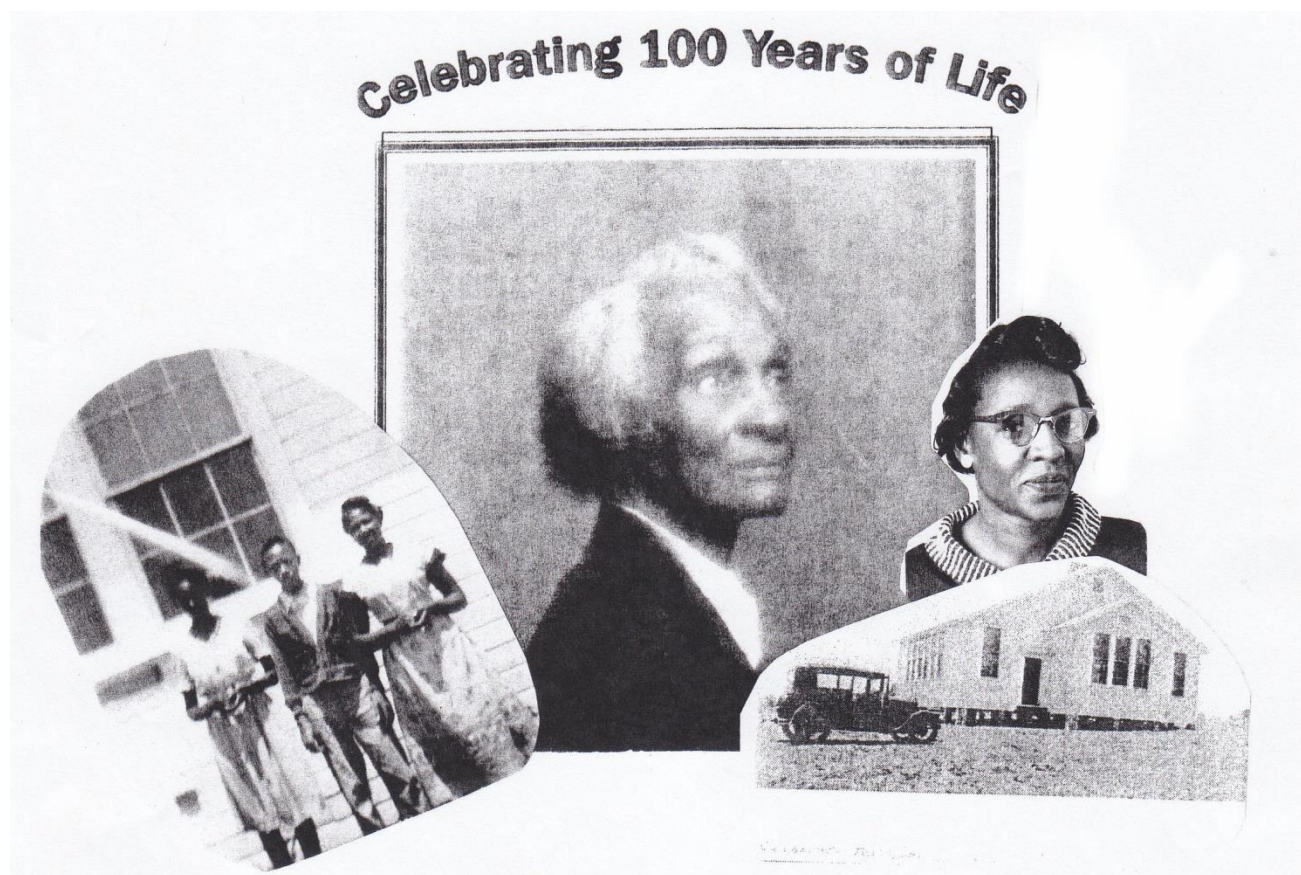


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Cover Picture:

Students: Zelma Wheeler, T. J. Overton, Velma Overton, attended
Ms. Williams classes

Center: Fannie Mae Caldwell – Teacher at Pflugerville
Comanche School

Erma Miller Williams – Teacher at Bluff Springs, Kimbro, and other Schools

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INTRODUCTION

The stories of Travis County's African American Rural Schools are testaments to the American belief that education is the vehicle to the good life, community leadership, satisfying work, and the common good. This history of the county's rural African American schools concentrates on the early 1930s, when the nation was in the midst of the Great Depression, a quarter century before the United States Supreme Court's *Brown vs. Board of Education* decision became the first sturdy rung in the ladder toward racial desegregation.

The Travis County Historical Commission researched *The Defender* book that covers the history of the white rural schools. Bill Beare, a member of the Commission, realized that the book did not cover the history of the African American rural schools. Birdie Caldwell, a member of the Commission for many years and a distinguished teacher, spearheaded the development of this history, gathering information, interviewing former students and teachers of these African American rural schools, and thus preserving an important glimpse of the not-too-distant past. Margarine G. Beaman continued the interviewing and research for several years to complete this history book. Jane Manaster also did some research and Anita Howard edited this history book.

Travis County's rural schools, always strapped for money, operated on a short schedule, never more than seven months of the year and sometimes for only four months. Teachers often had four or more grades in one room, as they taught all the subjects – reading, penmanship, arithmetic, spelling, history, and geography.

Because Samuel Huston and Tillotson Colleges, both located in Austin, emphasized teacher education, the rural African American schools had eminently qualified teachers. The schools also were blessed with the support of parents – many of whom were grandchildren of slaves. These men and women had worked hard, saved their money and became landowners and leaders in their communities.

Teachers' salaries were abysmal, even by Depression standards. For example, in the early 1930s, funding for seven months at the Sprinkle African American School was \$389, at Garfield for six and one-half months, \$240. Apparently all or most of this "funding" was for teachers' and principals' salaries. The pupils' parents could be counted on to donate their time in providing firewood, water, grounds cleaning, building repairs, and miscellaneous services. Often the teachers boarded in the homes of pupils' parents.

While at one time Travis County had 42 rural schools for African American children, few offered eleven grades for a high school diploma. By the seventh grade, most boys and girls in one- and two-room schools had heard every lesson hundreds of times and felt they were wasting their time and dropped out to go to work. A few privileged boys and girls, whose parents could afford room and board for them in Austin, attended high school in the city.

Time has a way of romanticizing past hardships and drying tears. The children who hear their grandparents speak of riding a horse to school see this as fun, but today's children do not have to skip recess to water their horse. They laugh to hear about the outdoor privies with three wooden seats. They envy the recess games of Anti-I-Over, Red Rover, London Bridge, and Snap-the-Rope which sound like much more fun than today's organized games. And who then ever heard of a gymnasium? Heat was provided by wood

stoves, stoked by the “big boys” bringing the logs in from woodpiles built by their fathers. The pupils brought their lunches- often sausage and biscuits- in Rex Jelly buckets and syrup cans, and when the weather permitted, ate in clumps around the school yards.

Travis County also had some Rosenwald Rural Schools. The Rosenwald Rural School building program began in 1912. Julius Rosenwald, a Chicago philanthropist and former President of Sears, Roebuck and Company, was interested in the educational needs of the blacks in the rural South.

African American education during early 1900 was usually conducted in churches, shacks and cabins. The Rosenwald Rural Schools provided a much-needed advancement in education for Texas rural African American students. There were always schools of some sort in these communities, but the Rosenwald program offered more suitable facilities and qualified teachers. As a demand for these schools grew, Rosenwald formed the Julius Rosenwald Fund in 1917. However, Rosenwald Rural Schools did not appear in Texas until 1920.

The Rosenwald Rural Schools that were built in Travis County were:

Littig 2, 1927-28 – two teachers
Gravel Hill, 1928-29 – two teachers
Pilot Knob, 1930-31 – two teachers
Comanche, 1931-32 – two teachers
Pflugerville – two teachers

To improve the education of the African American students, Rosenwald required his schools to have college-educated certified teachers and a calendar year of at least five months.

The Rosenwald Rural Schools were funded by African American and Anglo people, the Rosenwald Fund, and the local government. Since cash was scarce for these African American communities, the needed money was raised by selling an extra acre of cotton or an additional hog.

In 1933, Rosenwald gave incentives to increase the African American teachers’ salaries, since they were only earning 58 percent of Anglo teachers’ salaries.

The regular African American schools were funded by a tax base and help from the parents of the students who attended each school.

The memories recorded here are a testament to the success of the people who attended these poorly financed, separate, and unequal schools and to the teachers who are remembered lovingly by their former pupils. The people who learned at these rural schools, who have given us these stories are now leaders, politicians, educators, lawyers, bankers, and, yes, many are still farmers – gentleman farmers.

African American Rural Schools of Travis County included:

Bluff Springs – District 39
Carl – District 40
Carlson – District 24
Colorado – District 36
Colorado No. 2 – District 36
Comanche

African American Rural Schools of Travis County (continued)

Cottonwood – District 29
Creedmoor – District 41
Decker – District 19
Dry Creek – District 37
Elroy – District 64
Esperanza – District 7
Fiskville – District 11
Garfield – District 35
Gravel Hill
Gregg – District 16
Hornsby – Dunlap – District 33
Hornsby – District 33
Kimbrow No. 1 – District 28
Kimbrow No. 2 – District 28
Littig – District 30
Lund – District 25
Maha – District 68
Manchaca – District 44
Manor
Merrilltown – District 9
Montopolis
New Sweden – District 22
J. B. Norwood – District 66
Pecan Springs – District 61
Pflugerville
Pilot Knob – District 35
Pleasant Hill – District 38
Prairie Hill – District 26
Richland – District 27
Rose Hill – District 21
St. Elmo No. 1 – District 43
St. Elmo No. 2 – District 43
Saint Stephens
Schiller – District 31
Sprinkle – District 8
Summit – District 8
Turnerville – District 42
Webberville – District 32
Wheatville School
Willow Ranch – District 23

**AFRICAN AMERICAN RURAL SCHOOLS IN TRAVIS COUNTY
IN THE 1930s WITH A FOCUS IN YEARS
1934, 1935, 1936, 1940s**

The following pages identify African American students in rural schools in Travis County during the year 1935-36. They do not match tabulated census figures completely as there would have been absences on the day names were taken, and students registered or withdrew from school throughout the year. There are probably other inaccuracies, but this is at least a beginning in putting together a record of the county schools.

The number in parentheses indicates that student's age, and where names may belong to either gender, an "f" or "m" is noted.

Much of the non-statistical information about these schools was obtained from interviews with former students and teachers. We thank them for permitting us with not only their memories but, in many cases, their photographs and memorabilia.

Statistical information and student lists were obtained from Travis County School Records.

We welcome further information from former students and others who have knowledge of these schools.

The Defender was the forerunner of this publication for the white schools in 1935-36.

**BLUFF SPRINGS (RHINA BRANCH) SCHOOL
DISTRICT 39**

In 1934-35, Bluff Springs had 52 students with an average daily attendance of 33 students. There was one teacher for 52 students. The cost per year was \$650, an average of \$19.69 per student per year. The teacher taught seven grades for 153 days per year and got paid for eight months.

TEACHERS:

Mrs. Lucy
Madelien Moore
Seretha Upshaw
Mrs. Alice Walker
Erma Miller Williams
Minnie Kincheon Overton

LIST OF STUDENTS:

R 5 Austin	Bell, Virdell (14)
R 6 Austin	Berry, Willie (14), Cecil (12), Annie (10)
R 6 Austin	Berry, Grades (17f), Magreta (15), Claud (12)
R 1 Buda	Bradshaw, Willie (7)
R 1 Buda	Durham, Jim Allen (12)
R 1 Creedmoor	Franklin, Arline (16), Ellen (11)
R 6 Austin	Grates, Lula Mae (6)
R 1 Buda	Jackson, Pauline (13), Percy (12)
R 1 Buda	Medearis, Garland, (16), Victor (14), Juanita (12), Mozella (11)
R 6 Austin	More, I. J. (13), Elnora (12), L. W. (9), Eddie B. (7)
R 1 Buda	Proser, Ceanie (16), Frank (10), Willie (8), Chester (6)
R 1 Buda	Smith, Willie (11), Mae Etta (10), Inell (7f)
R 6 Austin	Sneed, Isabelle (16m)
R 6 Austin	Sneed, Katherine (13)
R 6 Austin	Smith, Maabel (4), Rogers (13), Marie (12), Mildred (10) Lucile (9), Harriet (7)
R 1 Buda	Terrell, Bruce (15), Janice (10), Fred (7)
R 1 Buda	Terrell, Elmer (17), Annie Mae (15), Metlena (8)
R 6 Austin	Wilson, Silvester (12)

INTERVIEW:

MOZELLA (MEDEARIS) LEE, attended Bluff Springs School, then called Rhina Branch School, for eight years during the 1930s, after which she transferred to Anderson High School in Austin to complete her schooling.

