

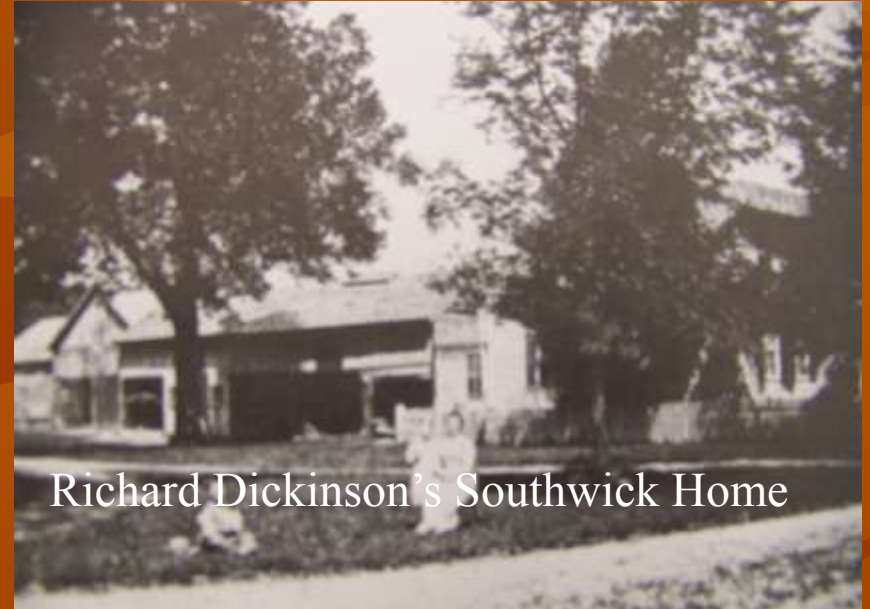


Richard Dickinson

And the Dickinson School Trust

Richard Dickinson in Southwick

- Appears in the 1800 census for the first time with wife Abigail and a male worker.
- Elected one of the Surveyors of Highways in 1803
- Home on current College Highway



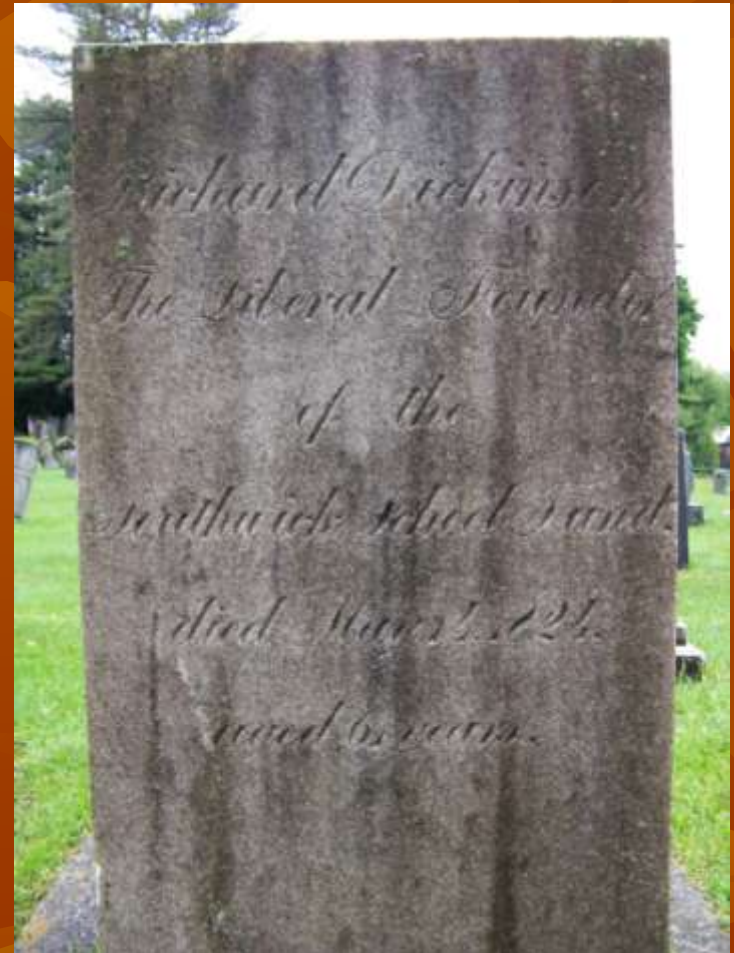
Richard Dickinson's Southwick Home



Location of former Dickinson house

Richard Dickinson in Southwick

- By 1820 the Dickinson household had grown to include 10 members (8 workers).
- Richard dies in May of 1824
- By 1830, Abigail is the lone Dickinson in Southwick



