

## Who was Robert Hodge Down?

(Information obtained and written by Mr. Anderson's Fourth Grade Class in 1993)

Robert Hodge Down in New Idria in the California. When county of San Jose, education from the San Jose High School. Mr. the San Jose Teacher's courses at Stanford



was born on January 26, 1882, county of San Benito, Robert was 12, he moved to the where he obtained his early Jose Grammar School and San Down obtained a degree from College and later took graduate University and UCLA.

Robert Down's first Mount Jackson School taught all eight grades.

teaching position was at the in Sonoma County, where he In 1904, he moved to New

Almaden, California to teach at the Hacienda Public School. He was paid \$65 per month. Then, Mr. Down moved to Los Gatos, where he obtained his first job as a principal.

Robert Down was tall, slender, and dark-haired, and he has a "fierce, black moustache" which he shaved off when he became principal. Some people called Mr. Down, "Fuzzy" but after he shaved his moustache, his nickname was "Bobby".

Robert Down was principal of the Pacific Grove Grammar School from 1914-1945. Mr. Down died on March 9, 1952. People started referring to our school as "Robert Down School" and it has stuck to this day.

At Robert Down School, it is the people (the staff, students, and families) which make us so special. It seems fitting that we should be named after one good person who gave so much to our school. Thank you, Mr. Down!



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