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Mr. Harry L. Spooner,
8127 Lane Ave.,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Mr. Spooner:

Your letter in regard to the Brookside school has been referred to me.

Sheridan District #1 (the Brookside school) is not a graded school district. Although it has ten grades of school, it is still a primary district having three members on the board.

Primary districts are allowed to teach the ninth and ten grades by special permission from the Department of Public Instruction. It was probably graded, that is, the grades were definitely named, when the first course of study was published by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. However, this publication resulted in the grading of all primary school districts of the State.

Newaygo is, comparatively, one of the newer counties when considered with those of the southern part of the State which were settled a good many years earlier, so, of course, Brookside is not one of the early rural schools of the State. In fact, there were several others in Newaygo County long before Brookside was settled.

In the spring of 1914 four schools in Newaygo County received a standard school plate. They were #1 Sheridan, #3 Big Prairie, #2 Ashland, and #4 Lincoln.

Yours sincerely,

Isabelle M. Becker

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