Dickinson Gravesite and Will



COPY OF WILL OF RICHARD DICKINSON
Southwick, Mass.

I, Richard Dickinson of Southwick, in the County of Hampd
and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, being at present in the
enjoyment of a comfortable state of health, but considering
the uncertainty of this mortal life, do make and publish
this my last will and testament in manner and form followin

I, give and devise to my mother Rebecca Dickinson five d

I give and bequeath to each of my brothers and sisters to
wit, Oliver, Joseph and Otis Dickinson, Hannah Spelman and
Folly Morton the sum of Five Dollars. The above legacies
be paid in one year from my decease.

I give and devise to the inhabitants of the Town of Southw
in their corporate capacity, that part of my real estate
called the Holcomb Farm, situated on the west side of the
highway. This land to constitute a permanent fund towards
the support of a minister of the Congregational order in th
town of Southwick.

I also give and devise to the inhabitants of the said tow
of Southwick the remainder of my lands and real estate and
whole of my personal property, to the said inhabitants in th
corporate capacity as a town.

Early Impact of the Trust

May 1826

The trustees of the Dickinson fund for the support of schools in the town of Southwick agreeable to a vote of the town passed on the 20th day of May last past ask leave respectfully to report.

That in pursuance to the instructions given to the Trustees by a vote of the town passed on the twentieth day of May afforesaid, they proceeded to divide the lands of which Mr. Dickinson died seized into such parcels as they believed would best accommodate purchasers and sell to the greatest advantage.

The lands were principally sold on the 24th & 29th of October, public notice of the place & time & terms of the Sale having been previously given.

All of the lands devised to the town by the will of Mr. Dickinson have been sold & conveyed except the factory in Granville. That was struck off but the purchaser not being able to obtain the requisite surety. It still continues the property of the town. As it regards this property (the Granville factory) the trustees are of opinion that it can probably be more advantageously disposed of at private sale. And

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they respectfully suggest to the town the propriety of authorizing the board of Trustees for the coming year to dispose of it either at private sale or public auction, as they may think most expedient.

The lands were sold to the following persons, to wit,

May 1826

	to the amount of	\$1339.35 etc
Chas. Foote	"	832.71
Smith & Laflin	"	10.50
Jesse Hine	"	886.00
William Fowler	"	506.00
John Root	"	446.00
Abijah Hyington	"	788.90
E.W. Humphreys	"	1095.00
Foote Laflin & Mills	"	232.61
Stiles & Fomeroy	"	903.00
John Mills	"	813.00
Joseph Forward	"	1184.87
Elizabeth Fowler	"	2100.00
Thaddeus Foote	"	175.54
Samuel Granger	"	157.05
Justus Loomis	"	469.47
Almon Gillet	"	400.00
Orvis Carrington	"	90.00
Oliver Utly	"	732.10
Campbell & Hyington	"	40.25
Seth Kellogg	"	529.29
Enoch Kellogg	"	32.66
Langdon & Alva Kellogg	"	273.92
Chas. Bingham	"	56.20
Leonard Smith	"	

The whole amount of which is \$14074.42

From which there is a deduction of \$300 paid to Mrs. Dickinson to extinguish her right of dower in the Fowler farm 300.00

After making this deduction the balance is \$13774.42

To which there is to be added
 Jos. M. Forward's Note 104.47
 Jesse Hine's, Thos. Moore & Seth Kellogg's Notes for rent 27.27

Phineas Stevens Note 13906.16
 1000.00

Making the sum total

\$14906.16

A Part of the purchase money was paid at the time the deeds were executed. The fund now consists of the following described Notes of hand, all of which are secured in the manner prescribed by the several votes of the town, to wit:

