

Oregon Gulch School District

In June of 1862, the County Board of Supervisors, who acted as the County Board of Education at that time in history, met and determined that Oregon Gulch School District would be “bounded as follows: embracing all that certain portions of Trinity County lying south west [sic] of Oregon Gulch divide, taking in Evans’ Bar, Hocker’s Ranch and canon creek to its same.”¹

One of only two articles in the local paper that could be found regarding Oregon Gulch School had this to contribute to the history of the school in 1864: “Albert Bowler, Marshal of Oregon Gulch District, has made his census return of the number of children enrolled. The result is: Between 4 and 18 years, 36, of which 21 are boys and 15 girls; under 4 years, 33. There are no Mongolian or negro children in the district, and no deaf and dumb or blind.”²

In 1866, the Oregon Gulch School District received apportionments from the State School Fund for 42 students,³ however, the district failed to show up in the 1869, 1872, 1873, or even the 1880 record of district apportionments reported in the local paper.⁴

While it’s clear that the district was once a public school, it’s listed (much later) in the 1922-23 disbursement records as a private school. In 1923-24, the school district doesn’t show up at all in the annual records of districts, not even as a private one.

¹ “Board of Supervisors – August Term”, *The Trinity Journal*, June 8, 1862.

² “Oregon Gulch School District”, *The Trinity Journal*, July 23, 1864.

³ “School Fund”, *The Trinity Journal*, January 6, 1866.

⁴ *The Trinity Journal*, July 3, 1869, September 7, 1872, January 11, 1873, and March 6, 1880.