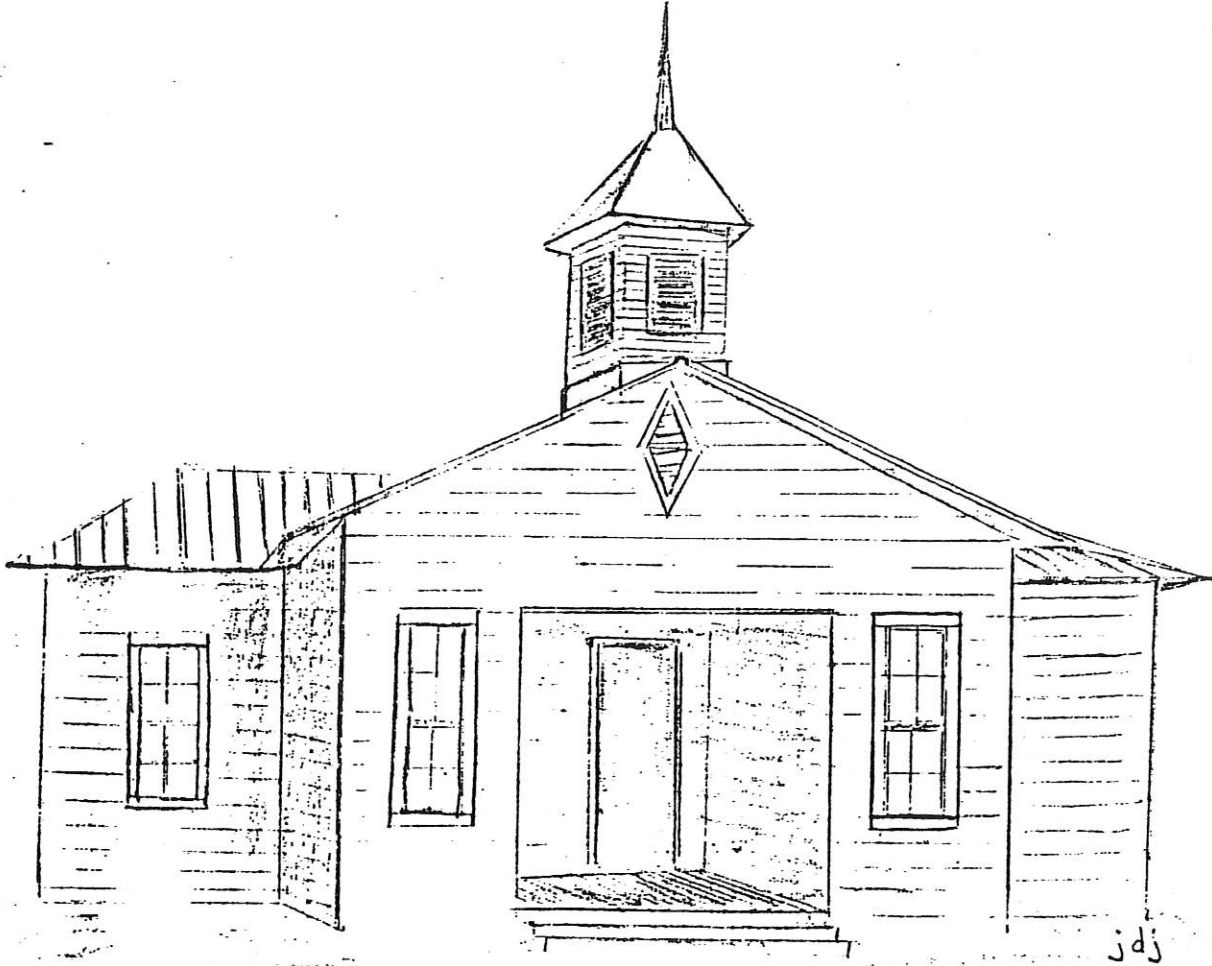


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JOYNES SCHOOL



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In 1925 Joynes School was built by Chauncey Sidden the contractor and many men of the community.

