OLD JAMESTOWN SCHOOL ~ A TIMELINE

Schooling in early Jamestown is of primary importance and is provided by the church, especially the Quaker, private subscription schools and academies, boarding schools, home schooling and apprenticeships

1839 ~ Common School Law
A state law is enacted allowing each county to provide tax supported public schools ~ Guilford County takes early advantage of this law

1857 ~ Deep River Meeting's Third School Building is the first free school in western Guilford County

1868 ~ State Constitution makes taxation the funding mechanism for state wide public education

1870 ~ Flint Hill School, a private academy, is located approximately where Jamestown United Methodist Church currently stands

1902 ~ Flint Hill public School is designated as the "Jamestown School"

1907 ~ State legislature approves standard high schools

1907 ~ Jamestown is selected as one of two locations for a high school in Guilford County because of school population and community support

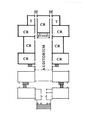
1907 ~ First Jamestown High School is built on the site of the old Flint Hill Public School and includes both boys' and girls' dormitories for boarding students

1911 ~ The Farm Life Project is authorized by the Guilford County Committee for "preparing girls and boys for agricultural pursuits and home-making and home-keeping" ~ Jamestown High School is an early participant in this project

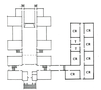
Picking pears at the Farm Life School, 1911

1915 ~ The new JAMESTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL opens in October following construction of a modern brick facility on a portion of farmland used for the Farm Life Project – Dormitories are moved to the new campus from the previous school site

1915 ~ Jamestown High School burns in February
– Dormitories are undamaged – Schooling continues in temporary facilities



1926 ~ Auditorium/ Classroom added



1930 ~ Classroom Annex is added

1949 ~ Gymnasium and Athletic field are added

1942 ~ Home Economics Building is added

1945 ~ 12th year of School is added

1955 ~ Cafeteria building is added — previously a cafeteria and kitchen had been located on the north side of the 1916 building

1959 ~ Last class graduates from Jamestown High School in the spring

1959 ~ Ragsdale High School opens in the fall

1959-1982 ~ 1915 building serves as part of Jamestown Elementary School

School campus in early 1950s

1982 - 1986 1916 Building is unoccupied and begins to show signs of abandonment

1982 ~ New Jamestown Elementary School opens

1986 ~ Ownership of building is transfered to the Town of Jamestown by Guilford County Schools following a grass roots campaign to "Save the Old School"

1986 ~ Restoration of the 1916 building begins — Auditorium/Classroom and Classroom Annex additions are demolished

1988 ~ JAMESTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY opens following a dedication by Governor James G. Martin

1990 ~ Old Jamestown School celebrates its 75th anniversary

1991 ~ Old Jamestown School is placed on the National Register of Historic Places

1999 ~ Fountain is dedicated

2013 ~ Jamestown Public Library celebrates its 25th anniversary

COME CELEBRATE 25 YEARS!

Please join us at Jamestown Public Library as we celebrate the library's 25th year. We'll be hosting an open house to commemorate the special occasion. There will be food, friends (past & present), plus fun and entertainment. Everything is free and open to the public.

We hope to see you there!

Where: Jamestown Public Library
When: Sunday, February 24, 2013
Time: 3 pm to 5 pm

2015 ~ OLD JAMESTOWN SCHOOL CELEBRATES ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Credits
1. *Bending the Twigs in Jamestown* by Mary A. Browning
2. Old Jamestown School Archive