In the Forties there were one to three classrooms with about eight or ten students per grade. "Miss Ruth", as we so fondly remember her-now Mrs. Ruth Sager Egg and a valued Meyersville historian, taught the first and second grades in the early 1940's. She recalls there was no cafeteria yet. Teachers had no free periods. Seesaws, baseball and volleyball were the playground equipment. Games such as Kick the Can, Dog and Rabbit, Soccer, Andy Over, Jump Rope, and Dodge Ball were played. There were still the two outhouses, one for the girls and one for the boys.

Some of my (Elizabeth Gohmert Haun) memories include the girl's playhouse up behind the girl's outhouse. This consisted of a clump of huisatches that had natural pathways and clearings that we made into a playhouse. This is where we played during recess and ate our lunches. I also remember playing in the Rhythm Band which was consisted of a tambourine, a triangle, some sticks, a drum, and a Xylophone. Miss Ruth rode her horse from the Sager home to school about 4 miles because of the gas rationing during World War II. Louella Sager and Harlen Nagel were others from her area who rode through the Pete Ruschhaupt pasture and joined with the Schrade, Trautwein, Goebel, and Gohmert children who rode the same way. I was in this group in my first year in 1942. I was so small that my feet didn't reach the stirrups. I had to stick my feet in the straps and got many a blister, because we mostly went barefoot.

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The Fifties brought exciting changes to Meyersville School. 1950 saw the annexation of the New county Line School with Meyersville Common School District #20. The New county Line School was located three miles form Meyersville off what is now FM237 near the DeWitt County-Victoria county Line. It was begun in 1919 on land given by the Dreiers and Wendels. Some of the lumber from the Noll School was use d to build the New County Line School. The Noll School was located on FM 247 about 4.5 miles west of Mission Valley in Victoria County and was built in 1893 with the help of Ben Arnold, Joseph Dentler, Otto Dentler, Joe Preiss, and Fred Diebel.

During the Fifties students enrolled in the first grade at the age of five. One to six children per class were being taught still in the two-room one building school. In July of 1958 blueprints were approved for a new brick facility. The wood frame two-room building was moved across the road to St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church and was used as classrooms until the new facility was completed in 1959. This building now serves as St. John Evangelical Parish House. The new brick facility consisted of an office, four classrooms, a library, indoor restrooms, a cafeteria, and a kitchen. We had our first equipped playground.

Miss Kitty Ruschhaupt's diary had the following information about the Meyersville School history: a Halloween Carnival was held at Meyersville School in 1951. There was a contest held for Meyersville School Royalty for 25 cents a vote. Lennette Ruschhaupt and Randolph Dreier were chosen King and Queen and Talbert Wendel and Faye Marie Dreier were chosen Prince and Princess. Almost $2000 was raised in this contest.

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Arneckeville School was annexed in 1963. Arneckeville School is located 8 miles south of Cuero off FM 236 and the building is now a community center. Golly school had consolidated with Arneckeville in 1946 and this building is also a community center four miles north west of Meyersville. Green DeWitt School had also consolidated with Arneckeville in 1949, so we gained quite a few students.

1967-1977 the first through the eighth grades were taught under the supervision of Leslie Flessner, with 80 to 100 students.

Research by Elizabeth Gohmert Haun

1960 to 1969

When I asked any of my former schoolmates for a memory from this era (60's) they most often included two answers: recess and lunchtime. From some people's recollections, recess had been at on time usually on the big playground. The older students played dog and Rabbit while the younger ones used the swings, seesaw and merry-go-round. Jump rope and the game of Andy over were also favorites.

Eating in the school cafeteria was the norm. Homemade hamburger buns, rolls, and chocolate pudding were memorable favorites. Volleyball for the girls and baseball for the boys were the main lunchtime and P.E. activities for the older students. Volleyball players of those days vividly remember the heavy hand of Leslie Flessner and Calvin Bruns spiking a ball down their throats. School superintendent Kenneth Liesman often joined in the game to teach us the finer points.

Assemblies were held in what was the cafeteria/auditorium and always consisted of the pledge to the flag and singing. There isn't a student of Meyersville during this time period that cannot sing "God Bless America," "My Country 'Tis of Thee" and what these alumni called the Meyersville Alma Mater "Oh, I'm a Hayseed."

