

SCHOOLS OF HOLDENVILLE

The first schools of Holdenville were subscription schools. The best known of these was the one that set along the Frisco railroad about where the city water department barn now stands. This building was moved to several different places, once about where Carl Stanford's house is on Hinckley Street and the last place is where Central School is now.

Another subscription school was taught in the kitchen of a Mrs. Isles on North Bullitt Street..

The first public school bonds were voted on October 21, 1901. The first building built was a three-story building located at what is now the Middle School or what the older ones call Central School. The city of Holdenville owned this building until July 8, 1909 at which time the school board bought the building from the city for the sum of \$10,000. It was known up until then as the "Old Building."

In February of 1909 John Marks deeded twelve lots in Marks addition for the purpose of erecting thereon a school building with not less than eight rooms.

Mr. L.C. Parmenter deeded a block of ground for the purpose of erecting a shcool building.

On June 15, 1909 the school board received bids for the two school buildings. The bid of Ben Killingsworth of \$11,351 for the eight-room building was accepted. Also the bid of Tarply and Dailey for \$8,586.78 for the six-room school building was accepted.

Mr. W.J. Brittian was paid a sum of \$306.00 as architect of the two buildings. In August of 1909 the school board purchased 1/4 block adjoining the Old School grounds from a Mr. Askew for the sum of \$1,000 and the Old Frame School House (which was the Old Subscription School).

Mr. P.C. Roberts, Mr. J.T. Whaley, and Mr. J.H. Clawson were appointed to name the three buildings. The Old School was named Central School. The one west of the C.O. & G.R.R. (Rock Island) Cedar Street School is now Park View. The one in the north part of the town was named Capitol Heights.

The High School was taught at Cedar Street School starting in the fall of 1910.