Frederick A. & Saml. Palmer's	\$300.00
Alva & Langdon Kellogg	300.00
Orvis Carrington	400.00
Job Langdon S.	
William Fowler	
Almond Fowler Surety	

Early Impact continued

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Stiles & Pomeroy	
210 Stiles Surety	232.41
Lowland Larlin	683.78
Salomon Smith Surety	
Isaac Porter	550.00
Isaac Porter Surety	
John Mills	903.00
Enos Foote Surety	
Sal. of L.W. Humphreys's notes	619.61
Enos Foote Surety	
Loonis & Sacket	72.45
Salomon Smith	149.86
Lowland Larlin Surety	
Atiah Hyington	449.35
Stiles & Pomeroy Surety	
Balance of John Root's	406.79
C.C. Dewey Surety	
Thaddeus Foote's	\$1200.00
Almon Gillet	300.00
Enos Foote Surety	
Larlin & Mills	730.00
Thad. Foote Surety	
Thaddeus Rising	950.00
Abraham Rising Jr. Surety	
Isaac Easton Jr.	100.00
Isaac Easton Surety	
Elizabeth Fowler	1043.67
Enos Foote Surety	
Joseph Forward	813.00
Jos. M. Forward Surety	
Samuel Granger	117.00
Enos Foote	800.00
John Mills Surety	
Oliver Utly	90.00
Owen Campbell Surety	
Campbell & Hyington	746.74
Warren Hyington Surety	
Seth Kellogg	41.05
Brook Kellogg	539.87
Langdon & Alva Kellogg	32.66
Thas. Bingham	279.39
Thad. Foote Surety	1000.00
Phineas Stevens	104.47
J.M. Forward Town Treasurer	5.10
Jerre Mine	8.00
Jerre Mine	9.05
Seth Kellogg	5.12
Thas. Moore	37.19
Cash on hand to balance	
	<u>\$14906.16</u>

The last mentioned notes of the town Treasurer, Mine, Kellogg & others are not secured by mortgage as they were given for rent on certain lands entered into before the appointment of the Trustees, and it is expected they will be paid shortly.

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From the above statement it will be perceived that the permanent Fund is now Fourteen thousand Nine hundred & Six Dollars and sixteen cents--And the Trustees feel confident that when the Granville Land is sold and the administrator shall have closed his account that the fund will fall but little if any thing short of Sixteen thousand Dollars; a sum which they apprehend exceeds the most sanguine expectations.

In addition to the principle of the of the fund as above stated, the Trustees have now in their hands in Notes and cash the interest on the sales to the time when the deeds were given and on the notes and on the Notes to the first day of March last except Phineas Stevens' on which the interest was paid only to the first of January.

The interest thus collected is two hundred ninety three Dollars & seventy seven cents	\$293.77
Rent of Mr. Carrington	20.00
Cash paid by Mrs. Fowler for her note given for Rent	45.90
Amounting in the whole to	<u>359.67</u>

Which sum is now at the disposal of the town to be appropriated to the support of the schools according to the terms of the donation. All which is respectfully submitted.

May 8, 1826

Enos Foote } Trustees
Gideon Stiles }

LW Humphreys T. Clerk

June 1826

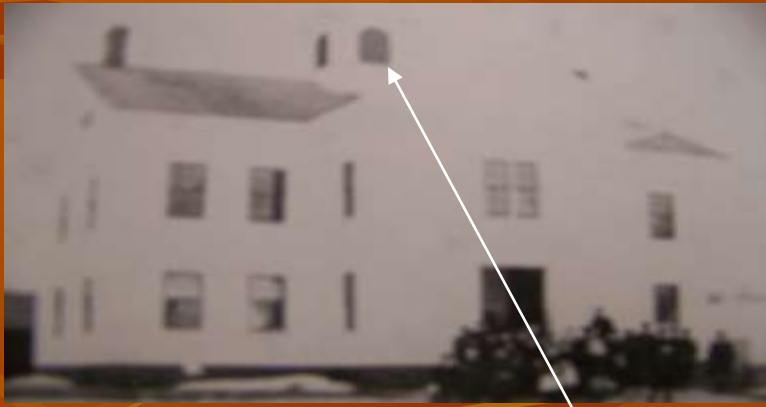
**Southwick built the Dickinson
Grammar School in 1828 to honor
Richard Dickinson for his gift.**



Dickinson Grammar School



The Dickinson School burned in the 1860's, was rebuilt but replaced by the Consolidated School in 1929



Current Southwick Police station (former Town Hall) cupola houses original Dickinson School Bell

The Trust's Impact on Town Government

REPORT
OF THE
Trustees of the Dickinson School Fund.