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Change seemed inevitable during the late 70's and 80's. In 1977 Mr. Frank Stephenson was hired as principal. However, the next year the state dissolved the position of county superintendent. Thus, Mr. Stephenson became the first principal/superintendent of Meyersville Independent School District. Since then Meyersville School has been growing and changing to keep up with the times. In April 1979 the school board agreed to build a Kindergarten class.

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Around 1983 a band/music program was officially added to the school curriculum. Two years later in 1985 Meyersville School saw several structural changes. The present day fourth and fifth grade classrooms were built, the office was moved from the math room to the wood frame building, and air-conditioning was installed. Students and teachers of that time speak of the air-conditioning much

like people speak of the first electricity to their homes.

In 1987 Ms. Laura Whitson took over as the principal/superintendent. In her first year a gymnasium was added. Athletics broadened in the next few years to include basketball and track for the Jr. High students. The band program added a marching band that participates in surrounding area parades and attends U.I.L. competition. There has been a continuance of academic growth here at Meyersville with a larger number of student's participation in the academic competitions that were started in the '80's.

The '90's brought the age of technology with satellite programming, computers, and internet access to help with learning.

It is true that Meyersville School has kept up with the changing times of the world we live in. But from all the former students I interviewed and the students of Meyersville school who approach the new millennium one important factor stands out -- a feeling of closeness, community and family. Everyone always recalls how at Meyersville School all students got along and get along together. It may be because of the physical closeness of classrooms which puts younger and older students into same proximity; it may be the assemblies; maybe the actual family relationships of brothers, sisters, cousin, and neighbors all attending school together. But I think it has to do with a certain set of values that Meyersville itself holds dear. That is the feeling that we are a family, we are proud of ourselves and of each other. Whether we are blood related or not, Meyersville means family. I believe the students of Meyersville School will always hold this feeling of pride and respect for their school and community as a high priority. And therefore, the successes and achievements that Meyersville School has and will encounter will be many.

Mrs. Elizabeth Haun, Mrs. Ruth Egg, and I thank the many people who generously donated of their time and energy to help us put this history together.

By Rhonda Doehrman Goebel

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Meyersville Businesses

Meyersville Store
2231 Meyersville Rd
Meyersville, TX 77974-4101
(361) 275-2049

Meyersville Country Club Inc
5195 Mission Valley Rd
Meyersville, TX 77974
(361) 275-0101

Meyersville ISD

Meyersville Independent School District
1897 Meyersville Rd
Meyersville, TX 77974
(361) 275-3639

The inter district sports at the school include basketball, volleyball, flag football and track. The scoreboard in the basketball gym was purchased with fundraiser money that the school throws once a year.

Meyersville Post Office

US Post Office
2233 Meyersville Rd
Meyersville, TX 77974
(361) 275-2050
Barbara E. Miller – Postmaster

Meyersville Fire Department

Meyersville Volunteer Fire Department
2230 Meyersville Rd.
Meyersville, TX 77974
Cliff Jacobs - (361) 564-2672

The Meyersville Volunteer Fire Department has two fire trucks.

Meyersville Civic Organizations

Meyersville Old Stone Church Historical Committee
Ruth Bettge - president

Meyersville Parents Club
Margaret Han - President

Myersville 4-H Club
The Meyersville 4-H Club meets once a month on a Sunday at the Lutheran Church
Rhonda Goebel – president (361) 277-2930
M'Liss Moore (361) 275-8069

Community Events

October Fall Festival The Meyersville school does a fundraiser every year called the "October Fall Festival" with raffle tickets, etc. and the proceeds benefit the school.

Meyersville Volunteer Fire Department BBQ Chicken Fundraiser Once a year in April, the Meyersville VFD does a huge BBQ Chicken Fundraiser with over 600 BBQ Chickens Which benefits the fire department.

St. Peter & Paul's Catholic Church Annual September Fundraiser Every year, on the 3rd weekend of September, the church puts on a huge BBQ Chicken Fundraiser with the proceeds benefiting the church.