BLUFF SPRINGS SCHOOL (continued)

Bluff Springs had only a one room school that housed all its eight grades and had only one teacher for all of the eight grades.

This school has a fascinating history, tied closely with the Medearis family. Mrs. Lee's grandfather, George Medearis, was born a slave in 1830, in Nashville, Tennessee. He belonged to a slaveholder, John Medearis. The Medearis family came to Texas in 1850.

George Medearis grew up with an uncommon desire for education, religious training, and public service. Even before slavery was abolished, his owner allowed George to purchase 1,000 acres (at \$2 an acre) in the Rhina Branch area (Bluff Springs/Manchaca area). George gave the acreage for the building of the school house, a church, and a 7-acre cemetery to the community.

George Medearis married Ann Smith, and they had 13 children – nine boys, four girls, all of whom went to this Bluff Springs/Rhina Branch School.

Mrs. Lee remembers nearly all her teachers, their kindness, and scholarship. Specifically, she mentions Mrs. Lucy, Madelien Moore, Seretha Upshaw, Mrs. Alice Walker, and Minnie Kincheon Overton.

Highlights of activities in the community were the programs on Friday nights when the students sang, gave recitations, performed skits, and improvised dialogues – most were humorous. Large crowds from the community attended these programs, and the women of the community brought food which people could buy as refreshments.

An active sports program included baseball, kickball, and basketball.

Some of Mozella Lee's happiest memories are of the last day of each school year when she learned she was promoted to the next grade. Other activities included Easter egg hunts and spelling matches. One year, she and her sister won the local spelling match, giving them the opportunity to compete statewide at a Prairie View College match. However, they did not get to make the trip.

Other students Mozella (Medearis) Lee remembers with affection are Janice Terrell, Norris Overton, Mattie Proser, and Katherine Sneed.



Mozella (Medearis) Lee at age 18 and as an adult

BLUFF SPRINGS SCHOOL (continued)

INTERVIEW:

ERMA (MILLER) WILLIAMS was reared in Hillsboro, Texas. At an early age she was given the opportunity to move to Austin, Texas, to live with some of her church friends to continue her education. She found out that Bluff Springs School needed a teacher because Ms. Upshaw had a stroke. She applied for the job and started to work almost immediately. She had no experience teaching children, and she had six grades to teach. Her salary was around \$100 a month.

She would take a container of water to school every day. There were not many activities, but she wanted to help the children have fun. She went by Mr. Bob Smith, an attorney and dairyman, to see if he would donate balls and a swing. Mr. Smith did.

Some of the students brought their lunches to school in a Rex Jelly bucket or a paper or cloth sack.

Some of the students in her class were Jackson, Wheeler, Medearis, Darby, Overton and other brothers and sisters of these families.

Superintendent Poplar had an office in the courthouse. Ms. Williams would go to see the superintendent for books and other supplies. Ms. Williams still had to get her own books and supplies. She felt that was not fair, so she continued to get people from the community to help with the school.

There was a wood stove in the school, and Mr. Medearis would bring in the wood and light the stove in the morning and take care of all of the stove's needs.

When Ms. Williams had to meet with all of the county teachers, she felt intimidated because she was not quite 20 years old. This did not stop her from continuing to offer the best education she could to the student's in her school. She went to the county library to check out books for her students. In her second year at the school, the community brought a big tank for water and they also had gas lights. She found out that on the other side of St. Edwards, the high school had bought a mimeograph machine to make copies. She finally bought one herself.

Teaching at Bluff Springs was hard work, but every day she had fun and especially loved to see the children learning. She borrowed magazines and read all of the magazines in the library. Every time that she found an item that she could use in her school, she would order it. She ordered many activity books. Eventually she bought a hot plate to be able to heat lunches at school.

Ms. Williams was always taking courses at Tillotson College to get her degree. When she wanted to further her education, she learned about a scholarship the Red Cross was giving. She applied for the Red Cross scholarship, received the scholarship, and was able to drive to Prairie View College, when time permitted, to finally get her master's degree. She was then able to teach all 12 grades.

When Bluff Springs School closed, Ms. Williams was able to get a teaching job at Kimbro School for three years. Kimbro School was consolidated with Elm Grove, Lund, and Carlson to form Kimbro I and II.

When Ms. Williams needed a telephone, she would have to go to the one store that had a crank phone.

BLUFF SPRINGS SCHOOL (continued)

The students met for activities with the Baptist Church during the first and third weeks and the Methodist Church for the second and fourth weeks.

A well was at the school, and everyone was afraid that the children would fall in. A pump was installed on the well.

Ms. Williams was always trying to help the children get a better education. She applied for the bookmobile library to come to Kimbro School every other week.

The school started a small lunchroom, and commodities had to be picked up several times a week.

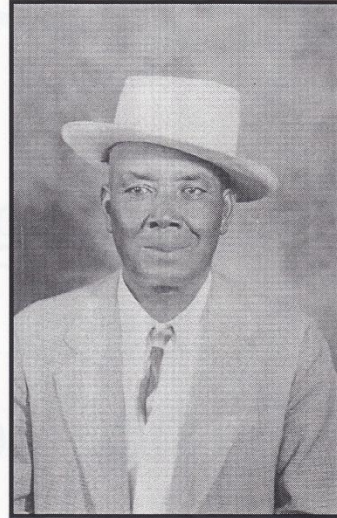
The children learned how to crochet, embroidery, and take care of animals. In the 1940s, they had a basketball team.

Ms. Williams left Kimbro when Bray Jordan and Irby Carruth called her to interview in Austin to teach at Rosewood. Ms. Williams taught at many different schools before retiring.

BLUFF SPRINGS SCHOOL (continued)

GREETINGS FROM THE DESCENDANTS OF
JAMES EVER MEDEARIS

James Ever (right)
the youngest son of George
Medearis;
Below left to right are James
Evers sons, Victor,
Garland ("Slim"),
Edgar ("Thimp"),
General Hood, James and
George



All attended Bluff Springs School

BLUFF SPRINGS SCHOOL (continued)



**Bluff Springs Students
far right Walter Wheeler
and Medearis**



**Left back - Wheeler
Back right - Jackson
Front right - Medearis**



**J.C. Overton, Edward Medearis
Walter Wheeler, Elroy, Jackson
Walter Wheeler rode a donkey
to school**



**Erma Miller Williams, teacher
Taken at Bluff Springs School**

**CARL SCHOOL
DISTRICT 40**

In 1934-35, Carl School had 39 students with one teacher. The cost per year was \$454, with an average of \$10.32 per student per average daily attendance. The one teacher taught seven grades for 117 deays and got paid for six months.

LIST OF STUDENTS:

R 1 Creedmoor	Crenshaw, Norman (16), Jesse Lee (14), Thelma (10), Jewell (7)
R 1 Creedmoor	Franklin, Verdee (14m), Marie (12), Troy (9), Robert (6)
R 1 Buda	Hill, Joseph (16), Ray (14), Michael, Jr. (12), Gussie (8)
Buda	Kavanaugh, I. G. (15), Annie May (13), Gertrude (11), Wilbert (8)
R 1 Buda	Millier, J. W. (12)
RFD Buda	Reid, Wilman (14), Lonnie (11), Naror Jo (7f)
R 1 Creedmoor	Slaughter, Eunice (16), George, Jr. (14), Stella May (12) Lois (9), Joe (7)
R 1 Buda	Sneed, James (15)
Buda	Sneed, Ruth (7)
Manchaca	Sorrels, Mae B. (16)
R 1 Creedmoor	Wheeler, William (16), Vernon D. (14), Geneva (9) Anne Gene (8), Kathryn (7)
R 1 Creedmoor	Wilson, Woodrow (3), V. L. (12f) Norvel (9f)

NO INTERVIEWS

**CARLSON SCHOOL
DISTRICT 24**

In 1934-35, Carlson School had 41 students with an average daily attendance of 32 students. There was one teacher for 41 students. The cost per year was \$374, an average of \$11.68 per student per year. The teacher taught seven grades for 115 days per year and got paid for six months.

LIST OF STUDENTS:

R 2 Manor	Bradford, Clyde (12)
R 1 Coupland	Bryan, Carlina (15), Lillie Mae (8), Willie Mae (6)
R 1 Coupland	Bryan, William E. (7)
Coupland	Collins, Gladis Jr. (16m) Mack (14), Robert (12), Ada (10), Willie Mae (8), Dorothy M. (6)
R 1 Coupland	Croft, William (17), Bertrom (15)
R 1 Manor	Davis, Perlle Mae (12), Carlee (10), Mary (8), Blanch (6)
R 1 Coupland	Green, Joe Lee (17)
R 2 Manor	Jackson, Willie (10)
R 1 Coupland	Mayes, John (15), Mildred (15)
Coupland	Morris, Verline (12), Johnnie M. (11f), Myrtle (8)
R 2 Manor	Nash, Charles (12)
R 1 Coupland	Piper, Sidney (17), Henrietta (13), Velree (11)
R 1 Coupland	Ransom, Luciele (14), Jimie Lewis (13), Marie (12) Annie Bee (10)
R 1 Coupland	Turner, Lucile (7)
R 1 Coupland	Turner, Maybell (16), Ethel (14), W. J. (11), C. A. (9) Andrew (7)
R 1 Coupland	Vickes, Frank (12)

NO INTERVIEWS

**COLORADO SCHOOL NO. 1
COLORADO SCHOOL NO. 2
DISTRICT 36**

In 1934-35, Colorado School No. 1 had 36 students, with an average daily attendance of 21 students. There was one teacher for 36 students. The cost per year was \$495, an average of \$23.57 per student per year. The teacher taught seven grades for 116 days and got paid for six months.

Colorado School No. 2 had 63 students with an average daily attendance of 42 students. There was one teacher for 63 students. The cost per year was \$526, an average of \$12.52 per student per year. The teacher taught seven grades for 116 days and got paid for six months.

Colorado Schools became a part of Austin City Schools in 1952 when the district in which they were located was annexed by the City.

LIST OF STUDENTS: Census did not separate by school, only by District.

