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Hardwick Schools Collection ¹

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Hardwick Historical Society
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Collection Title: Hardwick Schools Collection

Collection Dates: 1861–2012, bulk 1891-2012

Collection Size: 4 boxes; 3 cubic feet

Name of Creator: No single creator

Abstract: The Schools Collection contains a wide variety of records and ephemera from the early 19th century to the present.

Related archival materials: Photos and Cards; Teresa and Susan Earle Papers; John Bradford Diaries

Historical Note: The Town of Hardwick organized its first schools in 1799, when it created four districts. Under Vermont law, school governance lay in the district, not the town. Therefore, each district had a full set of officers: a moderator for school meetings, a clerk to keep the records, a collector of its school taxes, and a Prudential Committee to manage the school. Each district set its own calendar, curriculum, policies, and funding. Each built its own buildings, hired its own teachers, and enforced its own rules. As a result, schools varied widely from district to district within a town, although all district school taught basic reading, writing, and arithmetic.

In 1860, a collection of private investors created the South Hardwick Academy as a private school to offer advanced subjects. In 1869, the Prudential Committee of the South Hardwick district school and the Trustees of Hardwick Academy (it had officially changed its name in 1868) decided to merge as the Hardwick Academy and Graded School District (HA&GS).

In 1892, the state dissolved all district schools within the towns, turning each town into a single school district. A loophole in the law allowed HA&GS to incorporate into a separate district – and incorporated district – not subject to the town district authority.

¹ For more technical details about this collection, see the last page of this document.

Sometime in the first half of the 20th century, the town district and HA&GS merged, though the details of that merger remain unclear.

Beginning in the late 19th century, town school districts across Vermont joined in creating supervisory unions which reduced the administrative overhead for the member towns. The Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union (OSSU) originally overseeing Albany, Craftsbury, Greensboro, Hardwick, and Wolcott appeared in the late 1950s, though details remain unclear.

By the late 1960s, Hardwick Academy and Graded School's building, built in 1892, could no longer accommodate the number of students assigned to it, nor could it meet safety standards set by the state. HA&GS dissolved as a school district. Hardwick joined Greensboro to form Hazen Union District No. 26 within the OSSU; the elementary school became the Hardwick Elementary School, also within the OSSU. The Hazen Union High School, in Hardwick, opened in the fall of 1970.

In the early 20-teens, the state again required school districts to merge, this time because of falling school populations. In 2019, Hardwick Elementary joined the elementary schools in Greensboro and Woodbury to form the Orleans Southwest Elementary School District.

Scope and Content: The Schools Collection contains a variety of records and ephemera that date from the early 19th century to the present.

System of arrangement: The collection is arranged into 9 series: Background Material, District Schools, Hardwick Academy and Graded School District; Hardwick Academy, Hazen Union High School, Hardwick Elementary School, Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union, Affiliated Organizations, and Miscellaneous. Materials within series are arranged alphabetically and then chronologically.

Removed from the Collection: Nothing

CONTROLLED HEADINGS²

People and families: None

Geographical names: Hardwick (Vt.) – Schools; Vermont – Education

Corporate names: Hardwick Academy and Graded School District (Vt.); National PTA; Hardwick-Hazen Union Alumni Association*; Hazen Union District No. 26 (Vt.); Buffalo Mountain School*; Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union*; Hardwick Elementary School*; School District No. 6 (Hardwick, Vt. : Jackson Bridge School)*; School District No. 4 (Hardwick, Vt. : Cobb School)*; School District No. 3 (Hardwick, Vt. : Center School)*

Occupations: None

² * indicates this terms does not appear in a standard vocabulary such as the Library of Congress or Getty controlled vocabularies.

