

Oakwood School

Location: West side of 27th Street, 1/2 mile south of Ryan Road

District: 12

Built: 1883

Closed: 1971

The first Oakwood School wood structure was built in 1867. When it was time for a new larger building, the original wood structure was sold to Ferdinand Schwartz, a local farmer, who used it as a pig barn. A new two room brick building was constructed in 1883 with an addition added in 1893. The school contained the first rural high school in Milwaukee County from 1898 until 1918. Another building addition was needed in 1952 to keep up with growing enrollment. The grade school was closed in 1971. The building was used by MATC until 1976. In 1977, the building was sold to Thomas and Karen O'Neil. The O'Neil family converted the building into a family home and day care center. Later, the building was sold and now it is used by Big Bang LLC, a software development and training business.



Oakwood School about 1900



Oakwood School building, now the home of Big Bang LLC