R 2 Austin	Arnold, Robbie (13), Cardel (13), Virlee (17f)
R 2 Austin	Atwood, Lula Mae (8), Bertha Lea (6)
R 2 Austin	Baker, Jewel (7m)
R 2 Austin	Bell, Lometa (6)
Del Valle	Bonner, Oneda (17), Ollie (15), Sherman (11)
R 2 Austin	Brown, O. D. (16)
R 2 Austin	Brown, Lee Edward (12), Charlie L. (9)
Del Valle	Caldwell, Lorenza (8m)
R 2 Austin	Carter, Leroy (14)
Del Valle	Davidson, C. Lester (15), John E. (9)
R 2 Austin	Dukes, David (15)
R 2 Austin	Edwards, Artie Lee (14f), Lucile (12), James A. (9)
Del Valle	Gilbert, Janie (15), Arthur (13), Helen (10), Varea (8) Elizabeth (6)
Del Valle	Gilbert, H. C. (17), Edward (15), Annie Law (13) Booker T. (12)
R 2 Austin	Hardin, Clara (15), Annie Mae (14), Stella B. (8), Nellie (7)
R 2 Austin	Harvey, Alma (17), Albert (17), May Bell (15), Andrew (12)
R 2 Austin	Henry, John R. (12), Loetta (10), Essa Mae (8), Richard D. (6)
R 2 Austin	Henry, H. B. (12), Lee Arthur (10), Lula Mae (8)
R 2 Austin	Henry, Richard (9)
R 2 Austin	Horton, Hazel (15)
Del Valle	Jones, Clarence (17), Ola Lee (15), Woodrow (13), Ollie (9) Will Edward (6)
Del Valle	Marshall, O. C. (13)
Del Valle	Maxwell, Laura (17), Albert (13) Gertrude (9)
Del Valle	Murry, Samuel (17)
R 2 Austin	Nesby, Dora (10)

COLORADO SCHOOL NO. 1 AND NO. 2 (continued)

Del Valle	Patterson, Mace (13), Bernice (12)
R 2 Austin	Rucker, Bieselle (17), James (14), Noah (12), Annie Mae (9)
R 2 Austin	Sneed, Dorothy Nell (8), Willie (6)
R 2 Austin	Spence, Chester (9)
Del Valle	Sterling, Lester (15), Katherine (13), Otis (11), James (10) Dorothy (8)
Del Valle	Sterling, Chester A. (18f), Woodrow (16), Eugene (15) Ernestine (13)
Del Valle	Thompson, Lorenza (16m), Edward (14), Margarette (12), Israel (11), N. L. (9), Leroy (7)
Del Valle	Thompson, Roosevelt (12), Verma Lee (9m), Bernice (7)
Del Valle	Walker, Geneva (15), Essie (13), Hattie (11), Everett (9), Lillie B. (6)

NO INTERVIEWS

COMANCHE SCHOOL A ROSENWALD RURAL SCHOOL

Construction of the Comanche School started in 1931, and it was completed and ready for school in 1932. Comanche School was a two-teacher school. The school was built on two and one-half acres of land and built during the 1930-31 budget year. The total cost of the school was \$4,100; insurance was \$2,000. The \$4,100 was paid as follows: "Negroes, \$400; Public, \$3,300; and Rosenwald, \$400.

TEACHERS:

Professor Yancy
M. H. T. Haynes
Etta Roach

Mary Lee Jones attended the Comanche School. She picked cotton in Forney. She moved to Forney in 1925 and was baptized in Forney. The Comanche Indians crossed this area. This is why the school was named Comanche School.

Mary Alice Arnold attended the Comanche School until the 8th grade.

LIST OF SOME STUDENTS:

Mary Alice Arnold
Mary Lee Jones
Alemun Hill
Jimmie Hill

INTERVIEWS: JIMMIE HILL and ALEMUS HILL contributed information for the paragraph.



Comanche School

**COTTONWOOD SCHOOL
DISTRICT 29**

In 1934-35, Cottonwood School had 32 students with an average daily attendance of 15 students. There was one teacher for 32 students. The cost per year was \$431, an average of \$28.73 per student per year. The teacher taught seven grades for 155 days and got paid for eight months. The teacher's salary was \$50.00 a month.

LIST OF STUDENTS:

R 3 Elgin	Alexander, L. B. (8)
R 2 Elgin	Anderson, Vernice (12), Winifield (11m)
R 2 Manor	Brown, Jessie (15m), Margie (12), Harrell (9), Louise (7)
R 2 Elgin	Carthen, J. C. (7), Louise (17)
R 2 Manor	Collins, Archie (13), Ella Mae (15), Chester (11)
R 4 Manor	Easley, Claudie (14), John Henry (12), Emanuel (11)
R 2 Manor	Givens, Archie (8), Tonnis (7)
R 2 Manor	Green, B. T. (17)
R 2 Manor	Hicks, C. D. (16), Millie M. (14), Rozell (13), Lee Homer (12) Maud Esther (8)
R 2 Manor	Hunter, Crayton (16), Eddie Lee (13), Jessie B. (10m)
R 2 Manor	Jackson, Howard (17), Frank (15), Walker (13), Silvester (12) Harvey (9)
Littig	Jones, Hubert (12), Emery (10), Velma (11), James (8), Dolores
R 3 Elgin	Keys, Hom (12)
R 2 Manor	Morris, Olga (16)
R 3 Elgin	Patterson, Pearson (14f)
R 4 Manor	Rhodes, Gladys G. (6)
R 4 Manor	Rhodes, Clifton (7)
R 2 Manor	Smith, Jeffrey (9f), Clearo (8f), Cornelia (7)
R 2 Manor	Williams, Ethel (16), Jimmie Lee (15), James (13)
R 2 Manor	Wilson, Lillie May (14), Warren (13), Altie (6f)

INTERVIEW:

GERTRUDE (MOORE) BALLERD attended Cottonwood School in the early 1940s. She identified her teacher as Mr. Brown. Ms. Ballerd stated that the school is still standing.

**CREEDMOOR SCHOOL
DISTRICT 41**

In 1934-35, Creedmoor School had 32 students with an average daily attendance of 22 students. There was one teacher for 32 students. The cost per year was \$445, an average of \$20.23 per student per year. The teacher taught seven grades for 120 days and was paid for six months.

LIST OF STUDENTS:

R 1 Creedmoor	Brown, J. C. (13)
Creedmoor	Dixon, Laura (16), Robert (12)
R 2 Creedmoor	Evans, Ida Mae (7)
R 1 Creedmoor	Evans, Birdie Jean (11), Willie Jewell (9), Bessie (7)
R 1 Creedmoor	Haynes, Cardell (8), Verlee (7)
R 1 Creedmoor	Hill, Wanita (9)
R 1 Creedmoor	Mathis, Rose Mae (7)
R 2 Creedmoor	Meyers, Ella Lee (16)
R 2 Creedmoor	Morris, Leslie (13m), Bertha (12), Ariline (11), Esta Mae (10) Sidney, Jr. (6)
R 1 Creedmoor	Nixon, Edward (15), Leanna (14)
R 1 Creedmoor	Owens, Betty Jean (7), Bessie May (11)
R 2 Creedmoor	Price, Ruby Mae (5), Jessie (13f), Herbewrt (10)
R 2 Creedmoor	Shannon, Walter (15)
R 2 Creedmoor	Sneed, Lena Mae (14)
R 2 Creedmoor	Washington, Rosa Lee (14)

NO INTERVIEWS

**DECKER SCHOOL
DISTRICT 19**

In 1934-35, Decker School had 35 students. There was one teacher for 35 students.

LIST OF STUDENTS:

R 5 Manor	Arnold, Virlee (17)
Manor	Bell, Mattie May (16), Maron (14m), Elliz (10), Ceo (9m)
R 5 Manor	Dove, Evelyn (11)
Manor	Easley, Ealine (15), Jeffey (13m)
R 5 Manor	Evans, Walter J. (9), Mary L. (17), Willie J. (15), Eris Lee (7m)
R 1 Austin	Hardman, Betha Lee (15), John (13)
R 1 Manor	Lee, Jane (15)
R 5 Manor	Miller, Mather (17)
R 5 Manor	Monroe, Geneva (13), Doc Clerence (12), Ima Jean (11)
Manor	Perkins, Janes (15), Elmo (13), Annie (11)
R 1 Manor	Perkins, Joe, Jr. (15)
R 5 Manor	Terry, David (17), Alma (15), L. C. (13), Challie (7m)
R 1 Austin	Walker, Clarence (12), James (10), Geo (12), Mary (10)
	McKiney (8)
R 7 Austin	White, Sarah (11)
R 5 manor	Wilson, Henry (1), Myrth (9)

NO INTERVIEWS

**DRY CREEK SCHOOL
DISTRICT 37**

In 1934-35, Dry Creek School had 30 students. Dry Creek was a one-teacher school. The assessed valuation, of the tax paying property, was \$1,786.

LIST OF STUDENTS:

R 6 Austin	Alexander, Everett (14), Arthur (10), Anita Bess (8), Bertha (7)
R 2 Del Valle	Bethany, James (12)
R 2 Del Valle	Carter, Edna Lee (15)
Austin	Kennard, Fannie Lee (13), Audie (11m), James (9), Houston (7) Josephine (5)
R 2 Del Valle	Overton, Myribel (14), Norris (8)
R 2 Del Valle	Perkins, Lorie (16), E. L. (10f)
Del Valle	Roberts, Edward (16), Eugene (4), Rosie Lee (11m)
Del Valle	Sneed, Otto (17), Verdie Lee (16), Thedor (15), Willie Mae (14)
R 2 Del Valle	Walker, J. D. (17), Tabitha (14), Albert (11), Unice (9) Lee Edward (7)

NO INTERVIEWS

**ELROY SCHOOL
DISTRICT 64**

LIST OF STUDENTS:

R 2 Del Valle	Atkinson, Alvin (13), Rey (11)
R 2 Del Valle	Cavanaugh, Beulah (9)
R 2 Del Valle	Dixon, Melvin (8), Peary (6)
R 2 Del Valle	Gildon, Annella B. (15), Marie (12), Verlie (10), Josephine (8)
R 2 Del Valle	Nicholes, A. C. B. (16)
R 2 Del Valle	Parks, Menuel (16), Kermit (15)
R 2 Del Valle	Patton, Alberta (16), Alvira (14), Alvin (12), James (7)
R 2 Del Valle	Smith, Georgia (16), Joseph (13)
R 2 Del Valle	Swan, Joseph (13), Edward (6)
R 2 Del Valle	Wilson, Normalle (10), Jessie B. (9m), America (7f)

NO INTERVIEWS

**ESPERANZA SCHOOL
DISTRICT 7**

Roy W. Davis, son of Waller L. Davis, claims that the school was a log cabin founded in 1860 under the local spring name Spicewood.

TEACHER:

Miss Lillie B. Jones had a Second Grade Certificate. The school met for five and one-half months.

LIST OF STUDENTS:

R 4 Manor McDade, Altee (10)

INTERVIEW:

ROY W. DAVIS, son of Waller L. Davis, gave a statement.

FISKVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT 11

In 1934-35, Fiskville School had 24 students with an average daily attendance of 16 students. There was one teacher for 24 students. The cost per year was \$626, an average of \$39.13 per student per year. The teacher taught seven grades for 152 days and was paid for eight months.

The Fiskville School was located about eight miles north of Austin. The school burned in 1940 and was replaced with another school at the same place.

Fiskville School became a part of the Austin Public Schools in 1951, when the district in which it was located was annexed by the City.

TEACHER:

Miss Pearl Wilson had a First Grade Certification. The school operated for five months each school year.

LIST OF STUDENTS:

R 3 Austin	Austin, Crispine (17m), Burnice (15)
R 3 Austin	Barton, Lucile (8), Arvella (15), Virgie (14), Willie (8f)
R 3 Austin	Black, Willis (14)
R 3 Austin	Brown, Willie Lee (14f), Winnie Lee (14), Laura Lee (10), Joe R. (10), Charlie (9)
R 3 Austin	Dean, Francis M. (8f)
R 3 Austin	Deloney, L. V. (17), Bertha May (14), Johnny M. (10), Mabel Gean (8)
R 3 Austin	Edwards, Grace (15)
R 3 Austin	Hughes, Sherman (16), Mildred (17)
R 3 Austin	Johnson, Harvey C. (9), Dorothy May (6)
R 3 Austin	Johnson, Ida May (17), Lorena (15), Robert (13) Gorges, Jr. (10)
R 3 Austin	Jones, R. J. (16)
R 3 Austin	Jones, Sadie (15), Sara (12), Johny (10m), Agnes (8)
R 3 Austin	Jones, Clara (15), Lula (13), Lilly (10)
R 3 Austin	Matthews, Jestine (10)
St. John Orphanage	Parker, Janie (17)
R 3 Austin	Patterson, Helen (14)
R 3 Austin	Peoples, Mary (13), Aness (10), Ally May (8)
R 3 Austin	Richards, Eda Mary (17), Ellen (15), Callie May (11)
R 3 Austin	Rodgers, Emma Virginia (13)
R 3 Austin	Russell, L. D. (13)
R 3 Austin	St. John, Loyd (12)
R 3 Austin	Smith, Lawrence (14)
R 3 Austin	Smith, Lizetti (11) Morcella (14)

FISKVILLE SCHOOL (continued)

R 3 Austin	Sneed, Burnice (15)
R 3 Austin	Thomason, Eva (15)
R 3 Austin	Wells, Vera (16)
R 3 Austin	Williams, Chester (12)
R 3 Austin	Winston, Hattie (11)
R 3 Austin	Wright, Albert (15), Lillie M. (11), Lucyle (8)

NO INTERVIEWS

**GARFIELD SCHOOL
DISTRICT 35**

In 1934-35, Garfield School had 82 students with an average daily attendance of 45 students. Garfield School was a two-teacher school with 41 students per teacher. The cost per year was \$1,456, an average of \$32.35 per student per year. There were seven grades. Classes were for 120 days, and the teachers were paid for six months.

