

We know very little about Evergreen School except for its location and a few early newspaper articles with snippets of information. In fact, we are not even certain whether and when it was a Hunter school and/or a Kremlin school; some news stories are with Hunter news, some with Kremlin news. **Obviously much more help with stories and photos and memorabilia is needed!**

**Special thanks to the children of our cousin Ernie Voth and his wife Virgie – Tom Voth, Susan Voth Kilmer, and Karen Voth Lemley, who now own the Evergreen school site – for giving us permission to put up the school location marker sign. And thanks to Dennis Toews, Arrel Toews, and Myron Toews for covering the cost of this sign.**

### **1. Facts.**

District number: 7

Location: SE corner of SE/4 of 7-24-5 in Buffalo Township

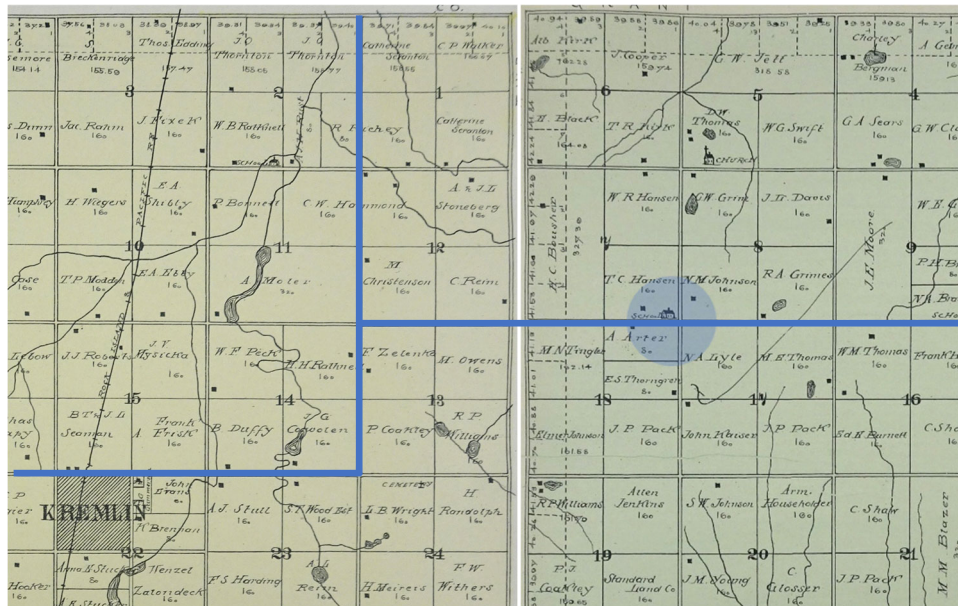
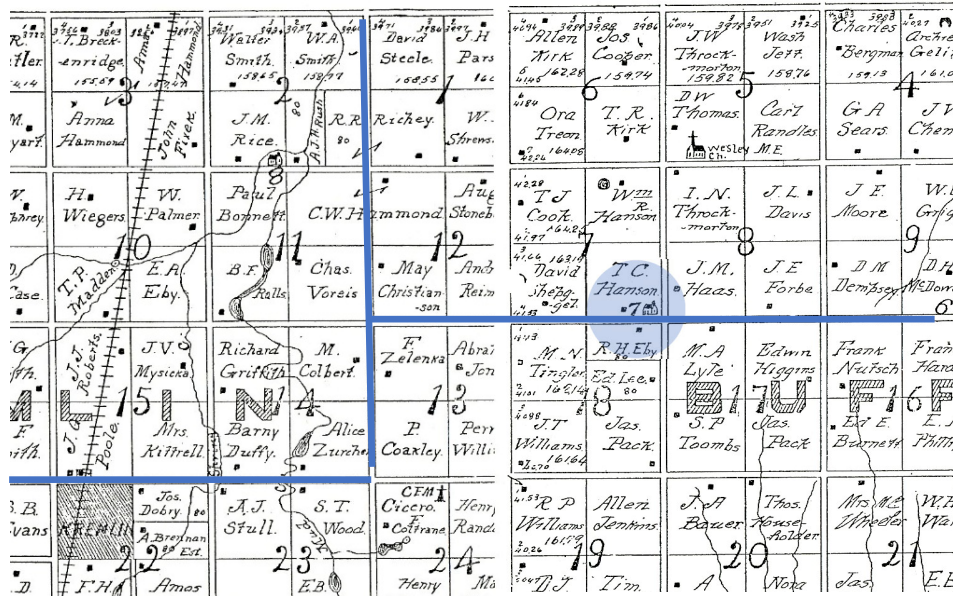
Started: Presumably 1894, as for all of these schools; [a document with opening of the schools and other general information relevant to all of the schools is in preparation](#)