Trustees of the Dickinson School Fund, for the Town of Southwick :

Dr.	
To balance due according to last report,	\$1,849 63
To amount received from State school fund for 1882,	221 05
To amount of dog tax for 1882,	78 36
To use of Town hall,	2 82
To interest on Dickinson School Fund, due March 1, 1882,	931 45
To town appropriation for 1881,	1,000 00
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	\$4,083 37
Cr.	
By orders for the support of schools to March 23,	2,608 97
Available for support of schools the ensuing year,	<hr/>
	\$1,474 40

It will be seen that the interest on the School Fund is five dollars and sixty-three cents less than usual, in consequence of payments of principal on notes which could not be loaned for more than four per cent.

Amount of Dickinson School Fund,	\$15,618 08
All of which is respectfully submitted,	

March 23, 1882.

JOS. W. ROCKWELL, *Chairman.*

In 1881 the interest on the Trust made up almost half the town's contribution to the annual school budget

By 1929 the Trust's impact waned

EDUCATION

General Expenses:		
Salary, School Committee	8130.00	
Salary, Superintendent	1,260.00	
Clerical	50.00	
Trauant Officer	16.50	
Printing, Stationery, etc.	12.73	
Telephone and Telegrams	62.70	
Travelling Expenses	191.14	
All Other	200.38	
		<u>\$1,943.45</u>
Teacher's Salaries		13,237.50
Text Books and Supplies:		
Text Books	44.40	
Supplies	289.18	
		<u>333.58</u>
School Library:		77.12
Tuition: High and Vocational		5,510.60
Transportation: High, Vocational, Elementary		5,549.02
Maintenance:		
Janitor	1,030.13	
Fuel	793.20	
Light	45.48	
Supplies	382.30	
Repairs	267.59	
All Other	282.88	
		<u>2,821.48</u>
Furnishings		1,716.85
Equipment		628.78
Diplomas and Graduating Expenses		74.70
School Physician, Nurse and Supplies		588.05
All Other (Miscellaneous)		73.42
		<u>832,553.45</u>
New School, School Buses		3,500.00
		<u>3,500.00</u>
Consolidated School:		
Building	31,839.52	
Boiler Inspection	5.00	
Fuel	648.43	
Fireman	111.00	
Furnishing and Equipment	3,851.95	
Grounds	244.75	
Supplies	121.09	
All Other	51.01	
		<u>36,873.35</u>
Consolidated School Special:		
Driveway	700.00	
		<u>700.00</u>

TRUSTEES OF DICKINSON SCHOOL FUND

Report for the year ending December 31, 1929

Amount on hand, January 1, 1929:		
Invested in Real Estate Mortgages	\$11,200.00	
Cash in Savings Bank	4,533.41	
		<u>\$15,733.41</u>
Interest received in 1929		873.92
		<u>\$16,607.33</u>
Total		\$16,607.33
Turned over to Town for Schools		659.13
Deposited in Savings Bank		
Amount on hand December 31, 1929:		
Invested in Real Estate Mortgages	\$13,700.00	
Cash in Savings Bank	2,948.20	
		<u>\$16,648.20</u>
Total		\$16,648.20

Respectfully submitted,

COOLEY A. GRIFFIN,
Chairman of Trustees.