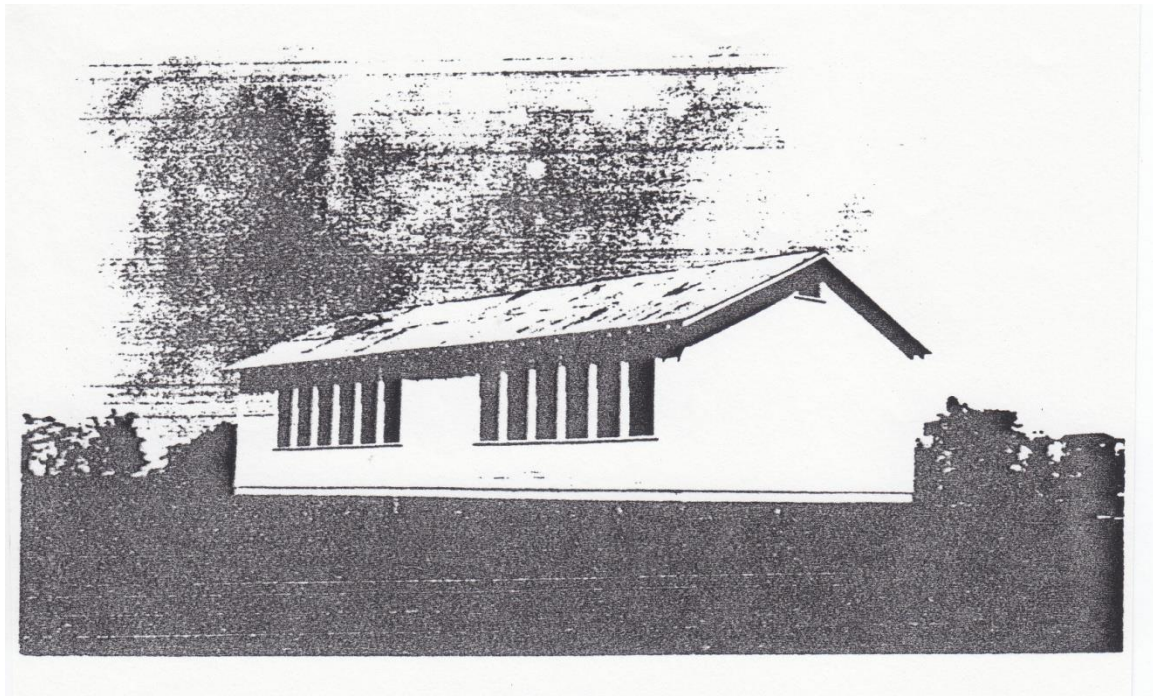
LIST OF STUDENTS:

Del Valle	Arnold, David, Jr. (12), Bernice (8), Gladys (7)
Del Valle	Basped, Gussie Lee (13), Mabel Lee (10), Bufford (8)
Del Valle	Bell, Dorothy M. (6)
Del Valle	Belvin, L. C., Jr. (7)
Del Valle	Brewer, Johnsie (17f)
Del Valle	Byrd, Lawrence (8)
Del Valle	Caro, Evline (16), Lovelle (15), Sampson, Jr. (8), Mearl (7f)
Del Valle	Casmere, Lillian (15)
Del Valle	Clark, C. J. (14), Thomos J. (13), George M. (11), Laura Mae (9) Lawrence (7f), Virginia (6)
Del Valle	Clark, Annie Lee (16), Esta Mae (12), Ella Mae (9)
Del Valle	Clark, Carie Lee (16), Jesse (13), James (9), Beulah Mae (7)
Del Valle	Collins, Bertie Lee (8f)
Del Valle	Davis, Eveline (13), Comella (11), Jerome (9), Salem, Jr. (7)
Del Valle	Eagle, Mae (16), Ivan (13), Lillian L. (9)
Del Valle	Earls, Mace (17), Morris (15), Mourine (10), Minnie V. (8) Theodor (13), Pearline (6)
Del Valle	Elgin, Stella (16), Lena (11), Rosa Lee (8)
Del Valle	Fletcher, Florence (16), Sandy (14), Willie (12), Nettie (10) Verdell (8m)
Del Valle	Fowler, Senie Mae (7)
Del Valle	Galloway, Leon (10)
Del Valle	Houston, Ruthie Mae (6)
Del Valle	Houston, Eula Lee (13), Elmo (14)
Del Valle	Houston, Robert W. (16), Henrietta (14), Sousanna (12), R. Ella (10), James (6)
Del Valle	Houston, Willie (7)
Del Valle	Houston, Maybelle (12), Louise (11)
Del Valle	Houston, Ellaner (8)
Del Valle	Howard, Brady Lee (14m), Annie Mae (12), Oscar B. (9), A. G. (6)
Del Valle	Hutchins, Freddie Lee (10), Sherman (8)
Del Valle	Jackson, Herbert (16), Maxine (14), Ethel Lee (12), L. G. (9) J. Dempsey (7)
Del Valle	James, Edward (17), Thomas (15), Beatrice (13), Essie Ola (10)
Del Valle	Johnson, Josephine (7)

GARFIELD SCHOOL (continued)

Del Valle	Jones, Beatrice (9)
Del Valle	Jones, Annie Pearl (7)
Del Valle	King, Helen (13)
Del Valle	Mackey, Florida Lee (6)
Del Valle	Mickey, Albert L. (11)
Del Valle	Nickles, A. C. (17), Lula Mae (15)
Del Valle	Ockletree, Lweah Mae (16), Walter (15)
Del Valle	Ockletree, Forrest (13)
Del Valle	Prince, Elvis (17), Orphelia (15)
Del Valle	Sanders, L. V. (6)
Del Valle	Williams, Robert (16)
Del Valle	Wilson, Bernice (7)
Del Valle	Wright, Eveline (13), Birdie Lee (17)

NO INTERVIEWS



Garfield School House

**GRAVEL HILL SCHOOL
DISTRICT 30
A ROSENWALD RURAL SCHOOL**

The Gravel Hill School was built in 1928-29 on two acres of land. It was a two teacher school. It was built under the 1928-29 county budget, application number 39-H for a total cost of \$2,559 and insurance \$1,000. The African-American community contributed \$700, the public \$1,650 and Rosenwald \$200.

In 1934-35, Gravel Hill School had 69 students with an average daily attendance of 48 students. There were two teachers. The cost per year was \$951, an average of \$19.81 per student per year. The teachers taught 156 days and were paid for eight months.

TEACHERS:

Mary Jones Washington
Annie Baker
Jessie Childs
B. Crump
Verla Flower Swisher
Prof. F. Adams
Mrs. Merrieweather
Mrs. Hillis

LIST OF STUDENTS:

Lois Earls
Ginnetta Shackles
Willie B. Routts
Harris
Fosters
Gildons
Decoup
Queens
Bewlls
Butons
Hicks
Richardsons
Jones
Easleys
Brauns
Phillips
Banks
Allens
Hunters

GRAVEL HILL SCHOOL (continued)

INTERVIEWS:

GINNETTA SHACKLES MORRIS attended Gravel Hill for only one year, in 1936, when she was in the 6th grade. Her aunt, Mary Jones Washington, was the professor, and taught grades 6 through 11. Her parents lived in Oklahoma City, but that one year she stayed with her aunt and went to Gravel Hill.

Gravel Hill had two rooms. Ginnetta Shackles remembered going to Kealing School and taking part in an Interscholastic League spelling match. She took first prize.

After that year, she went back to Oklahoma City. The school, Gravel Hill, was closed, and the students went to Manor and Littig Schools.

“Our exercise activity was recess. We would divide into teams and play games such as baseball, races, relays, and other kind of games.”

“We did a lot of competition: spelling bees, looking words up in the dictionary, and debating. We all loved school and got a lot out of school. It was expected that we attend school as much as possible.”

“We enjoyed the school picnic, which came in the spring, at the close of the school year.”

Her aunt, Mary Jones Washington, retired from L. L. Campbell School, in Austin Independent School District, in 1972.

LOIS EARLS DANIELS, a student, was interviewed and said the following: “There was no electricity. First there were two teachers; then only one, Mary Jones Washington of Littig. The rooms were very large. Recess was fun. We had to study hard and the teachers expected a lot. Grades 1st through 7th were taught. We all learned a lot of the same material. We heard it so much, over and over and over. Some of the families were the Earls, Burtons, Easleys, Jones, Lee and Hicks, who had children in the Gravel Hill School.”

REV. WILLIE B. ROUTT, SR., a student, was interviewed and said the following: “My teachers that I remember were Prof. F. Adams, Mrs. Merrieweather, and Mrs. Hillis. They were good teachers and helped in the community.”

He had good memories of his teachers. “They cared for us at school as well as at home. We were all treated the same. It didn’t matter if we wore the same clothes everyday, and the same the next year by a brother or sister. If we had no money or food, they would look out for us and showed love.”

The school was an old white bulding with small classrooms and crowded. It had oil lamps, wood and coal heaters, and a large playground. The school had blackboards and chalk and very few windows. The drinking water was in buckets and barrels. When the weather was bad we stayed inside because the playground was all black mud.

“We took our lunch in sacks from home. Our lunch was biscuits with jelly or syrup, peanut butter, sometimes fat back, and boiled eggs.”

“The students were disciplined. Most of the time we would be made to stay inside during play periods. If we didn’t behave, we would get licks with a strap.”

Rev. Routt, Sr. listed other teachers he remembered: Annie Baker, Jessie Childes, B. Crump, Mary Washington, and Verla Flower Swisher.



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GRAVEL HILL SCHOOL (continued)

STUDENTS OF THE SCHOOL

The Family of Henrietta Amos-Easley



Henrietta



Johnnie



Doise



Sallie



Gilbert



Bertha



Bertha, Doise, Johnnie, Sally & Gilbert

**GREGG SCHOOL
DISTRICT 16**

In 1935-36, Gregg School had 62 students. There was one teacher for 62 students. The teacher taught seven grades for 118 days and got paid for six months.

LIST OF STUDENTS:

R 1 Manor	Burleson, Johnnie Mae (7), Dorothy J. (6)
R 3 Austin	Clark, Odd (15), Odell (13), Euler Mae (10)
R 1 Manor	Clark, Lonzo (10), Daniel (9), Frances L. (7)
R 1 Manor	Collins, Jessie, Jr. (14m), Annie M. (11)
R 1 Manor	Davis, Esron (17)
R 1 Manor	Grant, Ruby (16), Pinckney (14), Benjamin (12), C. L. (10), Annie (8)
R 5 Manor	Holton, Maable (12)
R 1 Manor	Hood, Vernon (17), Albert (15), Seth Milton (11), Alfred (15)
R 1 Manor	Jackson, Bessie Lee (9)
R 1 Manor	Johnson, Rufus (15), Andrew (13)
R 2 Manor	Mackey, L. V. (15), Levi (14), Minnie Lee (12), Irene (9) Matthews J. (10), Johnnie M (7f)
R 1 Manor	Monroe, L. V. (17f), David (15), Carrie Lee (13), Johnnie Mae (11) Annie Mae (9)
R 1 Manor	Monroe, Otie B. (17m), Tommie (1), Martha (13), Maud (12) Olivia (10), Icio (8m)
R 1 Manor	Monroe, Alex (6)
R 1 Manor	Moore, Charles (13), Will (11)
R 1 Manor	Reed, Burnice (15), Jimmie (13)
R 1 Manor	Russell, Dorthy M. (9), Lucille (6)
R 1 Manor	Turner, Victoria (10), Lillie Mae (8), Idale (6f)
R 1 Manor	White, U. L. (17), Robert Lee (13), Helen (11), Julie Mae (7)
R 1 Manor	Williams, Maud (13), George B. (10), Jimmie Lee (8m), Ruby Lee (6)
R 1 Manor	Wilson, Sederia (17)
R 1 Manor	Young, Dan (16), L. C. (13), Maud Ester (11), Will Ida (9)

NO INTERVIEWS

**HORNSBY DUNLAP SCHOOL
HORNSBY NO. 2 SCHOOL
DISTRICT 33**

In 1934-35, Hornsby Dunlap School had 83 students with an average daily attendance of 21 students. There was one teacher for 83 students. The cost per year was \$580, an average of \$27.20 per student per year. The teachers taught seven grades for 114 days and were paid for six months.