Meyersville Churches

St John Lutheran Church
1764 Meyersville Rd
Meyersville, TX 77974
(361) 275-8653

Eric L. Petty – Pastor
Marjorie Ideus – Organist
Rupert Egg- Assistant Organist
Mary Rabe – Adult Choir Director
Debbie Glawson – Youth Choir Director

St. John Lutheran Church Council - Mike Rangnow - chairman

St. Peter & Paul's Catholic Church
1065 H Haun Rd #H
Meyersville, TX 77974-4153
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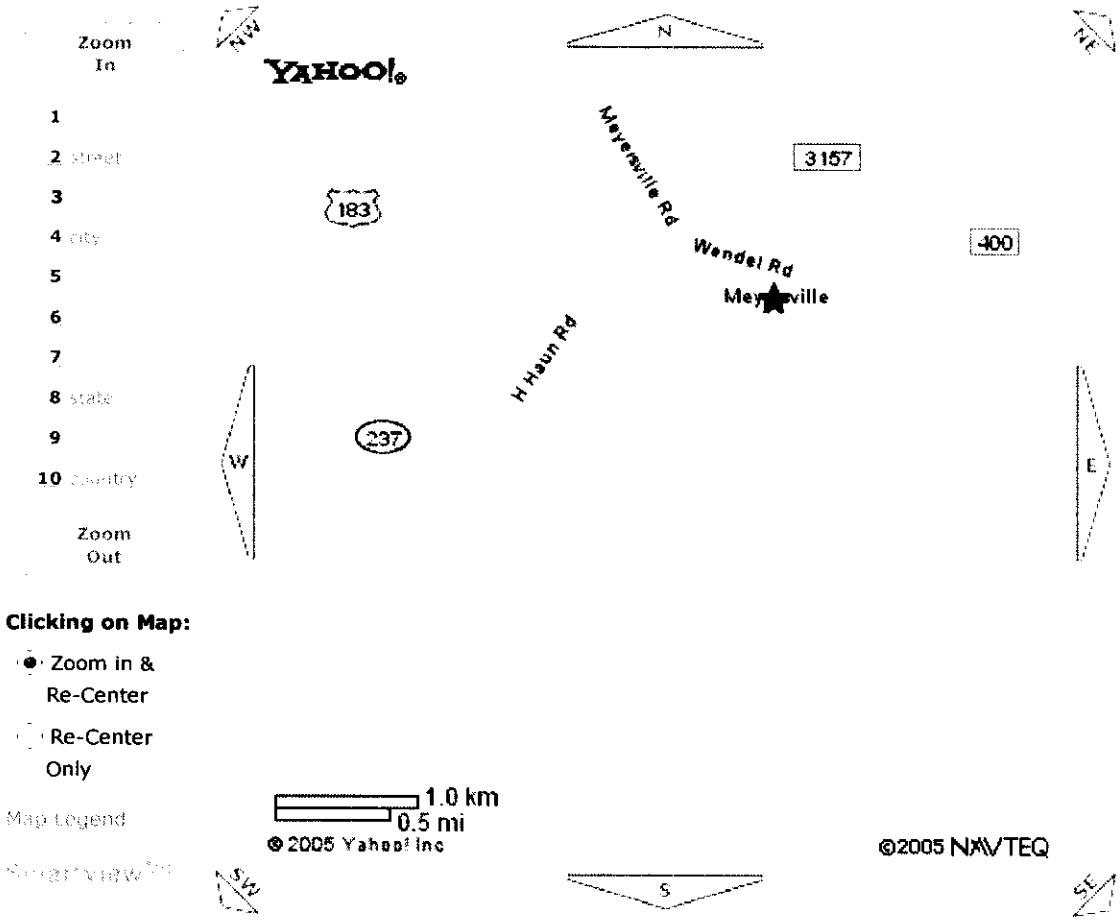

