

# More than one bell ringing at the school

Store Point School House c 1890's

**School teacher to 12 children from 1890 to 1898, Joseph Wood was in the habit of keeping his department informed of any local issues affecting the school or its surrounds.**

## *Reflections from a school teacher*

*The Secretary,* 1891  
*Sir,*

*The school is situated in an allotment of five acres of land; which being well-grassed and without a fence is the constant resort of horses and cattle, on some of which the owners have placed bells.*

*The almost perpetual tinkling of these bells, both day and night is peculiarly irritating; and greatly interferes with the work in the school, and with my own study and rest... The School is completely enclosed by hills, and the sound is therefore greatly intensified.*

*As I am in doubt as to my duty in this matter I should be glad if you would kindly instruct me.*

*I am Sir  
Your obedient servant  
Joseph H Wood.*



*The Store Point School House abandoned c.1920's.*

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