



# School Log Book Extracts

## *Landford National School*

1880 - 1890

### **A note in the front of the log book:-**

**20 January 1875** - Owing to the increased expenditure necessary to the support of the School the Managers have decided to raise the rate of payment for the instruction given and have agreed hereafter the children of all farmers, keepers, head gardeners, policemen and household servants all be charged twopence per week, sixpence per week for 3 children and one penny per week for every child beyond this number. While the children of bona fide Labourers will be charged threehalfpence a week for one child, threepence for two, fourpence for three and penny for each child beyond that number.

Signed: *F. G. Girdlestone* Rector

*J. E. Nelson* Manager

**16th December 1879 - 16th February 1880** - School closed because of scarlatina.

**7th April 1880** - Mary A. Moody returned to school this morning after a lengthened absence, excuse: minding the baby. (absence noted on several future dates)

**14th July 1880** - Admitted James King. Date of birth 20th April 1875.

**23rd August 1880** - Several children absent gleaning.

**28th February 1881** - Hubert Harry King admitted. Date of birth 11th September 1876

**17th March 1881** - Moses Hatch although a complete dunce continues very irregularly in attendance.

**13th May 1881** - Dr. Haunen (?) came to inspect the closets. He expressed his satisfaction with their condition.

**16th May 1881** - Admitted William Frank Moody. Date of Birth 10th November 1877

**6th February 1882** - Walter Earney narrowly escaped being blinded for life by receiving from George West a blow with a knife. West who was a paid monitor in the school was dismissed from his post and sent home by the Rector.

**18th June 1882** - Number of attendances calculated to end of last week 22,572 which divided by 282, the number of times the school assembled up to that date gave an average of 80 (12/282)

**9th January 1883** - Admitted George King. Date of birth 6th June 1877

**Infants with their ages (extracts from list)**

Denis King - Born 23rd October 1877

George King - Born 26th June 1877

William Moody - Born 10th November 1877

Albert Mood - Born August 1879

**8th August 1883** - Rose Louisa Moody admitted. Date of birth 3rd December 1877

**10th March 1884** - Admitted Briscoe E. King. Date of birth 29th January 1880

**8th April 1884** - Horace John Moody (admitted ?). Date of birth 1st May 1880

**22nd April 1884** - Jessie Moody came to school after registers were marked.

**19th May 1884** - Object Lesson, the Pelican and the eagle.

**9th June 1884** - Admitted Mabel Julia King. Date of birth 1st May 1880.

**17th November 1884** - Admitted Alice Maria King. Date of birth 7th February 1880

**2nd June 1885** - Mrs. A. Moody brought a piece of steel which one of the schoolgirls had palmed off at her shop as a threepence piece. The culprit having been found out, was severely chastised and ordered to take the money to the shop tomorrow.

**19th June 1885** - Edgar King caned for hitting Mary Betteridge in the face with a stone.

**12th November 1885** - No school will be held this week owing to the death of my little son Frederick James Newey.

**1st April 1886** - Admitted Leonard Moody. Date of birth 6th October 1881.

**18th May 1886** - Admitted Allen Ernest King. Date of birth 23rd July 1881.

**28th September 1886** - Admitted Rose Louisa Moody.

**7th March 1888** - Beatrice Moody admitted. Date of birth 2nd March 1875.

**16th April 1888** - Ethel May Moody admitted. Date of birth 27th September 1884

**List of School Songs 1888**

William Rufus	If I Could Be
Catch the Sunshine	Maying
This is East &c.	Murmur Gentle Lyre
We're The School	Evening is Falling

**4th December 1888** - Re-admitted Rose Louisa Moody. Date of birth 3rd December 1877. This girl has not attended any school during the last 4 years. She cannot do the simplest addition sum.

**2nd April 1889** - 82 children present this morning.

**15th April 1889** - W. Newman brought to the school by his father, who reported that his son was uncontrollable and had been at Salisbury for three weeks without permission sleeping in hay-lofts.

**2nd May 1889** - Several boys absent - bird scaring.

**27th May 1889** - Only 46 children present this morning out of 100 on the books. There is no reasonable excuse for the poor attendance as the weather is fine; yet under this cast iron code the teacher is the scapegoat for all short-comings.

**1st October 1889** - Admitted Elsie Moody. Date of birth 30th June 1882.

**11th October 1889** - The school was used last night for a cricket supper and in the morning the stench of tobacco smoke and beer is almost unbearable.

**14th October 1889** - Admitted Dora Elsie Moody. Date of birth 14th November 1884

**28th March 1890** - This is my last entry in this Book as I leave here at the end of this month after endeavouring for 13 years to do my duty faithfully.

Signed: *J. G. Newey*