ENGLISH SETTLEMENT SCHOOL

The Racine Journal Times June 29, 1975 read:

English School Had Long History

A one-room schoolhouse was built in 1845, the first in the English Settlement, east of Rochester. Richard Rehberg and his mother, Mrs. Nellie Rehberg, were former pupils and presented a history of the school July 12, 1945, revealing 73 teachers had taught at English Settlement School during it's 100 year history.

Part of the "settlement" is in Rochester, but it is mostly in Dover, dating back to 1842 when emigrants from England settled there. Names included Noble, Squire, Spriggs, Rowntree, Ellis, Sheard, Hinchcliffe and others.

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Former Pupils Gather to Celebrate English Settlement School Centennial

The 100th anniversary of the first schoolhouse in English Settlement was observed on the fourth of July. The gathering was to have been held in the grove adjoining the school but because of inclement weather it was held in the dining room of the church. The dinner tables were decorated with flowers and the centerpiece was a three tiered cake, the third layer being in the shape of a schoolhouse and belfry.

History of the school, written by Mrs. Nellie Rehberg, was read by her son, Richard, both of whom were former pupils. Records available show 73 teachers taught English Settlement School during the 100 years. Ten former teachers were present. Mrs. Alice Stenhouse Hankinson, the oldest of the ten, taught in the school 60 years ago. A large bouquet was presented to her and bouquets also were given to Mrs. Carolyn Behrend, who taught four years, to Mrs. Ada Banks Wagner of Burlington, teacher for three years, and to the last teacher, Miss Elaine Legge of Racine.

A paper on her recollections of school days, prepared by Mrs. Edith Noble Jackson of Big Bend, was read by Walter Hinchcliffe.

Coming from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. David Tidgewell of Elma, Iowa, Miss Eunice Matheson, Elgin, Ill., and many former pupils from Milwaukee, West Racine, Waukesha, and Lake Geneva. Mr. Tidgewell and Mrs. Alice Mealy of Waukesha were the oldest pupils present.

Pictures and pamphlets of the past 100 years of the English Settlement School are being compiled and will be preserved for the next generation.

The English Settlement School continued to have classes until 1960 when it closed its doors. Most of the students became part of the Burlington School district but some then traveled west to Rochester, and a few went to The Grant School in the Dover area.