Genre: Sales catalogs; programs (documents); calendars; booklets; proceedings (reports); clippings (information artifacts)

Topics: School districts; Public schools – administration

Series 1: Background Material

Notes on the collection

Vermont. *Fifth Annual Report by the State Superintendent of the Common Schools*, 1850

Education — Periodicals — *Journal of the American Education Society*, 1839

Education — Periodicals — *Popular Educator*, 1901

Education — Periodicals — *Primary Plans*, Feb. 1908

Series 2: District Schools

Hardwick Early Schools – History of

Cobb School

Hardwick Center School

Hardwick District #4 — Proceedings, 1882-1893 (Cobb School)

Hardwick District #12 / District #6 – Proceedings Books, 1835-1842 / 1842-1852
(Jackson Bridge)

District 12, established in 1835, became District 6 in 1842

Hardwick Stone House District #8 – Proceedings Book, 1829-1856 (Stone House)

Jackson Bridge School

Lister's Appraisal of School Houses, 1894

Speir, Margaret, "Hardwick Schools" (Mackville, Cobb, Jackson Bridge, Center)

Series 3: Hardwick Academy and Graded School

Hardwick Academy and Grades School – Catalog, 1891-1892

Hardwick Academy and Grades School – Catalog, 1892-1893

Hardwick Academy and Grades School – Catalog, 1893

Hardwick Academy and Grades School – Catalog, 1894

Hardwick Academy and Grades School – Catalog, 1895

Hardwick Academy and Grades School – Catalog, 1896-97

Hardwick Academy and Grades School – Catalog, 1897-98

Hardwick Academy and Grades School – Catalog, 1898-1899

Hardwick Academy and Grades School – Catalog, 1899-1900
Hardwick Academy and Grades School – Catalog, 1900-1901
Hardwick Academy and Grades School – Catalog, 1902-1903
Hardwick Academy and Grades School – Catalog, 1903-1904
Hardwick Academy and Grades School – Catalog, 1904-1905
Hardwick Academy and Grades School – Catalog, 1905-1906
Hardwick Academy and Grades School – Catalog, 1906-1907
Hardwick Academy and Grades School – Catalog, 1907-1908
Hardwick Academy and Grades School – Catalog, 1908-1909
Hardwick Academy and Grades School – Catalog, 1909-1910
Hardwick Academy and Grades School – Catalog, 1910-1911
Hardwick Academy and Grades School – Catalog, 1911-1912
Hardwick Academy and Grades School – Catalog, 1912-1913
Hardwick Academy and Grades School – Catalog, 1913-1914
Hardwick Academy and Grades School – Catalog, 1915-1916
Hardwick Academy and Grades School – Catalog, 1916-1917

Series 4: Hardwick Academy

Hardwick Academy—Bonds, 1941-1960
Hardwick Academy—Bell
Hardwick Academy—Class Day Program, 1969
Hardwick Academy—Class of 1914
Hardwick Academy—Class of 1928
Hardwick Academy—Class of 1931
Hardwick Academy—Class of 1933
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Hardwick Academy—Class of 1936
Hardwick Academy—Class of 1941
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Hardwick Academy— Commencement, 1897
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Hardwick Academy—History
Hardwick Academy—Land Purchase, 1941
Hardwick Academy—Memories
Hardwick Academy —Misc
Hardwick Academy — Order of Exercises, 1861
Hardwick Academy— Order of Exercises, 1862
Hardwick Academy—Personal Calling Cards, 1945
Hardwick Academy—Plays, 1926
Hardwick Academy—Plays, c.1930
Hardwick Academy—Plays, 1931

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Hardwick Academy—Plays, 1936
Hardwick Academy—Plays, 1938
Hardwick Academy—Plays, 1946
Hardwick Academy—Plays, 1956
Hardwick Academy—Plays, 1957
Hardwick Academy – Press Club – *The Wick*, 1959-50
Hardwick Academy—Prom, 1936
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Hardwick Academy—Prom, 1943
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Hardwick Academy—Prom, 1968
Hardwick Academy—Register, 1966-1969
Hardwick Academy—Rhetorical Exercises, 1879
Hardwick Academy—Rhetorical Exercises, 1884
Hardwick Academy—Seal
Hardwick Academy—Senior Memories Booklet, 1945
Hardwick Academy—Sports—Basketball — Boys —1928
Hardwick Academy—Sports—Basketball — Boys —1930
Hardwick Academy—Sports—Basketball — Boys —1931
Hardwick Academy—Sports—Basketball — Boys —History
Hardwick Academy—Sports – Basketball Schedule, c.1915, 1956-57, 1961-62
Hardwick Academy— Sports – Baseball schedule, 1913
Hardwick Academy—Sports—FootballBOX 3

