



School Days

Sue Lisk looks at websites that shed light on the experiences of teachers and their students in the one-room schoolhouses of yesteryear

WHEN I FIRST VISITED THE ONE-ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE MY grandmother attended in rural Quebec, it had been moved from its original location and converted into a hunting lodge. Many one-room schoolhouses still in existence have been reimagined: they may now be entertainment venues, museums, or even single-family homes. Others have fallen into decay or have vanished without a trace.

Numerous websites deal with the subject, but I'd like to point out a few of the sites I've found most engaging.

One-Room Schoolhouses Today

To be able to better visualize the many types of one-room schoolhouses built at different periods across the US, you might take a look at an intriguing photo slideshow showing thirty of the buildings that have survived. View the images at <https://blog.cheapism.com/one-room-schoolhouses/#image=1>.

The author provides background information about one-room schoolhouses in general, as well as details about the particular schoolhouses included. Click through the slideshow and read the explanations to the right of each photo, or simply scroll down the page to view the same material.

The slideshow travels backwards in time, beginning with a schoolhouse in Notasulga, AL, dating from 1913, and ending with the oldest wooden schoolhouse in the country, constructed in 1725 in St Augustine, FL.

The Shiloh Rosenwald School, which opens the presentation, forms part of a permanent museum exhibit. It serves as an example of a school designed to educate African-American children. The writer explains that many similar



Many schoolhouses have been converted into museums, entertainment venues and private homes. This one-room schoolhouse in Pine Grove, CA is now a live-music venue, Carol M. Highsmith. (Library of Congress)

Novels, television programs, and family stories have all contributed to how we conceive of these schoolhouses and what took place there. But to form a more complete picture of life as it played out in them on a daily basis and understand more about the experiences of the teachers and their “scholars”, it’s wise to take a closer look.