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Reflections on the life of Hattie (Andrews) Scott

She began her teaching career when she was 17 years old in a one-room district schoolhouse in Auburn Township. A year later, 1898, I find her in the State of Ohio ledger, "Attendance and Scholarship Records", teaching children 5 – 13 years in Bainbridge Township. Among the students listed were the Taylor boys, Clell, 7, and Cleon, 6 years of age. She taught in Auburn, Bainbridge and Hiram before her marriage to John Scott in 1917. She took a year off from teaching and returned to Bainbridge in 1918 and at that time she was elected to the board of education besides teaching. Hattie had dedicated almost all of her entire teaching career to the youth of Bainbridge. She taught 3 generations of Bainbridge and Auburn families during her career.

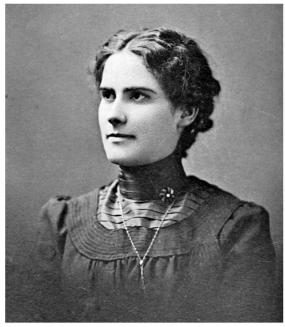
Hattie retired in 1951 after 41 years of teaching in Geauga and Portage counties. She taught nearly 2000 pupils over the years. She will always be appreciated having worked in a community that places a high value on education and gave so much to starting so many of us in the right direction.

Hattie dedicated her entire teaching career to the children starting out and she tried to make every child feel safe and loved. This writer's father, born 1899 had her for a teacher and I also had her for 1st and 2nd grades. I remember her patience in teaching us penmanship and it seemed like hours making circles and slanted lines until they were perfect and later turned into A B Cs.

I was hospitalized when I was in the 2nd grade with an ear infection and when I came back to school I was to stay inside and not go outside for recess. Mrs. Scott taught me how to knit. Thinking back now, I believe this was a novel way to keep a nervous kid like me occupied.

Hattie was born in Auburn Township, October 28th, 1880 to Homer Andrews and Ellen (Springer) Andrews. Her father was on the Auburn School Board and was director of the Auburn school. Her sister, Jessie Mabel (Andrews) Smith, also taught at Auburn School. Her other brother & sisters were, Burt Andrews, Lena (Andrews) Reed, Inez (Andrews) Taylor, Mattie (Andrews) Howard. Hattie died October 4th, 1964 and is buried in Restland Cemetery in Bainbridge Township.

When Hattie married John Scott in 1917, she found her father-in-law, James W. Scott, was also a teacher. James W. Scott was born in Ireland, a farmer and an influential man in the township. He taught school and was a highly regarded teacher by the community and students. He was also the clerk for the Board of Education. He held the position of Township Clerk from 1875 to 1922 with a few scattered one-year exceptions.



Hattie Andrews Scott in Earlier years

James Scott was responsible for building the beautiful Queen Anne style house that was built in 1897 and still stands today in the historic district of the township. The roof is slate in a fish scale and rectangular pattern. There is decorative siding and a small Queen Anne widow on the gable. The rest of the house has been vinyl sided over the original siding. Decorative brackets and pendants embellish the two story cut-away bay. The wrap around front porch has turned post and spindled balusters. There is a latticed apron around the porch. This house is also significant because it is the only one of its kind in the historic district to have acetylene lighting installed in 1909.

There is also a bank barn in the rear of the house and it was built in 1880. It has its original square slate roof, board and batten siding and a tooled sandstone foundation.

No one has ever been Clerk for that long of a period of time in the township's history. He was a notary and a Justice of the Peace and there are old documents showing decisions he made while holding this position. James Scott, who died in 1922, has a monument marking his burial site at Restland Cemetery.

John N. and Hattie Scott inherited the house from the estate when James passed away. John Scott, born in Bainbridge in 1873, was a farmer until his health failed in later years and used a wheel chair to get around. Janet Taylor Novak who lived across the street and Chuck Nichols who lived the next house south spoke of him as a nice kind gentleman that always seemed to have lollipops in his pocket for them when he was in his wheel chair outside. He passed away at 74 years of age in 1948 and is buried in Restland Cemetery.