Last year of classes: Unknown at this time

Fate of building: Unknown at this time

## 2. Location

The top map below is a 1901 commercial plat map marking the location of School 7 (Evergreen) and the bottom map is a 1906 government plat map. The school location is highlighted, and the town of Kremlin is included for orientation. The 1901 plat map is important because it gives the school number, thus nailing down which school this was.



We do not yet have any early aerial photos of the Evergreen school site like we do for many other schools. Those photos may be available from the National Archives in Washington, DC, and we will likely try to locate and purchase those images soon for inclusion here. They might be quite informative.

However, the current Google Earth photo clearly shows the former Evergreen school grounds, with two of the evergreen trees marking the west edge, several at the north edge, and several in the east fence row, likely also original school grounds trees. The right aerial image is clear enough to show the remains of the cistern in front of the right end of the larger clump of trees that marks the north boundary.



### **3. Known teachers.**

The only documented teachers for Evergreen that we have found to date are a Mrs. Smith from Woods County, teaching there in 1904; and Miss Thelma Dow in 1932; and a Miss Thelma Hickman, also 1932!

*Images of the original documents for the teacher information above are included in a separate section near the end of this document.*

### **4. Students at Rose Bud School.**

We do not have any photos of the school or of students or teachers at the school. *Sadly, none of the original newspaper articles included later in this document list students either.*



**5. Interesting remains of Rose Bud School, discovered when putting up the school marker sign in April, 2025.**

We are always pleased to find remnants from the schools at the locations where old maps indicate that they were located. The photo to the left below is looking north and nicely shows the evergreen trees remaining at the west and north edges of the school grounds. The photo to the right shows the remains of the cistern cover from the school; presumably students drank the water that fell onto their school building, but it is also possible that it was a well.



We were also excited and pleased that Oklahoma City's KOKH FOX 25 news came out to film and interview us about our school signs project at this school; they aired two different nice stories on their evening and morning news the next day.





## 6. Source documents

### Evergreen news articles from Hunter news sections.

ponied. The first men, the first  
dog, at the North Pole!

**Buffalo Township.**

We are still very anxious for a  
good rain.

The majority of the farmers  
are about done sowing wheat.

Ed Burnett and Ernest  
Thomas each lost a horse re-  
cently from being choked on  
oats.

O. G. Horton and family left  
last Monday for an extended  
visit with relatives in Iowa.

Miss Lou Roberts, of Enid, is  
teaching the Pack school in the  
southwest part of Buffalo Twp.

Mrs. Smith of Woods Co. is  
teaching the Evergreen school.

Evart Kelly has rented some  
land and is putting in a crop of  
wheat. Look out girls, Evart  
means business.

The Hunter Enterprise  
Oct 13, 1904

There are several mentions of Evergreen School and activities there in newspapers from the early 1900s, like the one to the left from the Hunter Enterprise. However, this is one of the few that mentions "school" activities there; several of the others (not shown) are about church services being held there, and one about a new Kremlin to Hunter telephone service; so these do not help establish Evergreen School as part of the Hunter School system.

Similarly, the article to the right, from a 1940s Enid Events issue, is an interesting Hunter community story that mentions the Evergreen School, but it does not establish whether Evergreen was then, or ever, a Hunter school.

**HUNTER**

Mrs. M. C. Clegg

Spending Sunday afternoon in John Rickabough home were Misses Neva and Veda Fae Sears, Evelyn Johnson and Mary Lois Dodds, and Mr. Lawrence and Walter Johnson.

The neighborhood charivariated Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Johnson Wednesday evening. They live on the Pete Voth farm northeast of the Evergreen school house.

M. L. Lewis who has been seriously ill in a Wichita hospital for three weeks is reported to be im-

Enid Events Supplement  
May 11, 1945

The other articles here and below are from the Kremlin sections of the Enid Events newspaper; however, again, they do not clearly establish Evergreen as a Kremlin vs. a Hunter school.