Interest on the Trust in 1929 was \$659.13 out of a total town school budget of over \$36,000.00

The Trust Today



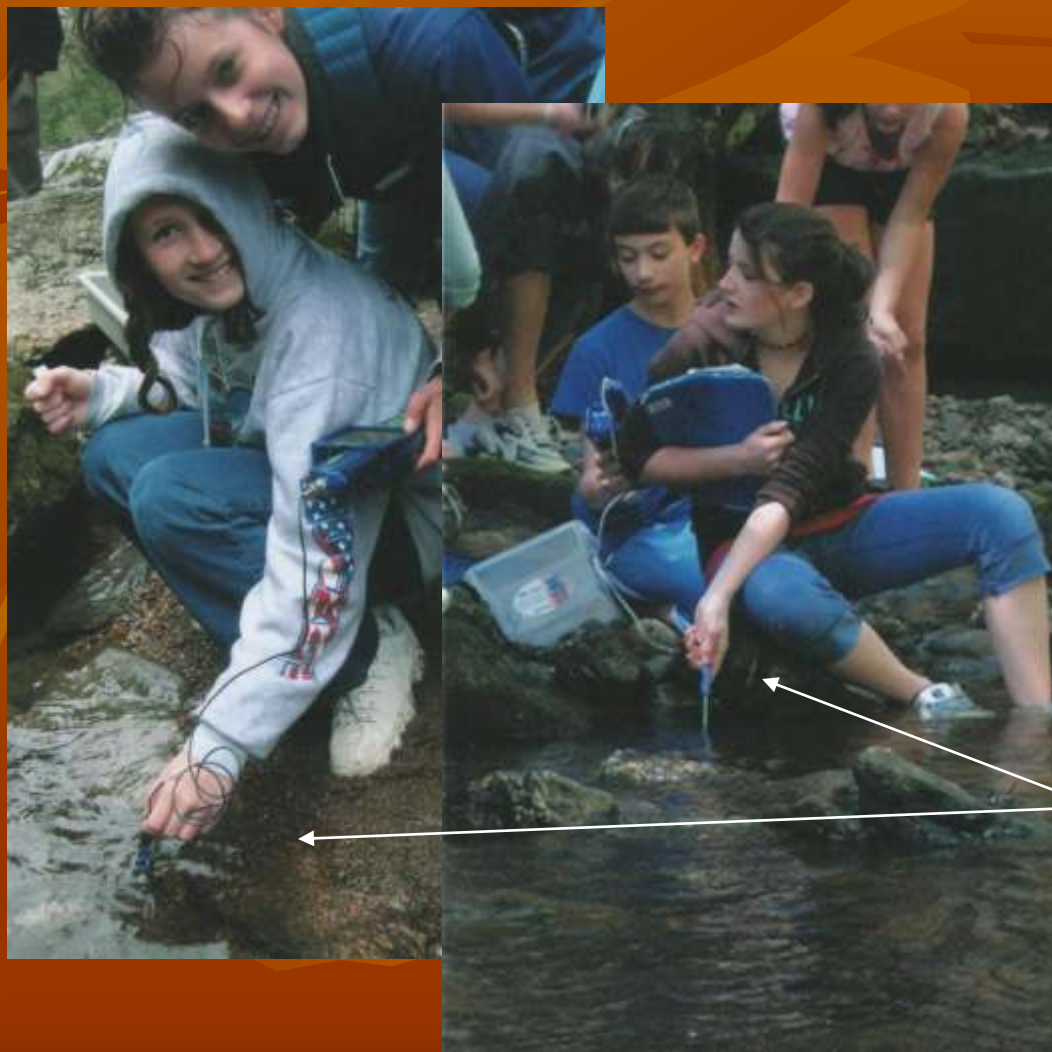
Dickinson Trust Teacher's Grants



The Teacher's Grants allow Southwick teachers to bring innovative programs to the schools, like visiting artists Baba Brinkman and Barbara Scavotto-Earley



Dickinson Trust Teacher's Grants



The grants have funded programs from elementary school to high school, in English, Social Studies, and Science. Programs include a history of Southwick ABC's coloring book designed and produced by third graders, a middle school historical inventory of Southwick, and high tech environmental testing and research equipment for the middle school.

The Dickinson School Trust

Working for the future of education in Southwick

Trustees:

Kenneth Haar
Dean Rankin
Gene Theroux

Donations accepted:

Dickinson School Trust
c/o Southwick Town Hall
Southwick, MA 01077