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## Little Red School House Restoration Project

Children learned to read and write in the Little Red School House near William Miller's farm in Whitehall, Low Hampton, New York. When belief in Christ's soon return splintered the local Baptist church, religious meetings were also conducted there.\* An excerpt of those events is shown in the sidebar. A drawing of the school is shown, along with pictures of the deteriorated school house today, on page 43.

The Little Red School House Restoration Project is supported by Seventh-day Adventist university presidents and institutions. Your support will bring the historic Little Red School House back to life! It will help to restore it from top to bottom. On the outside, there will be a new roof and new siding. Old beams will be replaced to stabilize the structure. New floors will be installed, and the walls and ceiling will be completely restored. All the windows will be redone. A little woodshed, which was original to the farm, will be restored and added to the front of the entrance.

Tradesmen and volunteers will restore the School House in such a way as to preserve its historical integrity. Visitors will be able to step back in time. When it is finished, the Little Red School House will proudly take up

its role of teaching a new generation! Your generous support and prayers will make this dream a reality so that both young and old will experience history firsthand and learn about the importance of education for eternity.

The restoration budget includes the following:

Historical restoration of the Little Red School House and reconstruction

of the woodshed: US\$45,000

Furnishings (historical desks, etc.): US\$10,000

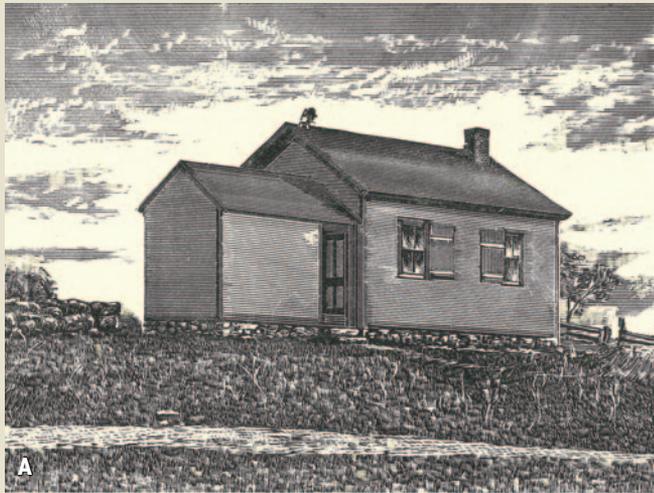
Landscaping: US\$5,000

There are four ways to contribute:

1. Send a check or money order to the General Conference. Write "AHM 137035/Miller Farm School" on the memo line, and mail it to: General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Attn: Donation Cashier, 12501

"The church voted that they would support the gospel, or a minister, by taxing themselves equally, according to their ability. Here the first seeds were sown which indicated a division of the church. Two or three of the rich brethren declared they would not submit to the *vote* of the church, and withdrew their support: The majority of the church then engaged Elder Jones, a Baptist minister. This was in the fall or summer of 1843. In the spring of 1844, the minority engaged Elder Dillaway (a strong opposer of the Advent doctrine after 1843), for half of the time, and demanded of the church the meeting-house. But as Elder Jones had been engaged for a year, the meeting house was not given up until the fall; when the brethren, rather than have any contention, gave it up to Elder D. and his hearers, and held their meetings in a school house, where the minority had formerly held theirs. On the 29th of January, 1845, the minority called an *ex parte* council, in a private manner, so that it was not known to the church until the council met. This council, which was constituted on the day above mentioned, . . ."

\* Excerpt from *A Brief History of William Miller: The Great Pioneer in Adventist Faith* (Boston: Advent Christian Publication Society, 1915), 256, 257.



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**A. Sketch of the Little Red School House.  
B. and C. Front and rear views of the school house.  
D. Funds will go toward reconstructing the woodshed  
adjacent to the school house.**

Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20904, U.S.A.

2. Make a credit-card contribution to the General Conference (AHM 137035/Miller Farm School). Contact Linda Alinsod at (301) 680-6229 or [AlinsodL@gc.adventist.org](mailto:AlinsodL@gc.adventist.org) if giving by credit card. The merchant service provider charges a fee of 2.5 percent, which we will ask the donor either to add to his or her contribution or agree that the net amount (less the fee) be sent to AHM.

3. Send a credit memo from the division to be credited to Adventist Heritage Ministries (AHM 137035/Miller Farm School). General Conference in-

stitutions (e.g. Andrews University, Loma Linda University, AIIAS, Adventist University of Africa) may send a credit memo directly to the General Conference. Division institutions may send a credit memo to the General Conference via their base division.

4. Donate online directly to Adventist Heritage Ministries: <https://www.adventistheritage.org/index.php/support>.

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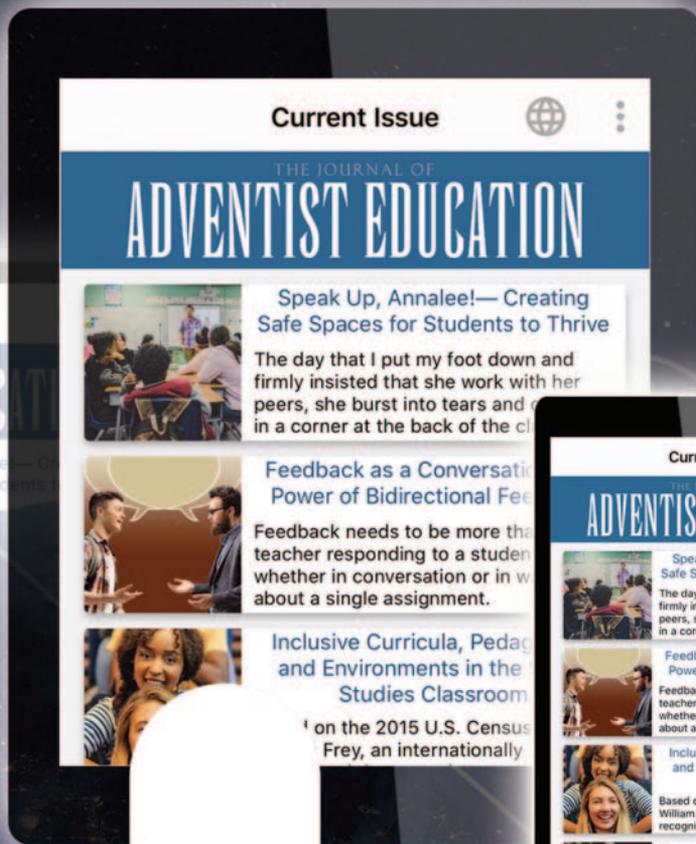
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