

Time Passages ~ Pelham Schoolhouse

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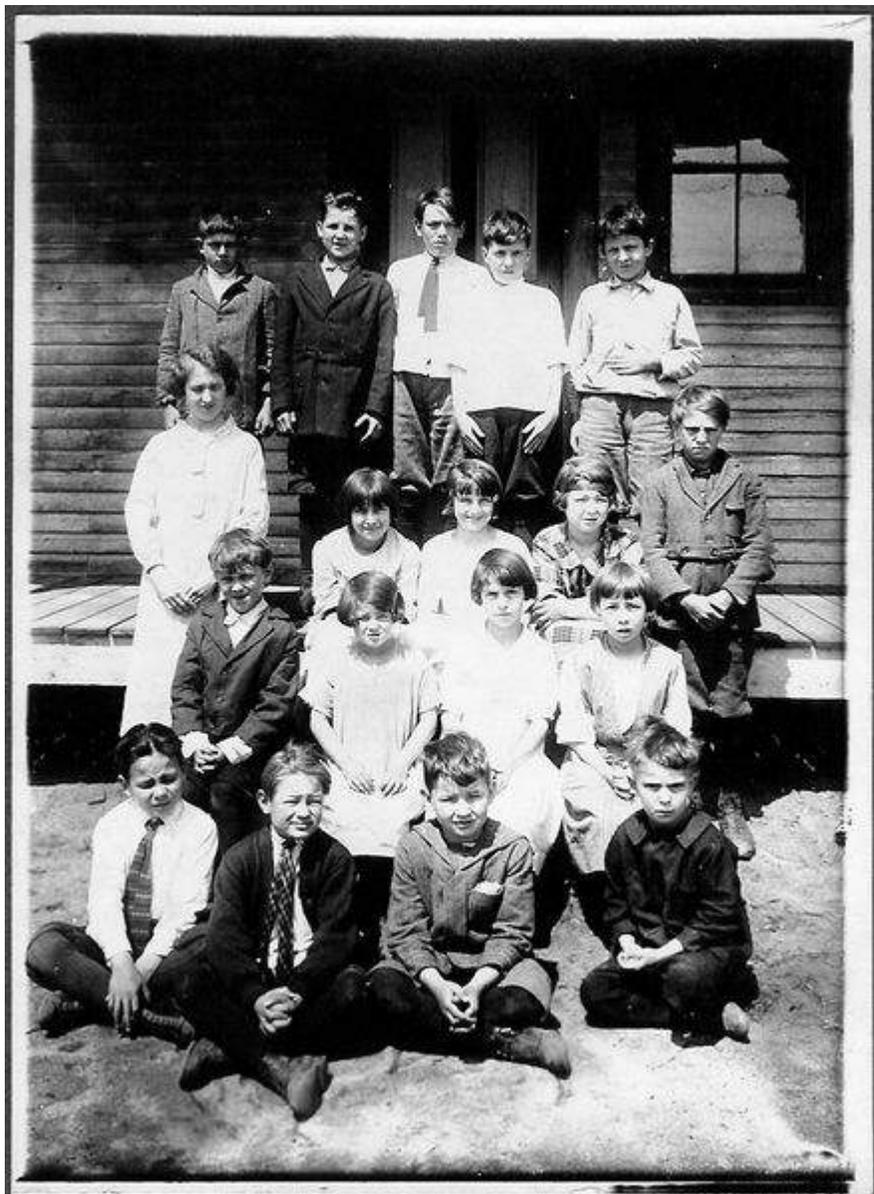
From our eastern suburb of Pelham comes this week's Time Passages photo, a contribution by longtime resident Scott Herbert whose father appears in the photo.

Here's what Scott writes about the photo, and we thank him for his contribution. The picture was taken in Pelham in front of a one-room schoolhouse on Mammoth Road, a short distance down the road from where my father, Paul Kingsley Herbert, grew up on Oak Grove Farm.

I would guess that this picture was taken when he was 10-12 years old. Since he was born in 1917 that would date the picture to 1927-29. My father is seated in the front row, second from the left. His older brother, Charles Warren Herbert, is standing in the middle in the last row.

Also in the picture are one or more children from a family whose surname is Gingras. One may well be Eva Gingras, who married Raymond Russell. They lived in Hudson and were friends of my father. Another might well be Harriet (Hirsch) Mansfield, who went to school with my father and two of his brothers and is still a resident of Pelham.

My father's mother, Frances Sargeant (Small) Herbert, would go to the schoolhouse in the early mornings on wintry days to start the woodstove to heat the room up for the teacher and students. This task fell to her oldest son, Charles, when he became old enough.



- The schoolhouse was eventually remodeled into a private residence. In the early 1950s it was sold to William and Pauline Towers who became close friends and neighbors to my grandparents, and friends to my mother and father as well. Pauline still lives there today.

I do not know any other possible names of the children pictured, but their families would have lived relatively close to the schoolhouse. Perhaps some of your readers may be able to provide further information.

How about it, readers? Anyone who does, please contact us at neighbors@nashuatelegraph.com.

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