

Danville Grammar School Site



While the first Danville Grammar School was built south of town in 1858, later ones were placed near Front Street. In early 1867, the *Contra Costa Gazette* wrote: "A social reunion is to be given at the new School House near Danville . . . Good music, good company and a good time may be anticipated." A. J. Young, who taught Danville students from 1883 to 1900, stands with his students. R. O. Baldwin, James O. Boone, and Jonathan Hoag were the first trustees.



In 1896, Danville residents proudly dedicated a new schoolhouse with a bell tower. After a \$5,000 bond had been passed for a new school, the *Contra Costa Gazette* article in 1895 stated "We . . . want our school house to be one of the most prominent buildings in the valley, located on such a street and facing in a direction to attract attention from any transient traveler or tourist through our valley. Let everybody know we have an interest in education by looking at the building."



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