SCHOOLS

SUMMARY
There were five schools dating from the earliest pioneer times of Norway Township. These were located in sections 1 (Drought), 5 (Lake Denoon), 18 (Norway or Colonel Heg), 29 (Riley or Hillcrest), and 35 (Waltermire or Apple). There was some overlapping of boundary lines of districts in other areas too. Students from other townships and Waukesha County attended schools in Norway Township and some Norway students attended schools in Raymond and Waterford Townships.

Now there are two schools still in use within the township. They are Drought in Section 1, a part of the Waterford Union High School District, and Lakeview in Section 8, a part of the Muskego-Norway Consolidated School District. Both of these schools are elementary schools. Norway residents generally attend high school in either Waterford or Muskego.

DROUGHT, DISTRICT 7
In 1850, Thomas Drought donated land and built a log schoolhouse where his mother, Mrs. Mary Ann Drought, was the first teacher. She had taught school in her home until the first school building was erected. In 1869, the original building cost $756.71.

Present day Drought School, located on highway G
A new school was built in 1952, west of the old school, which was sold for $1,015.00 and moved from its original location. To handle increased enrollments, an addition to this school was built in 1954.

Vandals from outside the area caused a fire which burned the school to the ground on August 23, 1961. Drought students attended school at North Cape while a new building was erected. The new building, of brick construction, was completed the following year. Since then, several rooms and a gymnasium have been added to the original building. Drought is now a K-8 school that is part of the Waterford Union High School District.

LAKE DENOON, DISTRICT 9
In 1851, sections 4, 5, and 6 separated from the Norway school district and formed the Lake Denoon School. The first school was on land west of Highway Y, but north of Denoon Road close to Lake Denoon. This school, almost in Waukesha County, burned down.

A brick building west of Highway Y, but quite a bit south of the original site, was eventually erected on land donated by Gilbert Fries. This building was used as a school until after consolidation with Muskego in 1960. When it was no longer needed, it was sold. It is now being used as a residence.
NORWAY - COL. HEG - LAKEVIEW, DISTRICT 1
The first schoolhouse of record was a small 19 by 19 foot log building. It had one room and was located on Loomis Road, a short distance south of Waubeesee Lake. This was the first public school in District #1 and was built in 1849 or 1850. It is known that around 1845, a private school where both English and Norwegian were spoken was conducted by a young man named John Tvedt.

Norway District No. 1 school, built in 1874

In 1874, a new frame building, bricked up on the outside was built to replace the original log school. This new school was erected at a new location, the spot where the monument of Colonel Heg now stands in Heg Park. This school building cost $670.

In 1927, the Colonel Heg School was built directly across the road from the existing school which was torn down with the land being donated to the Heg Memorial Park.

Due to yearly increases in enrollment, this building again became overcrowded and in 1939 an addition equal in size to the original building was built.

A more centrally located 6-room school was built in 1953 between Wind Lake and Waubeepee Lake. At the same time, the name of the school was changed to Lakeview. The building became too small for the entire enrollment even before it was completed and rooms still had to be used at the Colonel Heg School. Additions were made to the Lakeview School in 1955, 1960, and 1968. The building now has 21 classrooms and about 400 students. In 1960, this district through consolidation, became the Muskego-Norway School District.

HILLCREST - RILEY, DISTRICT 2
This school district was established by an act of the Town Board on December 4, 1847. The first school was of log construction and was located on the John Nelson farm. Water was carried from a spring northeast of the school.

The second school was erected at a site purchased in 1862 from Christian Christianson. This building was called the Riley School. It cost, with site, about $200. School was
taught in three sessions. The older children and adults, including immigrants, found the winter sessions convenient because the field work was finished. This session was taught by a male teacher at a salary of $26 per month. Fall and summer sessions were usually taught by a female teacher who received a salary of $18 per month. At this time, a school month consisted of 22 weekdays and every other Saturday.

In 1880, the Canada thistle must have been a problem as the district paid $1.00 to have the "Kanady Tisle" cut on the school grounds.

In 1884, the term of the school year was changed to 8 months; 5 months in the winter and 3 months in the summer. By 1889, the teachers salary had reached $35 and the tax levied was $125.

The third school building, which is still standing, was built in 1915. This building, of brick construction, cost $2,450. In 1918, the name of the school was changed to the Hillcrest School.

At a special meeting on September 24, 1928, the voters turned down a proposal to install electricity, but four years later approved a similar measure. In 1960, the district voted to send the seventh and eighth graders to the Waterford Junior High at Rochester.
After defeating an attempt by Waterford to dissolve Hillcrest district and attach it to Waterford, the District voted to consolidate with Apple School effective July 1, 1963. The Hillcrest School has since been sold for use as a residence.

APPLE - WALTERMIRE, DISTRICT 3

The Apple School District was organized on January 28, 1848, at the home of George Waltermire. The school was built just west of Waltermire's house and became known as the Waltermire School. About 1856, the name of the school was changed to the Apple School in honor of Adam Apple, who had bought the farm on which the school was located.

![Apple School, built in 1848](image)

In the winter of 1886, adults of the district were invited to attend night school. Mathematics was one subject taught at the night school sessions.

In 1954, due to the large enrollment, another room was added. This addition cost $22,500. At that time, the school became a state graded school. In 1963, the district joined with the Hillcrest District, and then later in the same year with the North Cape District in the Town of Raymond. The Apple School property has since been sold. Like many other former school buildings in the township it is now used as a residence.