From the memories we have collected some points of interest. The school was one class for the first and second year, then was divided into two separate classes by a thin partition in the middle of the building. There were two small rooms for cloaks and lunches to be stored until they were needed.

A large wood stove was the only source of heat the building had on cold wintery days. Some of the boys remember coming to school early to start the fire. The children that had so far to come were so cold that they sometimes cried with their fingers and toes aching.

The children had to go outside and into the woods to use the bathroom. The girls went across the road into the woods but the boys only had to go a short way into woods at back of the building.

The water used at school had to be carried from the nearest neighbor's spring or well. It was thought that Hardin Kennedy or Luther Kennedy's house was nearest for carrying water. It was carried twice a day during the recess period. The children drank the water with a dipper from the keg or bucket.

Etta Pruitt (Blevins) was the first teacher and taught alone the year 1925 and 1926. She was called Miss Etta by her students, who respected and admired her although some of the oldest students were close to her age

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There were benches made by people in the community in the earliest years. Moss McGrady was a parent that made two benches for the school. In later years desk were added to the school. There was one bench in the class that they used to sit on during their turn for lessons.

There was a blackboard on the wall at which some remember doing math lessons. The multiplication tables were done on the blackboard.

Peer teaching was remembered and was explained as the older children helping the younger ones learn their lessons.

The school year was from August until March, because of spring planting and fall harvest. Children usually began school at the age of four or five years of age and finished up at the age of fourteen when they had to begin work. If you were very smart and seemed to be ahead of your grade you skipped grades to be with the ones at your level of learning.

Perfect attendance was unusual and very hard for most children to accomplish. There were awards for this. Some remember when Miss Etta gave gold stars or a gold pin for seven years perfect attendance. Mary Lee Venable went eleven years perfect. On one occasion someone remembered when Pauline Johnson and Stella McGrady got material for dresses alike for perfect

attendance. It was said that these two students came to school sick and stayed under the building where the teacher brought their lessons to them. This helped them receive perfect attendance.

The punishments and rewards varied according to teachers. Some of the punishments remembered during the period Miss Etta taught were as follows:

Pick a knothole out in the wall and hold their finger to it for fifteen minutes. Choose between a dose (tablespoon) castor oil or a whipping. One instance which she had some lined up to give castor oil, a boy named Esley Wood smacked his lips and said Ummm, that is good! Can I have another? ~~after~~ taking his dose. Miss Etta then gave him a second dose after which he did the same thing. After giving him his third dose she told him if he wanted more she would give him a whipping!

John Joines was remembered to give you a thump on the head for being late from recess. Some remembered having to get their own switch to be whipped with. If the teacher thought it wasn't good enough you had to go back for a better switch. Washing your mouth out with soap was another punishment mentioned.

There were rewards given for the good children. Conrad Sidden was a teacher that brought the students apples. Etta Pruitt let her good children have the

honor of ringing the bell. She also gave new pencils to those making good grades, such as 100 on spelling. There was a spell down on Friday with the winner receiving a new pencil couldn't remember the teacher.

Games that were played during the period Miss Etta taught were dodge ball, honey locus, tommy walkers, hoops ran along with sticks, doodle bug, and bean bag. During the time Conrad Sidden taught one of the students remembered playing the Fox and the Hounds. The object of the game was for the hounds to catch the fox. There were no boundaries. The fastest boy, Ed Casey, could usually keep away from the hounds until the end of recess or lunch. Conrad Sidden would take time to join the game with his students and on one occasion lost his wallet containing forty dollars. The wallet couldn't be found that day, but was found a few days later by a nearby neighbor, Eula Joines who returned the wallet. The fastest girl in the class was Annie Brown.

Once upon a time but not a usual thing, Ed Casey took a cat and threw it across the school building after several of the boys bet the cat wouldn't live. When the cat landed on it's feet behind the school there was such a racket as it took out down through the woods.