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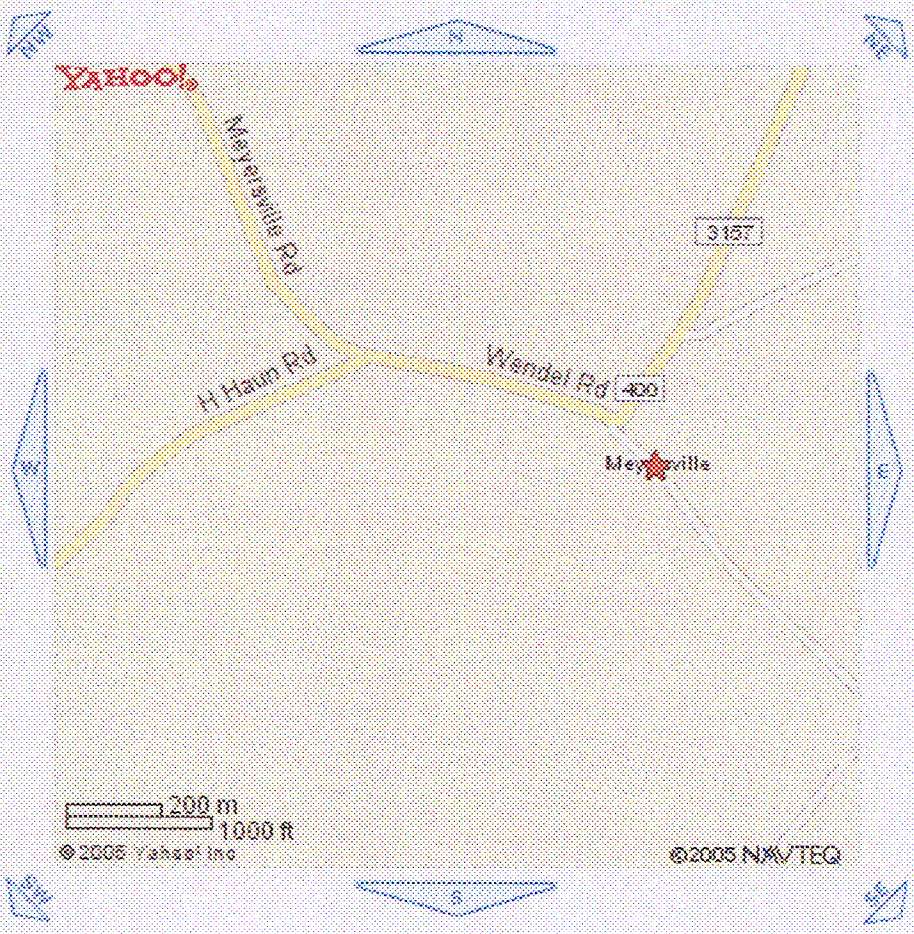

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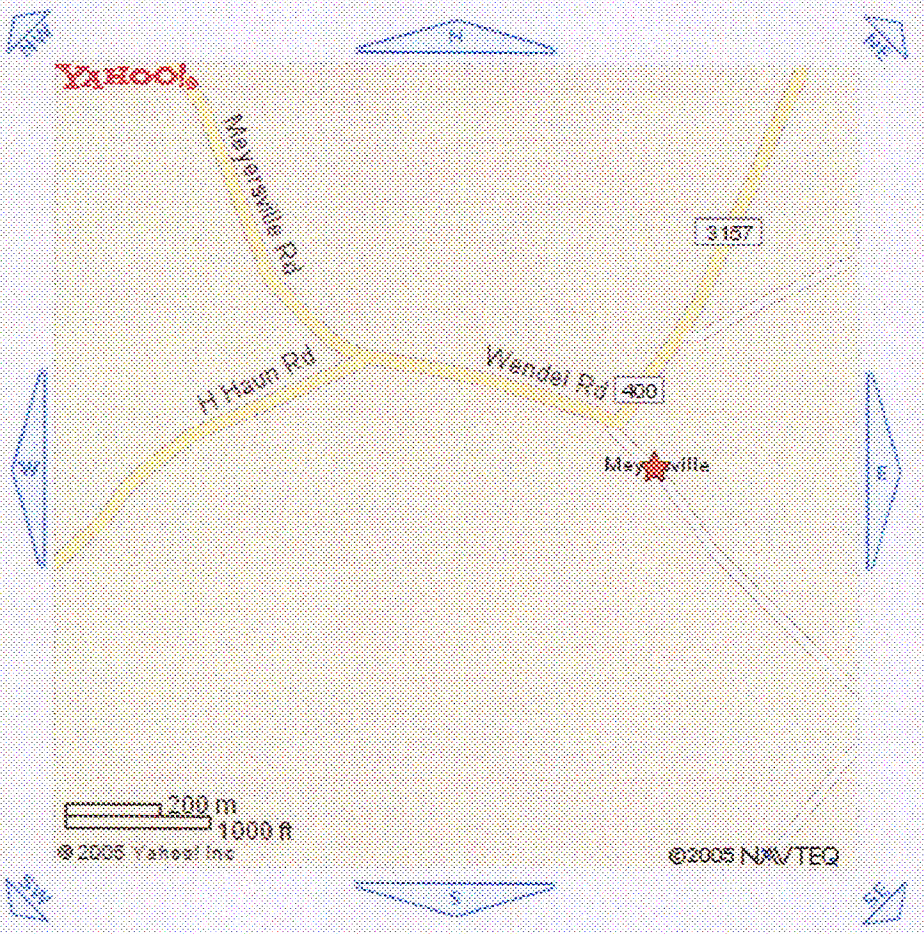

