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Blanche Brown,
beloved teacher
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CUFFEY'S COVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mendocino County History-1880

CUFFEY'S COVE-Approved February 25, 1867. To embrace the territory contained in the Cuffey's Cove election district.

Subsequent changes: CUFFEY'S COVE-Approved February 25, 1867; Bounded on the south and east by Arena township; on the east and north by Nevarra election district and on the west by the Pacific ocean.

CUFFEY'S COVE-Approved May 18, 1871; Beginning at a point at the south-west corner of the ranch of W. A. McFarland and running thence east to the line between Big River and Anderson townships, thence along said line in a southerly direction to the head of Mal Paso gulch, thence down said Mal Paso gulch to the Pacific, thence in a northerly direction following the coast to the place of beginning.

Just when the first school opened in Cuffey's Cove is not known; however early records indicate classes were being held in 1872. The first schoolhouse was located near the present Cuffey's Cove Cemetery

Mendocino Beacon-January 26, 1878-County School News Item Cuffey's Cove having but one teacher was apportioned \$112.50 from the school fund.

Mendocino Beacon-August 30, 1879 Cuffey's Cove school district is now entitled to two teachers having 122 census children.

Fort Bragg Advocate-South Coast News-August 28, 1889 On the 14th of September there will be an election in Cuffey's Cove School District to decide the advisability of raising \$7,000.00 to purchase a site and build a new schoolhouse.

This issue must not have passed as it is not until 1898 that we find the following;

Mendocino County Book of Deeds # 73, Page 454-February 26, 1898 Michael and Catherine Donohue to the Trustees of Cuffey's Cove School District, A. W. Schiller, James Agnew, and A. J. Cooney for the sum of \$480.00 in gold coin, 3 32/100 acres, more or less for the site of a schoolhouse.

Some early trustees: John Conway, James McMasters, Frank Hale, Hugh Buchanan.

Trustees 1903: A.W. Schiller, John Conway, and Frank Ilah.

1. Joe Conway
2. Annie Dougherty
3. Oscar Scott, back, with
4. Rodney Phillips
5. Tom Anderson
6. Jennie Anderson
7. Jim Lynch
8. Maude Scott
9. Sherman Stephenson, off
10. Gene Lynch