

Guysboro, Nov. 12th, 1873.
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R. K. CARHAM,
GEORGE GANNAN,
ANDREW OSTERBERG.

Corinth, Dec. 19, 1871.
We the undersigned trustees and ex-trustees of School Section No. 16, Corinth, do hereby certify that Mr. N. Stilwell for the very efficient manner in which he has conducted our school for the term of three years and five months. We would also certify that he is of good moral and strictly religious habits, and is highly recommended by the board of trustees as an excellent teacher.
To N. Stilwell, Teacher.

London, June 14, 1873.
This is to certify that Mr. N. Stilwell has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the Central School, London, for the term of three years and five months. He has been a most efficient teacher, and his pupils have been benefited in every respect. We would also certify that he is of good moral and strictly religious habits, and is highly recommended by the board of trustees as an excellent teacher.
To N. Stilwell, Teacher.

St. Thomas, Nov. 30, 1873.
This is to certify that Mr. N. Stilwell has taught our school for the term of three years and five months. He has been a most efficient teacher, and his pupils have been benefited in every respect. We would also certify that he is of good moral and strictly religious habits, and is highly recommended by the board of trustees as an excellent teacher.
To N. Stilwell, Teacher.

CENTRAL SCHOOL, LONDON, June 28, 1875.

This is to certify that the bearer, Mr. N. Stilwell, has been known to me for some time past, that his moral character is irreproachable, that he has frequently visited my class and lectured before my pupils on Penmanship and Drawing, to their edification. In short he is a gentleman of whom I entertain a high opinion, and I am confident he will give entire satisfaction in any University or school as master of book-keeping, penmanship and drawing, or in any other way he may be deemed eligible.

D. MACDONALD, B.A.,
Head Master P. S., London,

HAMILTON, Jan 1st, 1881.

This is to certify that Mr. N. Stilwell was for upwards of a year a student in the sixth form of the Hamilton Coll. Institute, and that his application, conduct and progress were in every respect satisfactory.

I have had opportunities of observing Mr. Stilwell's ability to manage large classes, and have pleasure in testifying to his uniform success as a disciplinarian; he has also the ability to communicate what he knows to others. I have confidence in recommending him to school boards to whom the services of an efficient teacher are important.

GEO. DICKSON, M.A.,
Principal Collegiate Institute.

COURTLAND, NORFOLK Co., May 20, 1867.

This is to certify that I have much pleasure in being able officially to testify to the merit of N. Stilwell, as an efficient and in an unusual manner, a very happy instructor of youth. In addition to the requisite acquired qualifications for teaching our public school programme of studies, he is pre-eminently gifted as a master of the art of penmanship, and this combined with an intimate knowledge of the science of book-keeping, renders him a very desirable addition to the staff of teachers in any public school. It is gratifying also to have to state in his favor that he is scrupulously temperate and of good moral and religious habits, and as such in every respect an exemplary young man, and an honor to the profession he has chosen for his life labor.

CHAS. S. HARRIS,
Superintendent of Schools,
Township of Middleton.

COPIES OF

TESTIMONIALS

HELD BY

Mr. N. Stilwell.

ONE FROM EVERY SCHOOL TAUGHT BY HIM,

AND SIGNED BY EVERY TRUSTEE

During his term of service in their respective schools.

ALSO

INSPECTORS' TESTIMONIALS,

Presentation Addresses, Press Notices, &c.

Inspector's Testimonial.

ST. THOMAS, Nov. 30, 1878.

I have known N. Stilwell as a painstaking and highly successful public school teacher in the county of Elgin for a series of years, and do most cordially recommend him as a gentleman of sterling moral character, kind and courteous bearing, possessing rare skill and ability as a teacher. I have always found his school in an excellent and progressive condition. INDEED, SECOND TO NO PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY. In the number of successful candidates at the admission and teachers' certificates, it is AHEAD OR FIRST.

A. F. BUTLER, B.S.,
Inspector for Co. Elgin.

Read and Presented at a Public Examination.

WINDHAM, Dec. 23d, 1868.

This is to certify that Mr. N. Stilwell has taught our school, No. 12, Windham Township, for the term of eighteen months, giving the best satisfaction of any teacher who ever taught in this section. The pupils were rapidly advanced in their various studies, which shows that he possesses the happy faculty of making plain and simple to his pupils their various lessons.