Hardwick Academy—Student Records, 1896-1916

Hardwick Academy—Student Records, 1950-1952

Series 5: Hazen Union High School

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Hazen Union—Class of 1978

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Hazen Union—Class of 1982

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Hazen Union—Class of 1987

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Hazen Union—Class of 2011

Hazen Union—Class of 2014

Hazen Union—Commencement, 1972

Hazen Union—Commencement, 1976

Hazen Union—Commencement, 1977

Hazen Union—Commencement, 1982

Hazen Union—Commencement, 1983

Hazen Union—Commencement, 1984

Hazen Union—Commencement, 2007

Hazen Union — Dedication, 1971

Hazen Union—Excellence in Education Award, 1984

Hazen Union—Junior Band—Concert, 1988

Hazen Union—News Bulletin, 1974

Hazen Union—Newspapers, 1993

Hazen Union—Newspapers, 2017

Hazen Union—Organizations—Drama Club, c. 1980

Hazen Union—Organizations—Key Club—Award, 2009

Hazen Union—Organizations—Latin Club, 1981

Hazen Union—Programs—Winter Concert, 1981
Hazen Union—Programs—Winter Concert, 2006
Hazen Union—Prom—Program, 1971
Hazen Union — Proposed Plans, 1967
Hazen Union — Proposed Plans, 1968
Hazen Union—Seventh Grade Experience, 1997-1998
Hazen Union — Sports – Basketball—Boys, 2000
Hazen Union — Sports – Basketball—Boys—JV—Schedule, 2006-2007
Hazen Union— Sports – Basketball—Boys—Tournament, 2004
Hazen Union— Sports – Basketball—Boys—Tournament, 2005
Hazen Union— Sports – Basketball—Boys—Tournament, 2006
Hazen Union— Sports – Basketball—Boys—Tournament, 2009
Hazen Union— Sports – Basketball—Girls—Championship, 1977
Hazen Union— Sports – Basketball—Girls—Schedule, 1983-84
Hazen Union — Sports – Broom Hockey, c. 1975
Hazen Union — Sports – Coaches
Hazen Union — Sports – Miscellaneous
Hazen Union — Sports – Research – Hill, Aaron
Hazen Union — Sports – Soccer—Girls, 2009
Hazen Union — 25th Anniversary Booklet, 1970-1995

Series 6: Hardwick Elementary School

Hardwick Elementary — Addition — Dedication, 11/15/1988
Hardwick Elementary — Concert, 1957
Hardwick Elementary — Concert, 2006
Hardwick Elementary — Dedication, 8/22/1961
Hardwick Elementary—Many Faces of Hardwick—Poetry, 2003
Hardwick Elementary—Many Faces of Hardwick—Pictures, 2003
Hardwick Elementary—Metropolitan Achievement Test Reading, 1999
Hardwick Elementary—Misc
Hardwick Elementary—New School, 1959-60
Hardwick Elementary—Play, 1919

Hardwick Elementary — Play (1904 Re-enactment), 2004

Hardwick Elementary — Proposed Extension, late 1960s

Hardwick Elementary—Sheryl Eastman honored, 1982

Series 7: Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union

Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union — Co-superintendent Aug. 4, 2004

Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union — Inventory of Primary School Social Studies

Texts, c. 1953

Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union — Teachers, 1959-60

Series 8: Affiliated Organizations

Hardwick Alumni Association, 2003

Hardwick Alumni Reunion, 1924

Hardwick Alumni Reunion, 1928

Hardwick Alumni Reunion, 1929

Hardwick Alumni Reunion, 1930

Hardwick Alumni Reunion, 1931

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PTA—Calendar, 1953-1959
PTA—Membership Card, 1965-1966
PTA—Minutes, 1952-1966
PTA—Minutes, 1968-1969
PTA—Programs, 1960/61, 1962/63, 1965-66
PTA—Refreshment Committee—Record Book, 1959-1965

Series 9: Miscellaneous

Buffalo Mountain School
Hardwick Bus Routes, 1954

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Conditions governing access: Open and available to the public.

Details of physical access: Nothing unusual

Details of technical access: Nothing unusual

Conditions governing reproduction access and use: Subject of copyright laws

Languages/scripts in the collection: English

Other finding aids: None

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Miscellaneous notes: Many HHS collections will have some relation to the Schools Collection, but until we finish describing and posting our holdings, we will leave it to the researcher to search the other collections for school material.