Most of the children walked to and from school as far as a mile each way. Because there wasn't time or a way home most brought their lunch in buckets to school. It was hard to gather the varied foods that made up the lunch of a student. Here are some of the foods possibly seen in the lunch buckets: meat on biscuits, blackberries, jelly and molasses biscuits, sweet potatoes, homemade cakes and cinnamon rolls, and possibly peanut butter sandwiches. They drank water with their lunch.

There wasn't a lot of difference in the children's dress. Most all the kids had about the same at that time. The clothing was homemade such as overalls, shirts, dresses, and some shoes. The overalls had patches and shoes were mostly worn only during the winter months. Here is a list of usual clothing during the early years: overalls, high top shoes, dresses to the ankles, long black stockings, longhandles, and knee pants.

On one instance John Joines and Conrad Sidden took their classes on a picnic to Stone Mountain for Easter. While up there they had a spelling contest and the winner received an Easter Basket. They had lemon-aide, cookies and boiled eggs. Verna Kennedy had a wind-up phonograph for music. There are some pictures that were taken on this occasion.

Christmas time was a special time then as it is

the trees they used then was cut from the woods.

The children made decorations for the tree. There was popcorn on strings to wrap around the tree. Children brought stick candy to hang on the tree and it was exchanged by the students as presents are today.

There is a couple that told us about the way they courted and eventually was married. Ernest Spicer and Bessie Kennedy were school sweethearts. Ernest had finished school but found a way to send letters to his sweetheart by special delivery. Bessie's friend Elsie Sidden came by Ernest Spicer's grandpa's house each day on her way to and from school. She would hand carry letters back and forth from Ernest and Bessie. This courtship ended in marriage on Sept. 3, 1931.

Tom Gentry and Anna Sexton were also school sweethearts but did not end in marriage.

Can you remember your school sweetheart?

Teachers:

Etta Pruitt (Blevins)

Chauncey Sidden

Conrad Sidden

Jessie Sidden

Etta Sidden (Brown)

Jeff Earp

John Joines

Ina Joines - substitute

Thomas Joines - substitute

Nora Warren (Gilliam)

Faye Lyons

Bertha McBride

Ima Sell

Carl Church

Ruby Johnson - substitute

Students:

Grady Bowers *	Alton Hutchison
Dean Bowers	Mae Cleary Miles *
Hazel Bowers Walsh	Eunice Bowers
Lester Johnson	Ruth Gentry Brown
Claude Johnson	Ima Gentry Grews
Zeb Johnson	Roy McGrady
Hobert Johnson	Bessie McGrady
Paul Johnson	Stella McGrady Baker
Tom Johnson	Dell McGrady Pendolina
John R. Johnson	Lacy Bowers
Josey Johnson Yates	George Bowers*
Pauline Johnson Pruitt	Dorothy Bowers
Ella Johnson Johnson	Alge Bowers
Charlie Johnson	Louis Johnson *
Freel Johnson	Vance Johnson
Verna Johnson Holbrook	Ruby Johnson Hatch
John Frank Johnson	Ruth Johnson Brooks
Clyde McGrady	Robert Johnson
Vaughn McGrady	Maude Johnson Kennedy
Glenn McGrady	Maude Warren Kennedy
John Earl McGrady	W. L. Johnson *
Vernon Hutchison	Irene Johnson Cleary *
Shirley Hutchison Fowler	Janie Johnson Williams
John Allen Hutchison	Robert Nicholson *
Beatrice Hutchison Royal	Ester Nicholson *
Jimmy Ray Hutchison	Mary Jane Nicholson *