We, the undersigned trustees of said section, take pleasure in recommending him to any board of trustees as a teacher competent to conduct and manage a school thoroughly.

WILLIAM HILLIARD,
JAMES MCKNIGHT,
WM. McCAFFRAY,
JOHN MARKLE.

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LONDON COMMERCIAL COLLEGE, June 22, 1875.

To whom it may concern:

This is to certify that I have known the bearer of this paper, Mr. N. Stilwell, for the past thirteen years, and during that period I have ever found him to be in every respect a gentleman. His reputation for morality, temperance and general uprightness of character is known to all who are acquainted with him. He has been engaged in teaching for the past eight years, and has risen to an enviable position in the profession, as the numerous flattering testimonials with which he has been presented bear ample testimony.

He now occupies the position of penman in our institution, which place he has filled with great satisfaction since the first of January last. As a penman and teacher of the art of penmanship he certainly has not his superior in the Dominion.

GEO. A. SWAYZE, Manager.

ST. THOMAS, June 19, 1879.

I have been acquainted with Mr. N. Stilwell for about three years, and have formed a very favorable opinion of his ability and success as a teacher of PUBLIC SCHOOLS. His reputation as a master of writing and book-keeping fully warrant me in recommending him as an applicant for any position where efficiency in these departments are required.

J. MILLAR,
H. M. High School.

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LONDON, June 14, 1875.

This is to certify that Mr. Nicholas Stilwell, Professor of Penmanship in the London Commercial College, has taken a lively interest in our Teachers' Association and other educational enterprises during the time he has been in this city. By request of the Association, Mr. Stilwell lectured on Penmanship, mode of teaching, writing, etc. The subject was ably handled, as was indicated by the vote of thanks unanimously and cordially passed to Mr. Stilwell for the interesting and profitable manner in which he had treated it.

I have heard the students of the Commercial College speak in very high terms of Mr. Stilwell as a teacher in his departments, Book-keeping, Penmanship, Mental and Commercial Arithmetic

JOHN DEARNESS,
Inspector Public Schools,
East Middlesex.

TORONTO, June 28th, 1875.

Mr. N. Stilwell having attended the Normal School, Toronto, I have some means of judging of his ability to teach writing and book-keeping. His specimens will speak for themselves, and my frequent conversations with him during that time, on the best methods of teaching writing, justify me in testifying to his ability to teach the art.

My impressions as to his knowledge of the principles of book-keeping are most favorable, and as he has since then taken a course in the London Commercial College, which has resulted in his attaining to the position of teacher of penmanship and book-keeping in that institution, I feel myself warranted in expressing the opinion that Mr. Stilwell is well qualified to teach these branches, or ANY OTHER of the public school course.

S. CLARE,
Writing Master,
Normal School, Toronto.

WALSINGHAM, Dec. 20, 1865.

This is to certify that the bearer, Mr. Nicholas Stilwell, taught the school in Section No. 15, Walsingham, County of Norfolk, for the term of nineteen months, giving us good if not better satisfaction to all parties in said section than any teacher who ever taught here.

The pupils placed in his charge were advanced in their various studies very rapidly, thus indicating that he possesses the happy faculty of making plain to his pupils their various lessons.

We, the undersigned trustees of said section, take great pleasure in recommending him to any board of trustees as a teacher fully competent to conduct and manage a good school.

We have the honor to be,
Sirs,
Your obedient servants,

THOMAS C. GRAY,
JOHN G. APPLEFORD,
EDWARD B. CATTLE,
JAMES McMASTER,
GEORGE B. SWAIN.

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CORINTH, Dec. 19, 1871.

We, the undersigned trustees and ex-trustees of School Section No. 16, Bayham, do render our sincere thanks to Mr. N. Stilwell for the very efficient manner in which he has conducted our school for the term of THREE YEARS AND FIVE MONTHS. We would also certify that he is of good morals and strictly temperate habits, and we feel justifiable in recommending him to any board of trustees as an excellent teacher.

J. W. DENNIS,
C. PEARSON,
H. BERRY,
GEO. A. DOAN,
ELISHA ANGER,
HAGGAI COOK.

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Read and Presented at a Public Examination.

EDEN, ONT., July 7th, 1879.