In 1934-35, Hornsby No. 2 School had 26 students with an average daily attendance of 31 students. There was one teacher for 26 students. The cost per year was \$585, an average of \$18.87 per student per year. The teacher taught seven grades for 114 days and was paid for six months.

The Hornsby Dunlap School consolidated with Webberville in 1952-1956, a school with (2) two departments: Primary with Mrs. Lydia Scales, teacher for grades 1 through 4; and Intermediate with Mrs. Effie R. Edwards, head teacher for grades 5 through 8 for the Webberville School.

TEACHERS:

Mrs. Effie R. Edwards – 1942-1952

Mrs. Etta Roach – prior to 1942

LIST OF STUDENTS, 1935-36:

R 4 Manor	Alexander, Anetta (11), Archalee (9f)
R 4 Manor	Allen, Willie May (15), Sammie (12), Denana (11f)
R 1 Austin	Allen, Dora Lee (14)
R 1 Austin	Bedford, David (11), Percy Lee (8)
R 4 Manor	Canada, Willie R. (13), Therod (11), Fanny May (9)
R 1 Austin	Canady, Wenfry (17)
R 1 Austin	Canady, Elicia (16m), Earnest (14m)
R 4 Manor	Clark, Ollie (14), Raymoa (11), Charley (10)
R 4 Manor	Davis, Freddie (9)
R 1 Austin	Dukes, Anna Bell (2)
R 1 Austin	Eppright, William (14), Samuel (13), Earnest Lee (12), Henry N. (8) C. Andrew (7)
R 1 Austin	Finnen, Ella May (11), Everett (11), Beulah (9), Harvey (8), Horace (8)
R 1 Austin	Galoway, Clifton (17), Cleora (15m)
R 1 Austin	Houston, Alvin (16), Lawrence (14), Eddie (12), L. C. (10)
R 5 Manor	Jackson, McKinley (16), Jimmie (14), Sammie (10)
R 4 Manor	Jones, Willie B. (15), Willie May (13), Sammie T. (11), Earnest (9)
R 4 Manor	Lee, Margie (11), Jack, Jr. (8)
R 1 Austin	McKinerly, Pershing (16), James (15), Norman (14), Imagune (12) Ora Maud (9), David T. (7)
R 1 Austin	Nichols, Carrie May (15)
R 1 Austin	Preston, Ona May (8), J. D. (6)

HORNSBY DUNLAP SCHOOLS (continued)

R 1 Austin Sanders, Edwin, Jr. (13), Roy (7)
R 4 Manor Smith, Lawrence (14), Louise (9)
R 4 Manor Taylor, Alice (14), Willie C. (11), Eerlee (9f), A. W. (7)
R 1 Austin Walker, Genia May (16), Ollie, Jr. (14), John Arthur (12),
Frank James (10), Willie (8)
R 1 Austin Walker, Ethel (15), A. C. (13), Maggie (11), Howard (9), Willie (8)

INTERVIEW:

MRS. E. R. EDWARDS was a teacher at Hornsby Dunlap School.

The foresight of two pioneers, Reuben Hornsby and Josiah Wilbargar, in 1832-33, was to blaze the trail in order to maintain the land in this community. Their struggle with the Indians and many hardships shall always be a part of history. Their interest in the community led to the consolidation of two schools. The Hornsby School and Dunlap School, situated about three and one-half miles apart on the Austin-Webberville Road, were built around 1833.

In 1905, the court passed an order, and the school district was called Hornsby-Dunlap. The first session of the consolidated White schools began October 15, 1906.

In later years, as the population grew there were two schools added to the district. They were known as Hornsby Dunlap Colored School and Hornsby-Dunlap Mexican School, and the Hornsby No. 2 School, making three (3) segregated schools in the community with trustees to oversee the needs of each school.

Prior to September 1942, the Hornsby-Dunlap Colored School was located in the small community on FM 969. The trustees employed a teacher, named Mrs. Etta Roach.

In June 1942, Mrs. Effie R. Edwards was selected by trustees, George Bevell, James Glass, and others to become the next teacher of the Hornsby Dunlap Colored School. The three schools in the community were a part of the Travis County School District.

The school building was a one-room structure with no utilities. Electricity, running water or sewerage systems were not installed. There was a pot-bellied wood-burning heater in the center of the room. "We had to carry drinking water from a nearby neighbor's well, and we used outside latrines."

By 1945, with the help of a strong PTA, the school received electricity, and asbestos siding for the outside of the building. This added warmth to the building as well as outside looks. Later, a well was drilled to provide water on the campus.

For years, the school and church activities were the focal points for the community. Parental participation made it easy for teacher-student relationships. The students were eager to take part in the growth and the learning processes.

Some of the activities for students were as follows: performed school plays for community enjoyment, participated in the Radio Questionnaires conducted by the University of Texas Radio Broadcasting School, displayed at Travis County Livestock Fair, participated in intra-mural school activities with Del Valle, Garfield, Montopolis, and Creedmoor Schools.

HORNSBY DUNLAP SCHOOLS (continued)

Other activities included 4-H Club excursions to Six Flags of Texas in Arlington; a day at Brackenridge Park and Zoo in San Antonio; a trip to the Texas Memorial Museum; and a visit to the State Capitol of Texas.

They also participated in church activities at St. Elmo Baptist Church, had an active PTA, and were involved in purchasing classroom and playground equipment. The teaching aids enhanced the learning process.

“After the consolidation of Hornsby and Webberville Schools in 1952, we continued to strive for excellence.” The first project was a fundraiser to purchase visual-aid equipment and a movie projector. A bus was purchased to transport the children to Webberville from Hornsby Dunlap Community. After four years as a teacher at Hornsby-Webberville, Mrs. E. R. Edwards was employed by the Austin Independent School District.

**KIMBRO NO. 1
KIMBRO NO. 2
DISTRICT 28**

In 1934-35, Kimbro No. 1 had 18 students with an average daily attendance of 10 students. There was one teacher for 18 students. The cost per year was \$600, an average of \$60.00 per student per year. The teacher taught seven grades for 155 days and was paid for eight months.

TEACHER:

Lydia Mackey Scales

LIST OF STUDENTS:

R 3 Elgin	Allen, Amos (10), Leslie B. (6f)
R 2 Manor	Crenshaw, Albert (15), Geo Willie (13), Paul Lawrence (10) Emma Euth (8)
R 2 Manor	Denmon, Lillian M. (6)
R 2 Manor	Dickerson, Myrtle E. (13), Van J. (11)
R 2 Manor	Dove, Lucy B. (15), Martha Lee (13), Edna Mae (7)
R 2 Manor	Gordon, Sammy (17), Mary (15), Leroy (12)
R 3 Elgin	Gregg, Zephyr (16)
R 2 Manor	Griffin, John B. (10)
R 3 Elgin	Harris, Dorris (17), Elizabeth (16)
R 2 Manor	Hatch, Lucy (15), Clifford (11), Calvin (9)
R 3 Elgin	Hawkins, Woodie (16), Larence (13f), Ollie (12f), Henry (10) Curtis (7)
R 2 Manor	Huff, Ernest (6)
Littig	Johns, Macil (14f), Marshall, Jr. (11), Ruby Lee (9)
R 2 Manor	Johnson, Henrietta (15)
R 2 Elgin	Johnson, Noah E. (13), Barney (10), Miles (9)
R 2 Elgin	King, L. G. (17)
R 2 Elgin	King, Thelma (6)
R 2 Manor	Loving, Lee Roy, Jr. (7)
R 2 Manor	McNeal, Edward (7)
R 2 Manor	Morgan, Geo Perry (9), Else B. (6f)
R 2 Manor	Underwood, Mamie (12)
R 2 Elgin	Washington, Bernice (17), J. C. (14), Mattie Ruth (11), Marion (9f) Lue Bell (10)
R 2 Elgin	Washington, Edwin Lee (11)
R 2 Elgin	Wilson, Florde May (8), Frances (6)
R 2 Manor	Woods, Jessie May (16), Cleveland (13)

KIMBRO NO. 1 AND KIMBRO NO. 2 (continued)

INTERVIEW:

SAMMY MACKEY said that the first Kimbro School was given to the blacks. It provided a school nearer to where they lived.

Another Kimbro School was built as a replacement around 1939-40.

Sammy Mackey and his brothers, Audrey and Green Mackey, Jr., attended Kimbro also. They had attended school in Littig earlier, and had to return upon reaching higher grades, perhaps the seventh grade.

The Hemphill Family had children who also attended Kimbro in the early 1940s. The Hemphill's daughter and Sammy Mackey met and talked about the school building and the fun they had attending school there in the early 1940s.

It was a great treat to play games and then have spelling, reading and arithmetic lessons. The teachers were worthy of the job and wanted all to get an education.

**LITTIG SCHOOL
DISTRICT 30
A ROSENWALD RURAL SCHOOL**

In 1934-35, Littig School had 206 students with an average daily attendance of 94 students. There were four teachers, one for every 51 students. The cost per year was \$2,854, an average of \$30.56 per student per year. The school had classes through the tenth grade for 176 days and the teachers got paid for nine months.

The Littig School was built on two acres of land as a two-teacher school. It was built under the Travis County 1927-28 budget, application 9-G, at a total cost of \$3,720, with insurance costing \$2,000. The cost of the school was covered as follows: African Americans \$400, Public \$2,770 and Rosenwald \$500.

An article from the *Austin American* dated October 23, 1928, stated that the contract for the remodeling of the one-room Rosenwald Rural School was awarded by the board of trustees of the Littig school district, to make it a three-room school.

The Nalle Lumber Company of Austin, with a bid of \$1,871, was awarded the remodeling contract on the Rosenwald Rural School. "Elementary instruction in sewing, cooking, health work, cleanliness, and construction will be offered in the school this year," Mrs. George Fulton, county superintendent of schools said.

