

## # 17 – The Continuation School



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The continuation school pictured on this banner was built at the west end of King Street, on land purchased from John McEwen. It was built as a one room school. Eventually a room was added to each side of the original. The additional half acre of land included in the transaction was used for sports activities.

This building replaced the original school located at Nelson and Richmond North, which burned in 1889. Students finished that school year in various homes or building in the village.

Pictured on the banner is the first principal. William MacKay served as Principal for 33 years. Mr. MacKay's son, a graduate of this school was awarded The Rhode's Scholarship of Oxford University. Jenny Murray was the first teacher.

Also pictured on the banner is Mattie Ellis, a teacher for many years and author of "Hensall – A Beautiful Place to Live"

In 1956 approval was granted to replace the deteriorating structure (known thereafter as Wedge the Mover, and since torn down). The present York Street site was chosen, and the new facility opened in September 1957.

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