To N. STILWELL, TEACHER:

We, the undersigned, having been Trustees of School Section No. 18, Bayham, during the years 1872, '73 and '74, and also from 1876 to 1879, heartily testify to the efficient manner in which you have conducted the school during the term of about FIVE AND A HALF YEARS in which you have occupied the position of head master. During that time the school has been raised to a higher standard than it ever before reached. Your pupils are practical and well versed in the subjects they have studied, and have been remarkably successful as candidates at High School entrance and teachers' examinations. You have maintained excellent order and discipline in the school, and with few exceptions without resort to corporal punishment. Your assiduous care of the school-house and premises deserves especial mention. Lastly but not least, we have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the exemplary moral and Christian example you have set before the young people of the community. As every rose has its thorn, so we find our very pleasant connection with you as teacher must terminate, as you have seen fit to resign your position for the purpose of climbing the ladder of fame to higher eminence; but be assured you will carry with you the well wishes and kind regards of those with whom you have so successfully labored.

A. GRIFFIN, H. J. CAULFIELD,
A. LAMOND, S. DEAN,
W. PHELPS, E. BUCHNER,
S. HOWEY, J. DOUGHERTY,
S. OSTRANDER.

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The London Commercial College, Messrs. Swayze & Gahan, proprietors, shows eight frames of plain and ornamental penmanship. One the Lord's Prayer, admirably executed in German text and surrounded by a wreath of roses, is a marvel of skill, and must have required, in its execution (done entirely with the pen), great patience and application. The judges have shown their appreciation of it by awarding it the first prize. The figures of the spread eagle and antelope also display much talent; also two frames of business writing. Their frame of card writing was highly commended by the judges. All their specimens are the product of Prof. Stilwell's skilful pen.—London Herald.

GUYSBORO, Nov. 12th, 1872.

This is to certify that Mr. Stilwell taught our school for one term. He is an excellent teacher, very popular with his pupils, and benefits them not only by precept but by example also. We consider him a gentleman fit for the highest society.

S. K. GARNHAM,
GEORGE GARNHAM,
ANDREW OSTRANDER.

FAREWELL PRESENTATION.

CORINTH, Dec. 29, 1871.

RESPECTED TEACHER,— We, in behalf of our schoolmates, the pupils of your school, present you this Album as a token of our respect and as a memento that we do and shall ever feel truly grateful to you for the untiring zeal you have ever manifested for our advancement in useful knowledge. We feel that we have many times merited your displeasure, which we sincerely regret, and take this opportunity of acknowledging the many acts of kindness you have bestowed upon us.

E. W. CHEESEMAN,
JOHN SUMMERS,
HARVEY WEAVER.

(Clipped from the London Herald, of January 8th, 1875).

Surprise and Presentation at Eden.

On the evening of the 23rd December, 1874, the pupils of the senior division of the Eden School waited on their teacher, Mr. N. Stilwell, at his residence, bearing baskets of refreshments for the evening. The amusements of the evening were music and dialogues by the pupils. At the close of the evening's exercises the pupils made Mrs. S. some valuable presents, and Mr. Stilwell a present of a beautiful writing desk, accompanied by the following address, read by one of their number:

DEAR TEACHER,—Please accept this writing desk as a slight token of our esteem and affection for you. We feel that we are losing a kind and indulgent teacher, and valuable friend, from our school and neighborhood. You are leaving many sad hearts behind you, and our earnest wish is that you may gain many warm friends, and meet with great success in your new field of labor. We feel that as pupils we have not always been as obedient and respectful as we ought to have been; thereby causing you pain, but please forgive our youthful indiscretions and be assured we hold you in the highest esteem both as a teacher and friend. It is with the greatest reluctance we bid you good-bye, and when you are far from us we will remember you, and our hearts will yearn after the dear teacher with whom we now part. In conclusion, allow us most affectionately to bid you farewell.

On behalf of the pupils of Eden School,

COURTLAND GREY,
WILSON SMITH.

In thanking them for their beautiful presents Mr. S. made some touching and appropriate remarks, wishing them every prosperity at school. After singing a beautiful farewell song the pupils retired. Mr. Stilwell goes to London, where he assumes the position of professor of penmanship at the London Commercial College, a position for which no man in the Province is better qualified. He takes with him the earnest wishes of all his acquaintances for his success.

EDEN PUBLIS SCHOOL TEACHERS.
1898 - 1945.