LIST OF STUDENTS:

Littig	Abram, Rosa (17), Corine (13)
Littig	Baker, Milton (9)
R 4 Manor	Bell, Anne (12), Orange (11)
R 4 Manor	Brown, Lily Bell (17), Johnie (14), Andrew (11)
R 4 Manor	Burleson, Johnie (13m)
R 4 Manor	Burton, Emily (15), Abra (12)
Littig	Cairo, Ruby (13), Andrew (11)
Littig	Carter, Terrance (15), Pralee (13f), Marjorie (10), Howard (8)
R 4 Manor	Collins, Jessie Mae (13)
Littig	Crenshaw, Carrie (15), Myrtle (13), Burlean (12f), Erie (10)
R 3 Elgin	Cunningham, William (14), Joseph (12), Annie (11), Leon (9)
	Dorthy (8), Dorrie (8)
R 3 Elgin	Decoy, Robert (17), Leon (11)
R 1 Elgin	Dovalle, Dallas (16m)
R 4 Manor	Earl, J. B. (10)
R 4 Manor	Earls, Eddie B. (11), Essie (12), Vernie (7)
R 4 Manor	Earls, Lois (12), Emmet (9), Mary (7)
R 4 Manor	Earaley, Dorthy (8), Wilbert (6)
R 4 Manor	Easley, Mary (13), Earl (11), R. L. (9), James (7)
R 4 Manor	Easley, Matthew (17), Joseph (11)
R 4 Manor	Foster, Allie (13), Mandy (9), Jessie (6)
Littig	Gibson, Edward (15), Sam (13)
Littig	Griffin, Willie (16f)

LITTIG SCHOOL (continued)

R 4 Manor	Harris, Bernice (15), Izanetta (13), Ruby D. (11), Robert (10)
Littig	Harrison, Alta (16), James (10), Ira (9), Joseph (6)
R 3 Elgin	Harrison, Lena (14), Lillie (14), Bertie (11), C. D. (7)
Littig	Henson, Bennie (6)
Littig	Hunter, Alberta (16), Fannie (12), M. W. (11)
R 4 Manor	Johnson, Arelan (17f), Clarence (14)
Littig	Jones, Otha (13m)
R 3 Elgin	Jones, Charles (11), Louis (7), Lucille (6)
R 3 Elgin	Jones, Littie (12)
R 1 Elgin	Jones, Earley (11m)
Littig	Jones, Verdall (7f)
R 4 Manor	Kelly, Leroy (9)
Littig	Lee, Thedie (25f), Manuel (16)
Littig	Loggins, Gladys (15), Eutaline (13), Josephine (10), John (9)
Littig	Marine, Olamac (11), Clifford (14)
R 4 Manor	Mitchell, Robert (7)
R 3 Elgin	Moore, Elzie (14m), Theolie (13f)
Littig	Pattison, Mary (9), Aroa (7f)
R 4 Manor	Phillips, A. F. (11), L. C. (17)
Littig	Pleasant, Willard (15)
R 4 Manor	Richerson, Altha (15), Earnest (12), Emmett (9)
Littig	Scott, Stanley (12)
R 4 Manor	Smith, Elton (16), Ruth (14), Bobbie (9f)
Littig	Sterling, Eddie (6), Curley (17), Pauline (16), Chester (16), Lucy (10) Alfornzo (10), Charles (8)
Littig	Stewart, Alvin (15), Sylvester (13), George (10), Frances (6)
Littig	Strong, Marjorie (11)
R 3 Elgin	Wilson, Willie (6f), Lizza (16), Louis (14), Emma (13), Sterlin (10) Elve Maud (8)

INTERVIEWS:

VELMA SMITH described her activities during her school years. She stated that she played basketball. Her best subject was mathematics. Professor Clayton was her teacher. She described the school as having three rooms. She remembered that it was very hot, and there were snakes on the school grounds.

When she was 16, she left Littig and went to Tillotson College in Austin for two years.

WILLIE FOWLER MARTIN attended Littig rural school from 1940 to 1950. Ms. Martin's teachers were Mrs. Ruth Manor, Mrs. Medlock, and Mrs. Stella Washington Crenshaw. Mr. J. C. Sadberry was the last principal at Littig High School. All of the teachers had a very personal interest in their students.

LITTIG SCHOOL (continued)

The Littig School building was moved to Kimbro in the late 1950s or early 1960s, and the remainder of the students went to Elgin to finish high school. The school was torn down, and all records were misplaced.

The Littig School had three large classrooms; grades one through four were in the south room; grades five through eight were in the middle room with a stage where programs were held; grades nine through twelve were on the north end. A library was also off from the middle room plus a storage room located behind the high school grades, which was attached to the main building. This was later used to prepare meals. Later lunch was prepared at the school and someone in the community prepared the meals. There was also a shop located west of the main building, about 150 yards west of the structure.

Students were disciplined by methods such as staying after school, staying in at recess, and doing janitorial work. Very seldom would a spanking be in order as a last resort. "We were raised at home in those days."

What memories do you have of your best friends at school? "I have fond memories of Mae Hue Allen and May Bell Birch. We were best friends through high school."

There were no athletic programs for girls, but they played many different kinds of games that were made up. Since all grades were in one school building there was an assortment of activities. Basketball was played by the boys. At one time there was a 4-H Club.

"Many of the students from Littig High School went on to lead very successful lives. We owe this to our teachers who placed strong emphasis on academics."

CARRIE COLLINS HOLMES, was interviewed while living in Los Angeles, California, regarding her activities during her school years. Her teacher was Mrs. Sadberry. She attended Littig Primary School. She carried her lunch in a metal lunch box.

She stated that later she attended Kimbro School and graduated from Elgin High School in 1960.

CLEAVON MANOR attended the Littig School from 1936-46 and from 1947-1950.

The teachers that he had were Mrs. Manor, Mrs. Sadberry, Mr. Sadberry, Mrs. Crenshaw, Mrs. Collins, Ms. Rath Gregg, and Mrs. Baker.

The school was a three-room school made out of lumber, and the school had a library. There was an outside building for the agricultural department. There was no indoor plumbing.

Cleavon Manor took his lunch in a box or paper bag. He said that students were disciplined with love. Some of his best friends were W. T. Allen and Mae Hue Allen, who were also his cousins.

During recess the students played softball, basketball, tough-of-war, and other games. Basketball was the only sport where there was some competition with other schools.

LITTIG SCHOOL (continued)

DONNIE COLLINS BREEDLOVE, from Dallas, was interviewed regarding her school days at Littig School.

The teacher she remembered was Mr. J. C. Sadberry. He took a personal interest in his students and wanted them to become successful adults. Donnie Breedlove had a report card from her time in the Littig School.

The school had three rooms and a library. The students had to take their lunch, since there was no lunchroom.

Some of the students that attended school with her were Willie Fowler and Mary Birch Austin. One of her best friends was Marcella Bobby Campbell, with whom she played dolls in grade school and studied with in college. Other information is that outstanding students came from Littig High School.

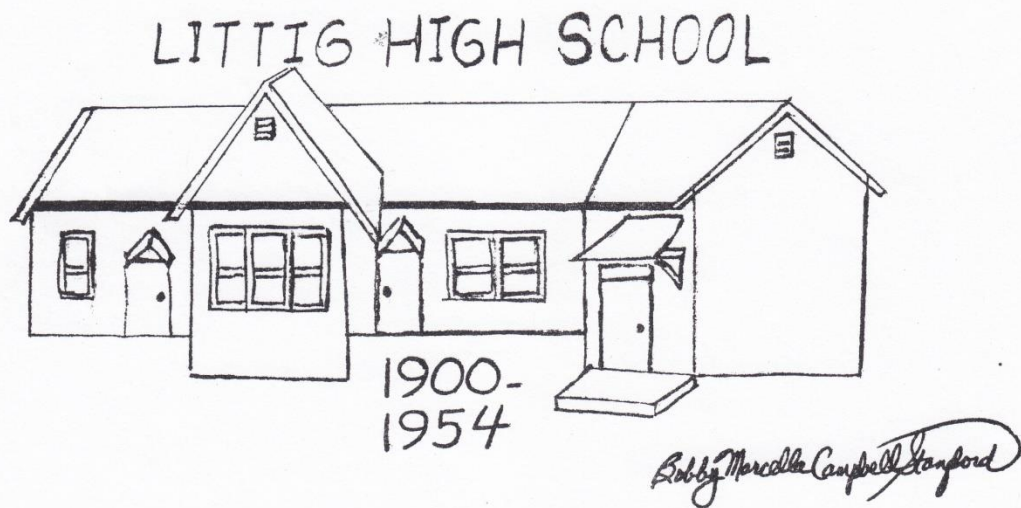
CHARLES STERLING, from Missouri City, was interviewed regarding his school days at Littig School. He attended school in the 1930s to 1942.

The teacher at that time was Ms. A. J. King, who was from Littig.

LITTIG SCHOOL (continued)

Littig High School Reunion – June 29 - 30, 1985.

LITTIG HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

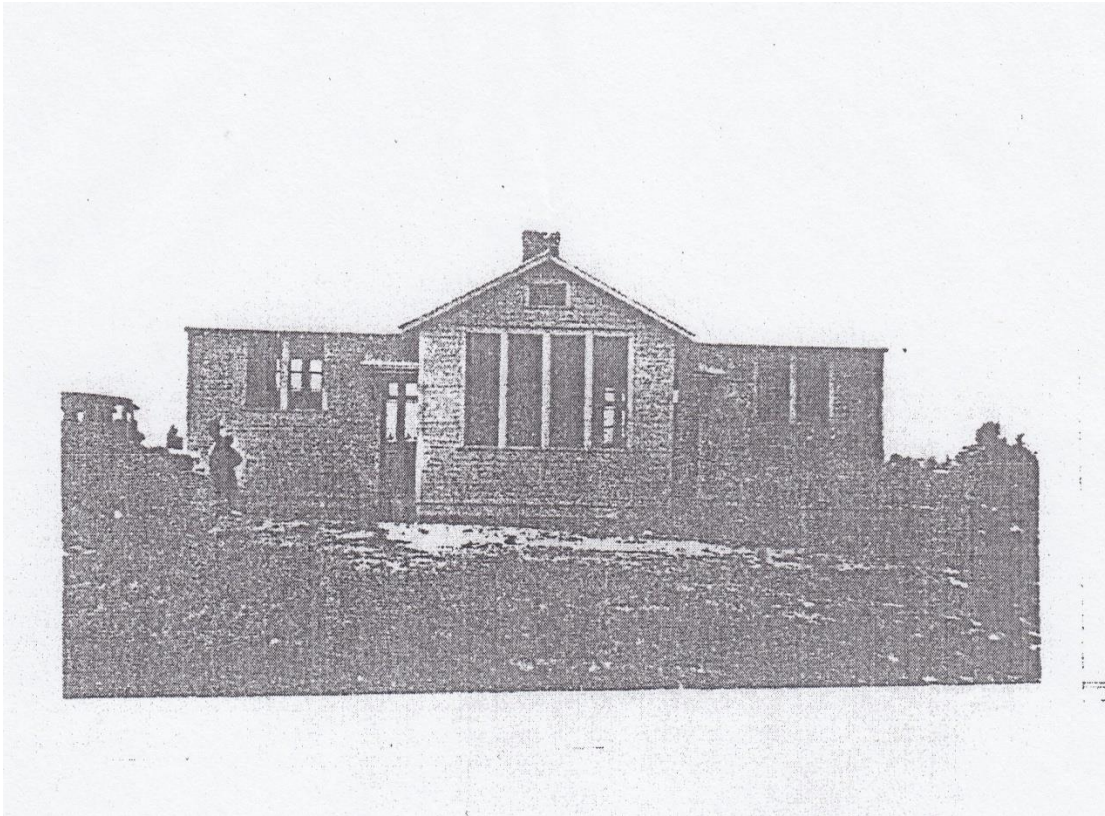


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"The First Littig High School Reunion"

LITTIG SCHOOL (continued)

Picture of the Littig School



Littig School, Texas
Travis County 2917
Two acres of land
Two-teacher type
Built under the 1927-28 budget
Application No. 9-G
Total cost: \$3,720; Insurance was \$2,000
African Americans - \$450
Public - \$2,770
Rosenwald - \$500

LUND SCHOOL DISTRICT 25

In 1934-35, the Lund School had 32 students. The ages ranged from 6 through 17 years. The total cost was \$2,141.

In 1947, the school closed and merged with Carlson, New Sweden, and Kimbro into the Manda Common School District.

LIST OF STUDENTS:

R 4 Manor	Butler, Cleora (15), Loucious (14), Mary Louise (7)
R 4 Elgin	Clay, Sessie (12m), Katie May (9)
R 4 Manor	Colvin, Willie Otha (15f)
R 4 Manor	Culberson, Orma Lee (14)
R 4 Manor	Hardeman, Emma Lee (8), Dorothy Mae (6)
R 4 Manor	Howard, Elisha (13)
Coupland	Jones, Johnnie (15), Rayshell (12m), Gillie (10f)
R 4 Elgin	Kerr, Essie, Jr. (6)
R 2 manor	Mackey, Ermine (16)
R 4 Elgin	Rogers, Sammie Mae (14), Elvora (11)

NO INTERVIEWS

MAHA SCHOOL DISTRICT 68

In 1934-35, Maha School had 67 students with an average daily attendance of 38 students. There was one teacher for 67 students. The cost per year was \$435, an average of \$11.45 per student per year. The teacher taught seven grades for 114 days and got paid for six months.

