of Barbourville for the sum of \$50<sup>00</sup> to W. H.  
~~Parrott~~, and the sum of \$40<sup>00</sup> to Miss A. D. Hoff  
for their services as teachers in the free schools  
of Barbourville, for the month ending Dec 30, 1873.

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The Report of Geo. F. Miller Sr. B. F. McComas and  
H. C. Poteet, School Committee made their report  
to the Council that they had employed W. H. Parrott  
and Miss A. D. Hoff in the free schools of this village  
and agreed to pay Parrott \$50<sup>00</sup>, and Miss Hoff \$40<sup>00</sup>  
per month for the term of five months, commencing  
on the 1st day of December 1873, reserving the right  
to dismiss the said teachers, or either of them,  
for any misconduct, they or either of them,  
may be guilty, or for failing to discharge  
their duty as teachers, and their orders to be paid  
at the end of each month. The orders to be  
issued by the Secretary and signed by Mayor  
and Secretary.

11th Nov 7 30

At a meeting of the Council Feb. 11, 1874

Ordered that Alve H. Miller be and is permitted to attend the free school of this village, and that he secure the amount of assessment he, as a scholar in the district No. of which he enrolls

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Ordered that the teachers now employed in the village be requested and required to send from school all children that are under age of six years, and all children that have not been properly transferred, and that they notify the parents of this resolution, and that the parents must keep the children as aforesaid at home.

Wm. Thompson Mayor

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At a meeting of the Council Apr. 15, 1874  
R. D. Bright's account of .50¢ for crayon furnished the corporation school purchased by Parrott was presented and ordered to be paid, and an order awarded him on the Sheriff for his pay.

Wm. J. Thompson, Mayor

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At a meeting of the Council May 11, 1874  
School Committee: — Geo. F. Miller Sr. H. C. Potest and Benjamin F. McCune

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At a meeting of the Council Dec. 15th 1874  
E. W. Blume this day made charges against C. F. Butter the Teacher, that he Butter sent home from school Albert, Ralph and Henry Blume for uttering words of to Miss Holt. The council decided the Teacher had the right to correct the scholars while in school or under their control but have no right to expel any scholar from school before first reporting to school committee, or trustees and they may expel for any offence the law authorizes them to.

At a meeting of the Council April 9th, 1875.  
Ordered that Miss Lona Holt be allowed the sum of \$80.00 for teaching the two additional months agreed upon by the Trustees of the village school.

The Recorder and Mayor having issued an order on the Treasurer for said amount, it is hereby approved.

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Ordered that Benj. F. McCune is allowed \$3.50 for his services in holding election, and for repairs on school house, and is ordered to be paid.

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Ordered that Charles McCune be allowed sixty cents (60¢) for painting blackboard for school house.

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Ordered that H. C. Tateet be allowed sixteen dollars for coal furnished the school as per account filed and is ordered paid out of school fund.

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At a meeting of the Council April 24th 1875.  
Ordered that the orders issued heretofore by the Mayor and Secretary to G. F. Butter and Miss Lona Holt for services as teachers, be and are hereby approved and endorsed as correct.

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At a meeting of the Council Aug. 23rd 1875.  
At an election held Aug. 13th 1875 it appears that D. L. Duncan received 43 votes for County Superintendent of free Schools, and William Algeo received 14 votes.  
It is ordered that the Clerk of Board of Education of the Independent district of the Village of Barboursville do certify the result of said election to the Clerk of the County Court.

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Ordered that Benj. F. McCune and J. W. Church be allowed \$1.50 each, to be paid out of school fund

at a meeting of the Council Sept. 10, 1875.

Ordered that the village school of Barboursville be held for a term of four months, commencing the first Monday in October next. The male teacher shall be allowed \$50<sup>00</sup> per month, and the female teacher be allowed \$40<sup>00</sup> per month.

The Mayor and Recorder are to issue to each teacher the proper order for the amount due at the end of each month when the school committee certifies that the schools have been taught as per contract.

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at a meeting of the Council Oct. 27, 1875.

Ordered that M. S. Thornburg be allowed the sum of \$10<sup>00</sup> for making out annual report of free school in this district for 1875. To be paid out of school fund.

Ordered that M. S. Thornburg be allowed the sum of \$4<sup>00</sup> for taking the enumeration of youth for 1874 and 1875 in the village of Barboursville

M. S. Thornburg Recorder, J. C. Lusher, Mayor

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All above school data is copied, this day, Nov. 24, 1954, in a new record, ready to be printed.