Mrs. John Rickabaugh and twins called on Mrs. Burton Dodds Saturday afternoon.

Prof. Oberg of Phillips university will give an entertainment at 7:30 p. m. Friday, November 17, at Evergreen school, four miles east of Kremlin on the gravel. A box supper will follow the program. Everybody come and bring a box.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Johnson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. Travis.

Evergreen "on the gravel"!  
Enid Events newspaper  
November 16, 1933

**Kremlin Vicinity**

Mrs. Mae Campbell entertained the H. E. B. club in her home on Wednesday, September 12, with twelve members present and two visitors, Mae Robinson and Lorena Hoover. Mrs. Hoover, Mrs. Lounsbury and Mae Robinson won favors in contests. Fae Campbell guessed the good cheer package. The hostess served a dainty luncheon after which the club adjourned to meet in two weeks, September 26, with Mrs. Edith Dodds all day. Everybody bring their thimbles.

Olen and Harold Johnson made a trip to Perryton, Texas, Monday and returned Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Kirk and little daughter spent Thursday with Gertrude Hanson. Mrs. Bryon Thomas was an afternoon caller.

Walter Hardys have a new Plymouth car.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Krippes and daughter of Pioneer community spent Sunday with Joe Semrod and family. Johnnie Kaiser was an afternoon caller.

Elsie and Elmer Semrod were shopping in Hunter Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Semrod and Bill Krippes and family spent Sunday afternoon in Pond Creek.

Evergreen school dismissed on Tuesday to attend the Cherokee Strip opening in Enid.

Several from this neighborhood attended the drawing in Hunter Saturday evening.

Enid Events newspaper  
September 20, 1934

Miss Thelma Hickman shows up as Evergreen teacher for the 1931-32 school year, and then a Miss Thelma Dowe is the teacher for the 1932-33 school year. Perhaps these are the same woman, married during the summer? But then incorrectly listed as “Miss” Dowe? Or perhaps they are different women – there were several other teachers named Thelma in the area in our other stories

Thelma Hickman, Teacher 1931-32  
Enid Events January 28, 1932

**Kremlin News**

Mrs. Henry Rathmel is still bed-fast; not improving very fast.

Loren Jett was a Sunday dinner guest of Johnnie Kaiser.

Mrs. Hetsel Breckinridge called on Helen Estes Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johnson and children, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Johnson and children, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Johnson, Keith Evens and Miss Susan Johnson surprised Mrs. W. B. Dodds with a birthday dinner Sunday.

Mr. Earl Brown is on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Johnson and Veva motored to Wichita Sunday to spend the day with their folks, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Johnson.

Miss Edna Mae Dodds spent Sunday in Kremlin with her sister, Grace.

Misses Opal Cummings and Mildred Hoopglarner of Enid were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Kirk Monday.

Miss Anita Nichol of Enid visited Miss Thelma Hickman Friday. Miss Hickman teaches Evergreen school.

Thelma Hickman, Teacher 1931-32  
Enid Events newspaper, April 21, 1932

**Kremlin News**

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Johnson are the proud parents of a nine pound boy, born Sunday afternoon. They named him Ralph Leon.

Miss Thelma Hickman gave a party Monday evening at the Evergreen school house in honor of the young people of the district. Games were played and refreshments were served. This is Miss Hickman's last week of school.

Thelma Dowe, Teacher 1932-33  
Enid Events newspaper, November 2, 1932

**Kremlin News**

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Messenger and children took dinner Sunday at the Pete Flora home.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Downs and daughter, Viola, took dinner Sunday at the Pete Flora home. In the afternoon they went to Lahoma to visit his mother, Mrs. Downs of Erick.

Miss Thelma Dowe, who teaches Evergreen school, gave a program Friday night, and organized a P. T. A.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruncker of Jefferson spent Thursday with their daughter and family, Mrs. Doyle Johnson.

Mrs. Doyle Johnson and Ralph Leon called on Miss Gertrude Hanson Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Johnson and children called at August Drechsler's Sunday afternoon.

Loren Jett of Hunter was a Sunday dinner guest of Johnnie Kaiser. Lawrence Clegg was an afternoon caller.

Miss Bernice Johnson called on Mildred Ann Ingham Sunday afternoon.