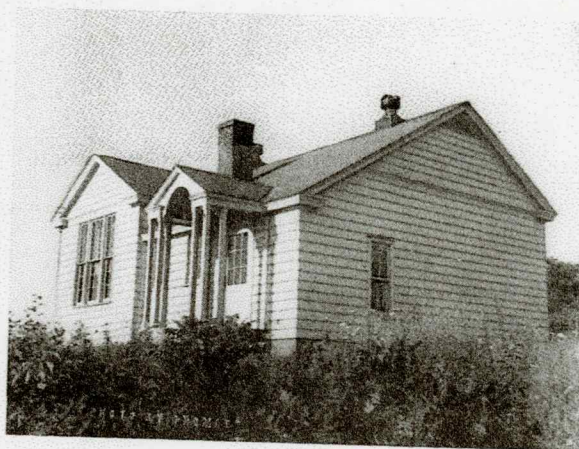


Fraleigh School

DISTRICT No. 5

By Fannie E. Fraleigh



THE FIRST written record of District No. 5 that has been preserved is dated April 15, 1819. Legend tells us that the first school in this district was a small frame structure located on the farm of Peter Fraleigh, great-grandfather of the present owner, Curtis Fraleigh. The school building stood on the corner of the Albany Post Road and John Fraleigh Feller Road. It was later moved to the Red Hook-Rock City Road on the bank of the Sawkill Creek. At the annual meeting in 1838 it was decided to raise \$300 for the erection of a new schoolhouse. This building was used until the present structure was built in 1929. Records of 1824 show that sixty-six pupils were enrolled that year and teacher's wages amounted to \$100. In 1839 it was resolved to purchase a library and Peter Fraleigh was elected librarian. The question of consolidation with Red Hook provoked a lively controversy in 1919 but nothing came of the proposal. In 1929 a vote was taken and an appropriation of \$11,000 made for the construction of a new school.

Some of the earlier trustees were: Robert Moore, John Elsfer, Aaron Shook, Philip Stickle, Evert Traver, William Westfall, Andrew Teal, Richard Fraleigh, Peter Fraleigh, Peter Cotting, Alfred Hutching, Myrone Badgeley, Jacob W. Fraleigh and Theodore Phillips.

In this year 1939 with tender thoughts and some regret but with hopeful pride for the future of our boys and girls, we close the door of our little school and join the Central School Unit of Red Hook, New York.