TEACHER:

Mrs. Minnie C. Overton

LIST OF STUDENTS:

Creedmoor	Baker, Levonia (17)
Creedmoor	Brockers, Willie Mae (16), J. B. (14), William (13), Thelma (7)
Creedmoor	Brown, J. B. (13)
Creedmoor	Bunton, Carlos (7)
Creedmoor	Dawson, W. J. (13), Audrey (10m), Verdel (7m)
Creedmoor	DeWitty, Overton (13), Colaska (13), Mary (11), Nettie (9)
Creedmoor	Fowler, Yancy (16), Leeworth 10), W. L. (8)
Creedmoor	Harvey, Lenora (17)
Creedmoor	Holmes, Jess (15), Henry (10), Johnie (9f) Arthur (7), Dallas (6)
Creedmoor	Horton, Wilma (14m), Velma (12), Lola (9), Virgie (7f)
Creedmoor	Jones, Roberta (16)
Creedmoor	Jones, Zeno (16)
Creedmoor	Kavanaugh, C. Doris (17f), Pauline (15), Alberta (14), Florena (11) Dorris (10), Hattie (7)
Creedmoor	Overton, Oneta (12), Albert (11)
Creedmoor	Overton, Hazel (17), Norris (15), Sherman (12), Volma (10) Edmondson (8), Nicholas (6)
Creedmoor	Procer, George (7)
Creedmoor	Sneed, Theodore (7)
Creedmoor	Winn, George (13), Grady (11f), Zutella (8), Wilbert (7)

INTERVIEW:

VOLMA R. OVERTON stated that the teacher of this school was Mrs. Minnie C. Overton. It was a one-room, one-teacher, all subject school. The school was made of lumber. The school had no indoor toilet, but it did have electricity. There was no cooling system. Lunches were brought to school by the students, using Rex Jelly metal buckets. The room was heated by a pot-bellied stove which burned coal. Students made the fire.

The parents were good, cooperative parents. Sometimes, the students would ride to school and sometimes they would walk. The distance was 3 to 5 miles. The children were not kept from school because of work.

MAHA SCHOOL (continued)

Water was brought to school in big containers. Parents took turns in getting this done. One week would be a certain family's turn, and the next week would be a different family's job.

The activities varied. Recess was devoted to physical education. Music was taught by the teacher. There often would be no piano.

The end-of-year activities were very exciting: speeches, which were long and interesting, were learned by the students; songs which had to be memorized were challenging. The students took great pride in looking good, as well as performing at their best level. The students were proud that they acted like good children and caused little or no trouble.

Students competed in activities such as spelling, singing, debating, and physical education in late spring. Winners of the district, which had competitive activities, went to Prairie View College for finals. This was a very, very exciting time, called Interscholastic League. This gave pride to the students who met other students from across the district and the state.

Some of the families of this community were Overton, DeWitty, Horton, Hill, just to list a few. Many moved far away, but they returned for visits and special occasions. Many of the students were related.

Volma R. Overton was Past President of Austin Branch NAACP.

**MANCHACA SCHOOL
DISTRICT 44**

In 1934-35, Manchaca School had 40 students with an average daily attendance of 30 students. There were two teachers for the 40 students. The cost per year was \$1,360, an average of \$46.33 per student per year. The teachers taught for 155 days and got paid for eight months.

LIST OF STUDENTS:

R6 Austin	Alexander, Erie (15), Jimmie L. (13), H. V. (11), Sarah E. (9)
Manchaca	Bell, Rutha May (15), Willie Lee (7f)
Manchaca	Bunton, Morris (11), Beatrice (10), Robbie (6m) Georgie (9f)
Manchaca	Clark, Tom (12)
Manchaca	Dallas, James (12)
R 5 Austin	Dotson, Edde (16m), Maude (14), Jurline (14), Lorene (10) James E. (8)
Manchaca	Dotson, Curtin (12), Annie (7), Rutha Etta (9)
Manchaca	Hancock, Buster (16), Elroy (12), Lavine (9)
Manchaca	Hancock, Harvey (16)
Manchaca	Hargis, Chatham (12), Willie, Jr. (7)
R 5 Austin	Horton, Woodie Lee (10f), Herbert (8)
Manchaca	Howard, Alice (12), Richard (6)
Manchaca	Hudson, Charley (10), Watts (8)
R 5 Austin	Jackson, Eurn (17m)
Manchaca	Kavanaugh, Chester (16)
Manchaca	Satterwhite, Gussie M. (8)
Manchaca	Sorrels, Margaret (9), Alvin, Jr. (8), Luel (6m)
Manchaca	Sorrells, Ruthie Mae (15)
R 5 Austin	Sorrell, Willie (7)

NO INTERVIEWS

MANOR SCHOOL INDEPENDENT

In 1934-35, Manor School had 232 students with an average daily attendance of 181 students. There were four teachers with an average of 58 per teacher. The cost per year was \$2,889, an average of \$15.96 per student per year. There were ten grades taught at the school for 156 days and the teachers were paid for seven months.

TEACHERS:

Professor W. J. Adams
Mrs. Morris
Mrs. Plummer
Thelma Jones
Mr. King
Mrs. King
Mrs. Hill
Mrs. Merrywether

LIST OF STUDENTS:

Juanita Martin Manor
Betty Houston
Lula Mae Adams
Hills
Plumners
Bells
Newsomes
Routts
Joynes
Clarks
Smiths
Brauns
Whites Parks
Youngs
Alexanders
McVeys

INTERVIEWS:

JUANITA MARTIN MANOR played basketball with the Manor Colored High School. "Mostly, we played with each other, dividing into teams. Once a year we went to Rosewood Park and played other schools."

Others that attended Manor School included Lulu Mae Adams currently living in Bryan.

MANOR SCHOOL (continued)

Juanita Martin Manor was valedictorian of her graduating class in 1929. When she started in the first grade, the class was large with many boys and girls. At graduation there were only four girls. They did not wear caps and gowns but organdy dresses. Professor W. J. Adams was the principal and taught the 9th, 10th, and 11th grades. They did not have a 12th grade. The principal lived in a large house by the school. The house belonged to the school, and some of the other teachers lived upstairs. The school had no janitor. The big boys kept the fires going and swept up in the afternoon.

Juanita Martin Manor loved school and remembered the spelling bees. She and others students competed one year in a spelling bee at Prairie View. They did not miss a word, but the judges made a mistake, which was later corrected, so the Manor School held the state spelling championship. Sometimes the schools started later in the fall than was scheduled because many students had to work in the fields picking cotton.

Juanita Martin Manor remembered the Christmas programs, plays, and special recitations.

The school was the center of the community. It, and the church, gave all an opportunity to communicate with each other. There were no telephones in those days.

In school on dark days and at night they used oil lanterns for light. They used pot-bellied coal-burning stoves for heat. The toilets were on the outside. They had a school bell that the principal rang signaling recess. They had no school cafeteria. Students carried their lunch, which was biscuits with home-made jelly; and after hogs had been killed, they had ham sandwiches. Sometimes they had fruit, an apple or an orange.

When she was in school, Thelma Jones taught the primer (that is what they called the first grade and the second grade). Mrs. Morris taught the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. Several teachers at different times taught 6th, 7th, and 8th. Juanita Martin Manor especially remembered Mrs. Plummer who taught Spanish.

BETTY HOUSTON did not belong to an organized team or play sports. She studied reading, writing and arithmetic.

She had two teachers, Mr. and Mrs. King, who helped all students a lot.

The school building had two rooms with a wood stove. It was a very rural school.

She stated that the school was located along the highway to Manor on the right side close to the city limits. It was a two-room school with no conveniences. All students took their lunch in metal jelly or syrup buckets.

Betty Houston later went to Anderson High School in Austin. She had no photos to share for the history of the school.

**MERRILLTOWN SCHOOL
DISTRICT 9**

In 1934-35, Merrilltown School had 9 students 6 to 17 years of age. The cost per year was \$1,405.

LIST OF STUDENTS

R 3 Round Rock	Adams, Bessie (8), David (6)
R 2 Round Rock	Lawrence, Willie (16f)
R 2 Round Rock	Robinson, Fay (13)
R 3 Round Rock	Sauls, Mildred (13), Rosa (11), Wadene (10m) Ellaloise (9), Leonard C, (7)

NO INTERVIEWS

MONTOPOLIS SCHOOL

Around 1891, the Montopolis School was established in the Colorado School District as school No. 34. The original location was on the Bastrop Highway, north side, about one mile south of the river, according to Artie Brown and James Edwards, who were both in their 90s, and were students at the school. The first school building was similar to a shotgun house, and was used until 1935, when it was destroyed by a storm.

In 1935, the St. Edward's Baptist Church, under the leadership of the Rev. J. H. Harrel, donated 1.82 acres off Montopolis Road for the new school site. A two-room Army Barrack was moved from Camp Swift and renovated to serve as a school.

Some of the schools notable teachers were Mrs. M. E. Smith, Mrs. Madalyn Moore Strong, Ms. Delores Merriweather, Mrs. Charles Henderson, and Mrs. U. V. Underwood.

Students of Montopolis School had fond memories of their teachers and school's spacious tree covered campus. Holidays and school closing programs were great productions. The annual May Pole Dance was a spectacle. Annual Juneteenth picnics were held on the school grounds with a baseball game with the rival Lamar School.

In J. Mason Brewer's *Online of the History of the Negro in Travis County*, he noted that the school had 43 students in 1951, and covered grades 1 through 8. In 1952, the school became part of the Austin Independent School District. The land, 1.82 acres, was valued at \$2,184.00, and the value of the frame building at \$641.00.

The building was renovated and supplied with new equipment at a cost of \$4,908.00. A new room was added that served as a classroom and lunchroom, toilets and showers.

In 1953, Madelyn Strong was transferred due to declining enrollment. In 1962, due to the inadequacy of the physical plant, John Bell, supervising teacher, recommended that the school be closed and students transfer to Sims Elementary.

On March 30, 1962, Montopolis School officially closed.

TEACHERS:

Mrs. M. E. Smith
Mrs. Madalyn Moore Strong
Ms. Delores Merriweather
Mr. Charles Henderson
Mrs. U. V. Underwood

LIST OF STUDENTS:

Artie Brown
James Edwards

INTERVIEWS:

ARTIE BROWN AND JAMES EDWARDS contributed to the information about the school. They could not provide other names of students.

NEW SWEDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT 22

In 1934-35, New Sweden School had 22 students with an average daily attendance of 8 students. There was one teacher for 22 students. The cost per year was \$470, an average of \$58.75 per student per year. The teacher taught seven grades for 115 days and got paid for six months.

LIST OF STUDENTS:

R 3 Manor	Bell, Jessie (8f)
R 3 Manor	Bell, Robert (10)
R 3 Manor	Routt, Jodie (12m)
R 3 Manor	Scott, R. C. (15m)
R 3 Manor	Scott, Louise (10)
R 2 Manor	Young, Mullester (6f)

NO INTERVIEWS

**J. B. NORWOOD SCHOOL
DISTRICT 66**

In 1934-35, J. B. Norwood School had 31 students with an average daily attendance of 18 students. There was one teacher for 31 students. The cost per year was \$440, an average of \$24.44 per student per year. The teacher taught seven grades for 114 days and got paid for six months.

