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THE FRIENDS OF CORNELL SCHOOL

proudly present their

One-Room Schoolhouse



Cornell School is a classic example
of how public education
functioned in the early days of
rural America.

Cornell School
Johnstown, OH 43031



REMEMBERING THE SCHOOLMAMS



The teacher, usually a woman, taught all subjects to children in grades 1 through 8 with a range of 22 to 34 students in attendance. Parents supported the teacher and taught their children to obey her, often reinforcing at home discipline that had already occurred at school.

Teachers boarded with families, walked to school with the children or rode a horse, and often carried the day's water. They built the fire in the stove, cleaned the school, and planned and taught the lessons.

Children were taught in small groups of the same grade or ability level. Much of the instruction was oral, allowing children to hear the lessons repeated.

At the front of the room, with toes touching the raised teacher's platform, small groups read, answered questions, and were taught the "3 R's". Older children helped younger ones.

Cornell School is located at 453 South Main Street (St. Rt. 37) in Johnstown, Ohio. It is near the Johnstown-Monroe School District Board Office.



TIMELINE OF CORNELL SCHOOL



THE PAST

Cornell School was constructed by area farmers in 1886. It remained open until 1923 when school districts began to consolidate and children were bussed to larger schools.

The Friends of Cornell School nonprofit organization was created in 1987 for the purpose of the moving, restoration and preservation of Cornell School. Funding came from community members and area foundations such as the Licking County Foundation, Chambers Fund, and Babcock Foundation.

The empty building truly came alive after it was restored and furnished. Donations included old school desks, textbooks, slates, pictures, water bucket and dipper, school bells, wall maps, pot bellied stove, lunch pails, and other memorabilia.

THE PRESENT

Since 1996, students from Licking County and neighboring areas have been experiencing what a school day was like in the early 1900's..

Donations of time and money from generous members of the community have helped furnish the school in an authentic manner.

The Cornell School is furnished with slant-top desks in a variety of sizes, a vintage pot-belly stove, an old Ohio map and ever present dunce cap and stool for misbehaving students.

Schools throughout Licking County and Franklin County continue to make yearly field trips to Cornell School. Volunteers (often locally retired teachers) teach lessons in reading, writing and arithmetic to area students on field trips.



THE FUTURE

The founding members of the Friends of Cornell School have been managing and funding their vintage schoolhouse for close to 30 years. Per their By-Laws, they must "provide a plan to ensure continuous support and maintenance of the school". They plan to accomplish this with cooperation and collaboration with the Johnstown-Monroe School District and the Johnstown community.

Cornell School still needs donations to maintain programs, purchase materials, provide routine maintenance and pay for utility costs. Your continued support is most appreciated.

Please consider filling out the membership form included in this brochure.