Dalley Nicholson *
Walter Nicholson
Verna Nicholson Johnson
Ben Nicholson *
Dewey Nicholson
Anna Mae Brown *
Sam Brown *
Roe Brown
Iven Johnson
Georgie Johnson
Garvey Johnson
Thomas Johnson
Mary Lee Vinnable Calhoun
Wesley Joines
Alvin Clay Joines
Paul Joines
Bert Joines
Thomas Joines
Rufus Long
Joe Long
Alice Price
Bruce Kennedy *
Ina Kennedy Vestal *
Mammie Kennedy
Bessie Kennedy Spicer
Ruffin Kennedy

Verna Kennedy Brooks
Claude Kennedy
Paul Kennedy *
Walter Kennedy
Billy Kennedy
Betty Kennedy Ball
Dawn McGrady Asburn
Ester McGrady Burnette
Ella Mae McGrady
Pearl McGrady Brown
Charlie McGrady
Carl McGrady
Fannie Sidden Gamble
Kermit Sidden
Lucille Sidden *
Kelly Sidden
Rex Sidden
Jerry Sidden
Rachel Sidden Hicks
Edgar Sidden
Edwin Sidden
A.C. Sidden
Martha Sidden Myers
Maxine Sidden
Clyde Sidden
Clay Sidden *

Paul Sexton	Ernest Holloway
Annie Sexton Eades	Mae Holloway
Iris Sexton Byrd	John Holloway
Gladys Sidden Warren	Daniel Holloway
Elsie Sidden Johnson *	Texie Holloway
Bud Kennedy	Edna Holloway
H. C. Kennedy	Joe Hutchison
Agnes Kennedy	Martha Hutchison Reavis
Johnny Kennedy	Nancy Hutchison McGrady
Frank Kennedy	Minnie Hincer Royal *
Mack Joines	Lizzie Hutchison Sidden
Eva Joines	Samuel Hincer *
Flenny Joines	Ambrose Hincer
Bruce Joines	John Hincer <u>Twin</u>
Grace Sidden Bowers	Albert Hincer <u>Twin</u>
Van Sidden	Valiene Hincer Bowers *
Glenn Sidden	Issie Hincer Butler
Tom Sidden	Osco Hincer *
Chester Sidden	Oma Hincer Spicer
Ester Siddes Stample	Nancy Sidden Earp
Jannice Sidden Holloway	Blanche Sidden Triplette
Minnie Sidden McGrady	Mable Sidden
Left Holloway	Ruth Sidden
Verna Holloway Hincer	Carl Sidden *
Dewey Holloway*	Tory Sidden
Bill Holloway	Cecil Holbrook *

Harvey Holbrook	Carl Holbrook
Glenn Holbrook *	Claude Holbrook
Mary Holbrook Harrold	Bea Holbrook
Hazel Holbrook Harrold	Vernis Ingool
Vivian Joines	Willie Ingool
Lynn Joines	Garnis Ingool
Mae Spicer	Doris Ingool Hege
Ruby McBride Warren	Georgie Ingool
Rozelle McBride Nicholson	Conel Ingool *
Velna McBride Johnson	Fred McBride
Elmore McBride	Jimmy Johnson
Ted McBride	Quincy Johnson
Diane McBride	Jasper Kennedy
Betty Hutchison Bryan	Foy Kennedy
Silas Hutchison	J.C. Sidden (Jaybird)
Iva Hutchison	Jessie Warren Holbrook
John Hutchison	Guy Warren *
Paul Hutchison	Buel Warren
Willie Kyle Hutchison	Mattie Jane Warren
Alton Hutchison	Daphine McMenamin
Johnny Absher	Janie Johnson Phillips
Arkie Casey Kennedy *	Barbara Jean Joines Wiles
Lona Casey Ingool	Ed McGrady
Archie Casey *	Jessie Kennedy
Vaughn Casey *	Bruce Kennedy
Emmalee Casey	Gary Sidden

Ernest Spicer

Edna Sexton Cothren

Mae Sidden

Tom Gentry

Annie Mae Brown

Sam Brown

Paul Brown

Boyce Brown

Paula Eades

Tommy Eades