

Fremont School

Park County, Colorado
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*465. **Fremont School.** Late 1800s. Annie Borden went there about 1892 or 1893. She was the adopted daughter of Tim Borden and wife Adelia. Tim Borden was Bob Richmond's great grandfather. Source: Bob & JoAnn Richmond*

When Park County's mining camps sprang up in the early 1860s, one of the first signs of more permanent development was the creation of schools, usually held in a small log cabin. As the county developed, more schools were constructed with more sophisticated designs, including some on private ranches. This allowed nearby school children to learn without having to travel all the way to the closest town.

One of the established schools was the Fremont school, located just north of Michigan Hill in between Como and Jefferson on the Schattinger ranch. It was named after explorer John C. Fremont, who may have traveled through Park County in 1845 in his quest to find the headwaters of the Arkansas River, located near Leadville.

Although there isn't much information about the Fremont schoolhouse, it was active

**Miss Meagler of Denver arrived
Tuesday to preside as teacher at the
Fremont school in Dist. No. 13,
which opened Wednesday, Jan. 9.**

from at least 1894 - 1907 according to State Archives notes. In 1907, the teacher was Miss Meagler from Denver according to the Fairplay Flume dated January 11, 1907.

One of the local historical groups was allowed to visit the site in June of 2011. The building used to be visible from Highway 285 if you knew where to look but unfortunately, Mother Nature took her final toll several years later when the log structure collapsed under the heavy winter snows.