Hattie sold the house in 1949 to Edwards, Ayers & Bliss. After several buyers in between, the house in now owned by Gunawardena Ramesh & Rajapakse Nelunika. They have been doing some maintenance work on the house and surrounding trees.



John & Hattie Scott in their back yard

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To the upper left is the Scott house as it looks today and is on Route 306 just south of the Bissell house. It was built in 1897.

Right upper is the Bank Barn that was built in 1880 Below L-R unknown gentlemen and John & Hattie



Picture on the right is Homer and Ellen (Springer) Andrews, Hattie Andrews mother and father. He was on the Auburn School board and also Superintendent of Auburn Schools in 1898—1899 PAGE 4 Bainbridge Township Historical Society Newsletter VOLUME 6, ISSUE I

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Above is a copy of the "Summary and Attendance Record" for 1898 for Bainbridge School signed by Mrs. Hattie Scott

Thomas Eakin Helps Out Again

Our lifetime member, Thomas Eakin, has once again presented the Historical Society with a generous gift. As you know, Mr Eakin's company prints the Kenston Sports Calendar; and for many years, he has thoughtfully donated funds in support of our endeavors. This time he gave us \$200.00 which certainly will help us restore the interior of the Bissell-Tucek House. Members were grateful and thanked him for this gift and the many others he has donated over the years.



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Meetings of the Bainbridge Township Historical Society are held the second Wednesday of the month (September through June) at 7:30 p.m. in the Burns-Lindow Building at the corner of Route 306 and Bainbridge-Solon Road.

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Town Hall—Circa 1914 Now—Burns Lindow Bldg

Everyone enjoys the refreshments at our meetings so remember when the refreshment sheet gets passed around to be sure to pick a convenient date and add your name to the list. It will make the job of our Refreshment Committee much easier. Barb Phan and Lois Little are our chairmen and will save them time calling around to find volunteers. Please call **Barb Phan**, **543-7972**, if you can help.

Thank you to the following for hosting the refreshments at meetings.

February—Elinor Harris & Marge Cook

March—Rolene Murphy, Harriet Novy and Barb Phan

April—Lois Little, Janet Novak and Barb Phan



The Geauga Republican Record. Chardon, Ohio, Wednesday, May 29, 1929

Bainbridge Track Opens May 25

Cleveland, Ohio. With stalls allotted to 800 horses for the Bainbridge Park stables and an overflow that will nearly fill the accommodations at Thistledown, everything is all set for the racing session at the Geauga County track. The opening day is Saturday, May 25 and the meeting will continue for 25 days, winding up with the Ohio State Derby, \$12,000 added, on Saturday, June 22.

Naturally a lot of good horses will be found in that collection of 1,000 or more. Some of them have paraded before the Cleveland public, while many others will be making their first



Just a Reminder—Annual dues are payable in September but no later than December-\$10.00 for singles, \$20.00 for family. Life Membership-\$100.00. Make checks payable to *Bainbridge Township Historical Society*. Pay Marge Cook at the meeting or mail to her at 116 Leaview Ln., Chagrin Falls, OH 44022.

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2010 - 2011 Meeting Schedule

May 11th 2011 - Gilbert Tru will speak on his 11,000 mile trip across Canada to Alaska Trip

June 8th 2011 - Annual picnic at Beartown Lakes 6:30 P.M. Please bring your own table setting and table cloth and a dish to pass. Coffee to be furnished.

July 30—31 - Bainbridge Historical members to work in Bainbridge Store at Century Village during Antique Power and Steam show at Century Village in Burton. Hrs to be announced. This is a lot of fun.

September 14th 2011- Sylvia Wiggins talking about old schoolhouses.

October 12th 2011- Marion Howard, speaking about the Howard Family

November 9th 2011 - Open

December 14th 2011—Christmas Party

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