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| 1898-1899 | A.H. Neville
Miss Agnes Healy | 1915- | Miss Hazelle Scott |
| 1900- | Miss Berniece Sheldon
Mr. E. Procunier (Salary \$300.00) | 1916- | Miss Evelyn Peck |
| 1901- | Mr. A.H. Neville
Mr. C.A. Norman | 1917- | Miss Kathleen Howey
Miss Ruth Travis |
| 1901- | Miss Minnie Brown | 1918- | Miss Vera McCurdy (Mrs D. Stewart) |
| 1902- | Mr. Geo. Priddle
Miss Blanche Priddle | 1919-20-21 | Miss Edna Harrison (Mrs. E. Scanlan) |
| 1903- | Mr. Geo. Priddle
Miss Wells | 1919- | Miss Kathleeen Howey
Miss Ruth Travis |
| 1904- | Mr. Geo Pr iddle
Miss Hope Gray | 1920-21 | Miss Clara Peck |
| 1905- | Mr Geo. Priddle
Miss Estelle Webber | 1921- | Mrs. Lorne Alton |
| 1906- | Miss A.M. Clark
Miss H.M. Craven (Mrs. Claude Wilson) | 1922- | Mr. Everett McCurdy
Miss Ruth Thompson |
| 1907- | | 1925-26 | M.B. Rosellie |
| 1908- | Mr. Selathiel Bell
Miss M.A. Clark | 1927- | Miss Marion Scott) (Mrs. Dalton French) |
| 1909- | Miss Violet Bennett
Miss Tillie Willoughby | 1928- | Mr. T.R. Oatman
Miss Retha Oatman |
| 1910- | Miss Edith Poustie | 1929-) | Miss Marion Scott |
| 1911- | Mr. J.A. Cameron
Miss Alberta Dean | 1930-) | Miss Mina Wilson |
| 1912- | Miss Violet Bennett
Mr. J.A. Cameron | 1931-) | Miss Catharine McDowell |
| 1913- | Miss Phoenia Hotchkiss (Mrs. Lorne Alton) | 1932- | Miss Bessie Dancey |
| 1913- | Miss Flossie Haines
Miss Mabel Chute | 1933- | Miss Bonnie Gagen (Mrs. ^{LYLE} Coyle) |
| | Miss S. Howse | 1934- | Miss Geraldine Soper |
| | Miss Violet Bennett | 1935- | Miss Lillian Oatman (Mrs. K. White) |
| 1914- | Miss Hazelle Scott
Miss S. Howse | 1936- | Miss Beatrice Turnbull
Miss Margaret Robertson (Mrs. Cecil Ball) |
| | | 1938- | Miss Ileen Wing |
| | | 1939- | Miss Isobel Hale |
| | | 1942- | Miss Gertrude Buchner (Mrs. Stanley Herron) |
| | | 1942- | Mrs. Bonnie Coyle
Mrs. Margaret Ball |
| | | 1943-50 | Mr. Everitt McCurdy |
| | | 1943- | Miss Dorothy Ingram |
| | | 1945-49 | Miss Grace Backus (Mrs. Chas. Davis) |

Names Missed.

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| 1877- | Mr. Nicholas Stilwell
Miss Alzina Chute
Miss Barrett
Mr. Hugh Barrett
Mr. Salem Hatch
Miss E. McCord
Miss Berniece Lammond |
| 1945 - | Mrs. Everett McCurdy (Musical Supervisor) |

Medical

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| Dr. Tweedale |
| Dr. Minerva Reid |
| Dr. Nasmith |
| Dr. Adams |

Inspectors.

About 1892- Insp. Atkinson.

(Copied from Tillsonburg News
July 7, 1882)

The pupils of the Eden Public School received deoprtment marks for attendance, conduct and diligence; and bad marks if they are guilty of bad conduct, late or idle, and recitation marks on their lessons. The names of those obtaining the highest marks in the fifth class were; Mary Inman, and Lavenia Lammond. Fourth class- Lucy Ford, Milton Inman, Bertie Howey, Nancy Howey, William Dean & R. Goodwillie.



Dwight Moody

Leman Laur

Willard Smith

Len Smith

Ian Inman

Mildred Laur

Gordon Kennedy

Mabel Wilson

Vera Wilson

Bessie Scanlan

Blake Caswell.

Early Teachers.

Mrs. Priddle

Miss Hope Gray

Miss Webber

Miss Craven (Mrs. Claude Wilson)

Miss Tillie Willoughby, Beaton, Ont.

Miss Clark

Mr. Bell

Miss Violet Bennett (Mrs. Monteith)