

Excerpt from an article by Betty Preece on
MELBOURNE'S LITTLE RED SCHOOLHOUSE
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In 1896 Mr. W. T. Wells built the first high school on the west side of (US 1) Washington Avenue between Seminole and Silver Palm Streets, after having used the upstairs of R. W. Goode's building on New Haven and Front Streets. Then, about 1916 a new school building was erected in what is now downtown Melbourne at the southeast corner of New Haven Avenue and Vernon Place. So the little red schoolhouse was not used anymore and it sat on the river at Fountain Heights until the City of Melbourne moved it in the early 1940's to the grounds of the Melbourne Elementary and High Schools on New Haven Avenue (now the buildings are part of Brevard Community College South Campus and Ruth Henegar Elementary). It was repainted red, a picket fence was built around it and after a while it was forgotten by all.

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