

Seven Cedars School

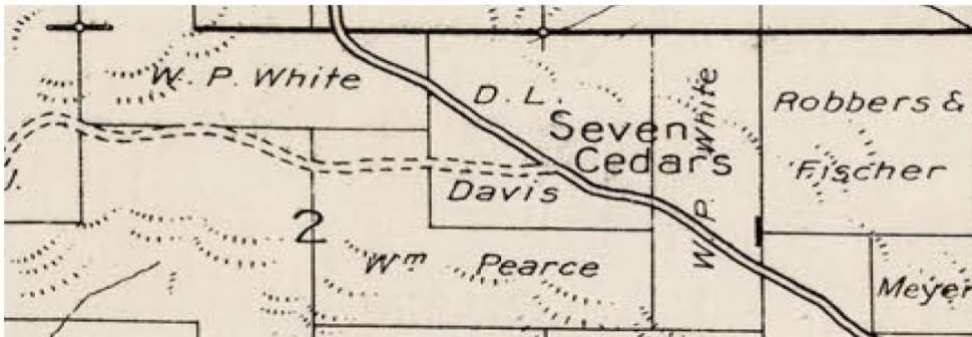
There is little information in the historical record about the Seven Cedars School which had to have been a private school paid for by the parents of the children who attended.

Seven Cedars was the name of the Dudley L. Davis property. It was home to Davis, his wife Minnie Rice Davis, their five sons, one daughter-in-law, Eltha, and one grandson, Hobart who homesteaded it beginning on May 25, 1902. It was located halfway between Zenia and Kettenpom Valley on the road to Lake Mountain, Mina, and Covelo on Lassik ancestral territory.¹

Dudley Davis was elected Trinity County supervisor in 1905. He served from 1905-1909, representing the territory southeast of South Fork Mountain. At the same time, he was the judicial judge of southeastern Trinity County, and his offices were located in his home at Seven Cedars. The property was named Seven Cedars as there were seven large Cedars in a group nearby when the house was built. It was located about 1 mile east of Kettenpom Peak at a large spring. The Davis family had five sons.²

Kettenpom Valley, six miles east, originally had the only school close to Seven Cedars. It was called, unsurprisingly, Kettenpom Valley School, also a private school. Each day the five Davis children, and other neighboring students, walked or rode horseback to school for a round trip of 12 miles. Perhaps the distance became intolerable because from 1907 to 1909, the school was held at the Davis home instead. It is assumed that this school was the one referred to as the Seven Cedars School. The next year, the Simpson brothers, who owned a homestead near Seven Cedars, put up a permanent log schoolhouse on the western slope of Kettenpom Peak, about a mile west of Seven Cedars.³ That public school became known as Peak School replacing the Seven Cedars home school. Peak School opened during the 1908-09 school year and operated for years until it was suspended (closed) prior to the 1940-41 school year.⁴

See also **Peak School** and **Kettenpom Valley School**.



The map above is from http://wordpress.solararch.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/people_and_places_nferw_vol_1.pdf, page 162.

¹ 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, 2017. Accessed March 7, 2023. 164.

² Ibid., 29 and 165.

³ Ibid., 162.

⁴ *Warrant Records*, Historic Records Collection, Trinity County Office of Education.