

## Kettenpom Valley School

Kettenpom is a Wintu word meaning “little Indian potato land”, likely referencing the Ketten lily which grows in the area, the bulb of which is edible.<sup>1</sup> There is little information on the Kettenpom Valley School which had to have been a private school in the area, organized and paid for by the families of the students who attended.

There are only two sources of information found about this school. In one source, a man named Andrew Davis [no date] wrote:

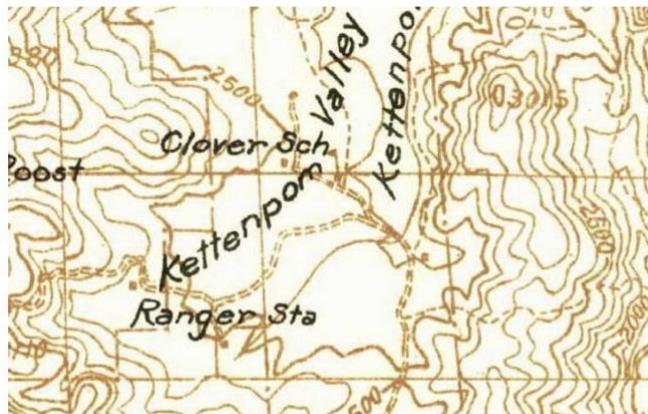
My brother, Leroy, and I walked six miles to the Kettenpom Valley School, when Leroy left school I rode horseback until School was held in our house. School was held there from 1907 until 1909 when the Simpson brothers built a schoolhouse [the Peak School] about one-mile northwest of Kettenpom Peak, then I went there.<sup>2</sup>

Another informant noted that:

Kettenpom Valley, six miles east, had the only school close to Seven Cedars. Each day the Davis children and neighboring students walked or rode horseback the round trip of 12 miles to school. No school was held from December to March because of the heavy snowfall in those years. From 1907 to 1909, school was held at the Davis home. Later on the Simpson brothers, who owned a homestead near Seven Cedars, put up a permanent log schoolhouse on the western slope of Kettenpom Peak, about one mile west of Seven Cedars.

In some references, it is believed that the same school was referred to as “the Clover School”.

See also [Hettenpome School](#)



Hoaglin Valley USGS map showing the Clover School located in Kettenpom Valley in 1931.

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<sup>1</sup> Jones, Alice Goen, Ed., “Trinity County Historic Sites”, Trinity County Historical Society, Weaverville, 1981, 349.

<sup>2</sup> Keter, Thomas S., “A Compendium of People and Places for the North Fork Eel River Region during the Homesteading Era”, [http://wordpress.solararch.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/people\\_and\\_places\\_nferw\\_vol\\_1.pdf](http://wordpress.solararch.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/people_and_places_nferw_vol_1.pdf), 2017. Accessed May 18, 2023. 162.