



Waverly School (Mid-1930s-1965)
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The first school in Waverly was held around 1842. At the time, many students attended school at MacKenzie farm south of Waverly. A new school house was constructed in Waverly in 1850 and was reported as being "in fine shape" as of 1884. Before 1877, three grade schools had been established in Harrison Township: Waverly, Banta, and Sweettown. Land for the schools was donated by a Mr. Etter, Mr. Stotts and Mr. Tackett. Accredited teachers, who were 8th grade graduates and passed state and county teaching exams, taught the 3 R's (Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic).

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In 1879, each township school had a single teacher who were paid \$1.75 per day. By 1917 the Banta and Sweettown schools had been discontinued. In 1915, a new, two-story brick school was built atop Waverly Hill. Its interior was destroyed by fire on March 13, 1932, but was rebuilt and renovated. This facility (see photograph on other side) served Waverly students until 1965 when a new six-room school was constructed across the road, which is still in use (in expanded form) today. The "old" Waverly school was torn down in 1966.