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DP-4. Profile of Selected Housing Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Meyersville, De Witt County Texas 77974 5-Digit ZCTA

[Data based on a sample. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent
Total housing units	155	100.0
UNITS IN STRUCTURE		
1-unit, detached	108	69.7
1-unit, attached	0	0.0
2 units	0	0.0
3 or 4 units	0	0.0
5 to 9 units	0	0.0
10 to 19 units	0	0.0
20 or more units	0	0.0
Mobile home	47	30.3
Boat, RV, van, etc.	0	0.0
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT		
1999 to March 2000	0	0.0
1995 to 1998	10	6.5
1990 to 1994	15	9.7
1980 to 1989	29	18.7
1970 to 1979	24	15.5
1960 to 1969	11	7.1
1940 to 1959	17	11.0
1939 or earlier	49	31.6
ROOMS		
1 room	3	1.9
2 rooms	6	3.9
3 rooms	8	5.2
4 rooms	24	15.5
5 rooms	31	20.0
6 rooms	54	34.8
7 rooms	19	12.3
8 rooms	3	1.9
9 or more rooms	7	4.5

Subject	Number	Percent
OCCUPANTS PER ROOM		
Occupied housing units	132	100.0
1.00 or less	128	97.0
1.01 to 1.50	2	1.5
1.51 or more	2	1.5
Specified owner-occupied units	35	100.0
VALUE		
Less than $50,000	4	11.4
$50,000 to $99,999	20	57.1
$100,000 to $149,999	9	25.7
$150,000 to $199,000	0	0.0
$200,000 to $299,999	0	0.0
$300,000 to $499,999	0	0.0
$500,000 to $999,999	2	5.7
$1,000,000 or more	0	0.0
Median (dollars)	85,000	(X)
MORTGAGE STATUS AND SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS		
With a mortgage	15	42.9
Less than $300	0	0.0
$300 to $499	0	0.0
$500 to $699	0	0.0
$700 to $999	11	31.4
$1,000 to $1,499	4	11.4
$1,500 to $1,999	0	0.0
$2,000 or more	0	0.0
Median (dollars)	930	(X)
Not mortgaged	20	57.1
Median (dollars)	183	(X)

Median (rooms)	5.6	(X)
Occupied Housing Units	132	100.0
YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT		
1999 to March 2000	10	7.6
1995 to 1998	34	25.8
1990 to 1994	26	19.7
1980 to 1989	15	11.4
1970 to 1979	12	9.1
1969 or earlier	35	26.5
VEHICLES AVAILABLE		
None	11	8.3
1	30	22.7
2	55	41.7
3 or more	36	27.3
HOUSE HEATING FUEL		
Utility Gas	7	5.3
Bottled, Tank, or LP gas	54	40.9
Electricity	67	50.8
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	0	0.0
Coal or coke	0	0.0
Wood	2	1.5
Solar energy	0	0.0
Other fuel	2	1.5
No fuel used	0	0.0
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS		
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	2	1.5
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	0	0.0
No telephone service	0	0.0

SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN 1999		
Less than 15 percent	16	45.7
15 to 19 percent	9	25.7
20 to 24 percent	2	5.7
25 to 29 percent	6	17.1
30 to 34 percent	0	0.0
35 percent or more	0	0.0
Not computed	2	5.7
Specified renter-occupied units	12	100.0
GROSS RENT		
Less than $200	2	16.7
$200 to $299	0	0.0
$300 to $499	4	33.3
$500 to $749	4	33.3
$750 to $999	0	0.0
$1,000 to $1,499	0	0.0
$1,500 or more	0	0.0
No cash rent	2	16.7
Median (dollars)	488	(X)
GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN 1999		
Less than 15 percent	6	50.0
15 to 19 percent	2	16.7
20 to 24 percent	2	16.7
25 to 29 percent	0	0.0
30 to 34 percent	0	0.0
35 percent or more	0	0.0
Not computed	2	16.7

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