LIST OF STUDENTS:

Del Valle	Alexander, Eddie (12)
Del Valle	Andrew, Charley (6)
R 6 Austin	Atwood, Dora (14), L. M. (13f), L. E. (13f), Gybriat (11f), John (17)
Del Valle	Bell, Catherine (15), Frank (12)
R 7 Austin	Bell, Ida Mae (13), Irma Lee (10)
R 6 Austin	Bonner, George (16)
Del Valle	Bunton, Robbie (6), Georgie (9f)
R 2 Del Valle	Byrd, Willie (9), Sherman (7)
R 6 Austin	Cama, L. C. (6)
R 2 Austin	Crayton, Luther (14), Pearl (6)
R 7 Austin	Crenshaw, James (12), Bernice (10), Johnnie (8f), Chester (6)
Del Valle	Davis, Gracie (8), Leroy (6m)
R 6 Austin	Franklin, J. B. (13)
R 6 Austin	Hardin, Lonell (11f), Jewel (9)
R 2 Austin	Hutchison, Amslam (10), Andrew (16)
R 2 Del Valle	Jackson, Ora (13), T. J. (11), Georgie (8)
Del Valle	King, Ray (13), R. L. (11), Georgie (16)
Del Valle	Lemuel, Tommy (14), Ima (10), James (7)
Del Valle	Ockletree, David (17), Fleecy (13f)
R 6 Austin	Ockletree, Velma (7)
Del Valle	Shelton, Lourine (15), Theodore (13)
Del Valle	Sterling, Dorris (6m)
R 7 Austin	Wheeler, Cherry (15), Leola (9)
R 6 Austin	Williams, Mattie (10)

NO INTERVIEWS

**PECAN SPRINGS SCHOOL
DISTRICT 61**

In 1934-35, Pecan Springs School had 16 students with an average daily attendance of 13 students. There was one teacher for 16 students. The cost per year was \$323, with an average of \$24.85 per student per year. The teacher taught six grades for 114 days and got paid for six months.

LIST OF STUDENTS:

R 1 Austin	Anderson, Etta (16), Ira (14)
R 1 Austin	Black, Tommie Lee (15), Fritz (14), Waldo (12) Abner (7) Clestine (10)
R 3 Austin	Brown, Dewey (14), Adell (11), Lucile (10)
R 1 Austin	Canady, Annie (15)
R 1 Austin	Crayton, Tommie Lee (15f), Charlie R. (13m)
R 1 Austin	Harris, Ophelia (16), Willie Lee (14), Alberta (12), Lula (10), Frank (9)
R 1 Austin	Howard, Ola May (15), Richard (14), Hudie (12m), Forence Lee (10) Deloir (8f), Geo A. (7)
R 1 Austin	Justes, J. B. (17)
R 1 Austin	Walker, Rubila (6)
R 1 Austin	Wilkins, James (12), Tom Ella (9f)

NO INTERVIEWS

**PFLUGERVILLE SCHOOL
A ROSENWALD RURAL SCHOOL**

In 1934-35, Pflugerville School had 70 students with an average daily attendance of 49 students. There were two teachers. The cost per year was \$1,028, with an average of \$20.98 per student per year. The teachers taught through the 11th grade for 136 days and got paid for seven months.

When the students in the 1940s reached the 9th grade, they were bused to Round Rock High for Colored.

The school site was where St. Mary's Missionary Baptist Church stands today, 1202 Pecan Street, and between Santa Marie Cemetery, at 1303 Pecan Street.

The Pflugerville School burned in 1925 and was rebuilt. In 1928, Rosenwald built a two-room frame school.

TEACHERS:

Professor B. L. Thorne
Mrs. Mittie Williams
Mrs. W. M. Reed
Fannir Mae Caldwell
C. H. Yancy (1917)

LIST OF STUDENTS:

R 2 Round Rock	Alexander, Bur (6)
R 2 Round Rock	Allen, Ernestine (15), Alford (14), Jessie Lee (12m) Loyd B. (11)
R 1 Round Rock	Anderson, Olen (15), Winfred (11)
R 3 Austin	Arnold, J. B. (11), Charles (9), Loeta (7)
R 3 Austin	Ates, Dorothy
R 3 Austin	Austin, Lois (7m)
R 2 Round Rock	Black, William (13), Lillie Ann (12), Frazer (10) Pearlie May (7)
R 2 Round Rock	Caldwell, Fred (a student in 1917)
R 2 Round Rock	Caldwell, Andrew J. (8), Canta Odesa (10), Ellis O. (12) Lois Jean (6), Musdora (14)
Pflugerville	Caldwell, Doris M. (6)
R 3 Austin	Carrington, J. B. (15), A. J. (12), Ernest W. (6), Floyd (9)
R 1 Round Rock	Edwards, Bessie (14), Myrtle (12), Eva Mae (11)
R 2 Round Rock	Gray, Etta Bee (15), Scott (13)
Pflugerville	Hall, Cora Lee (13), Mozella (10), Cecil (8)
R 2 Pflugerville	Henricks, Jessie Ball (11), Rubye (7), B. J. (14), Emmet C. (13) Roy (15), Mack (10)
R 2 Round Rock	Holman, Jimmie (17)
Pflugerville	Jennison, R. L. (11), F. J. (8), L. D. (6f)

PFLUGERVILLE SCHOOL (continued)

R 3 Austin	Manor, George (8), Jennette (16), Josephine (14), Milton (13) H. J. (11), Minnie Lee (9)
Pflugerville	McDade, M. C. (14), Jimmie Lee (2), Tommie Nell (10)
Pflugerville	Moore, Pearline (11), Sherman (10), Robert Lee (8), Jim (7)
Pflugerville	Ollie, Arlee (14), Loma (10)
R 1 Round Rock	Parker, Edwin (12), James D. (10)
Pflugerville	Ray, F. T. (15)
R 3 Austin	Reed, Margenell (7)
Pflugerville	Robinson, Sarah (15), Mack (11), Isack (17), Mathew (9)
Pflugerville	Robinson, Geneva (17), William (6)
Pflugerville	Shoaf, William D. (12), Morris (9), Joyce M. (11) Blanche L. (6)
Pflugerville	Stephens, Lillia May (17), Bessie L. (12)
Pflugerville	Stephens, Selmer M. (10f)
Pflugerville	Tannehill, Lucile (16), Emma (14), Leroy F. (12), Oliver D. (10) Jonathan (7)
Pflugerville	Tasby, Stella M. (17), Vera Lee (15)
Pflugerville	Woods, Raymond (6)

INTERVIEWS:

LOIS JEAN (CALDWELL) MOORE stated that she belonged to the drama and track team.

Lois Jean Moore's special memories: "We had very good times and good teachers that went their limit to teach and train us. The teachers wanted us to be able to compete with all the other kids regardless of what color, creed, or nationality they were."

The teachers that Lois Jean Moore remembered were Professor B. L. Thorne, Mrs. Mittie Williams, and Mrs. W. M. Reed. The teachers wanted all to learn. They were good to all students.

FRED CALDWELL, the son of a Travis County sharecropper, looked back and recalled starting school in 1917 in Pflugerville. The one-teacher school had about 100 pupils. Their teacher was C. H. Yancy. Some time later, a second teacher was added. At that time, most blacks in the county were farm workers. Most of the black churches, as he recalls, were rural churches serving the people where they were most needed.

Fred Caldwell recalled the first free textbooks were used ones and often had torn and missing pages.

Morning chores had to be completed before the four- to five-mile walk to school, and evening chores would be waiting at the end of the trek back.

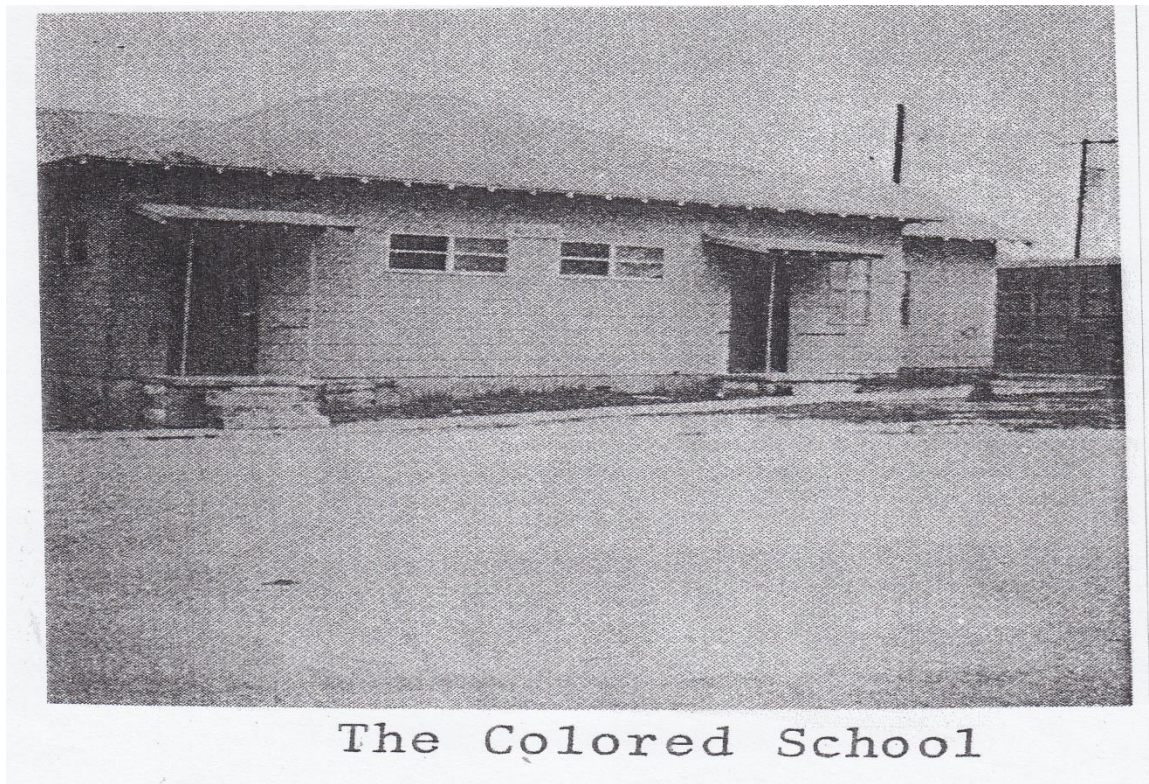
"Mother was often stricter than father in demanding high work standards. No one was to be reminded to do a task once the task had been assigned. Initiative, responsibility and reliability were demanded and a high penalty was paid for erring."

Field work, especially cotton cultivation and picking, was the chief livelihood and cotton picking was serious business. Caldwell recalled how quickly he and two brothers

PFLUGERVILLE SCHOOL (continued)

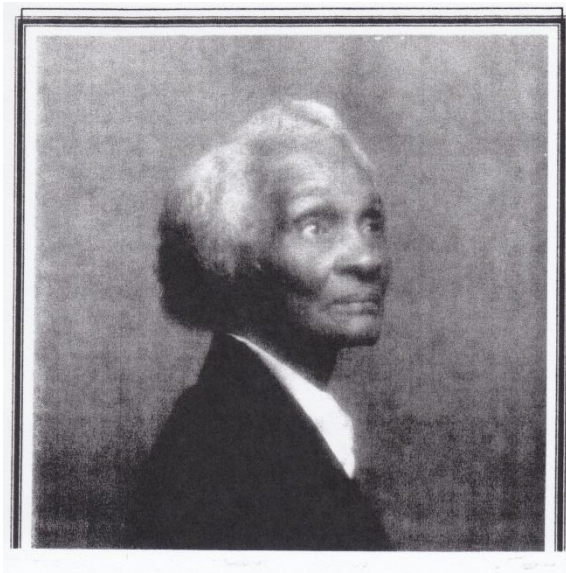
could pick a bale. Money earned during regular work hours went to the family coffers. On weekends and some evenings after chores, Fred Caldwell worked at an oil mill, often all night, to earn spending money for himself. During the harvest season, everyone was pushed to “hoe his row,” for by fall all farmers who bought food and other supplies on credit were expected to settle their accounts in full.

FANNIE MAE CALDWELL, a teacher of the Pflugerville School and the Comanche School, at the age of 102 years, was honored in 2001, by the Pflugerville Independent School District, which named a new school the Fannie Mae Caldwell Elementary School. Ms. Caldwell was able to attend the ground-breaking ceremony.



Pflugerville School

PFLUGERVILLE SCHOOL (continued)



Fannie Mae Caldwell



Fannie Mae Caldwell Elementary School



Fannie Mae Caldwell Family

**PILOT KNOB SCHOOL
DISTRICT 67
A ROSENWALD RURAL SCHOOL**

In 1934-35, Pilot Knob School had 41 students, with an average daily attendance of 30 students. There was one teacher for 41 students. The cost per year was \$346, with an average of \$11.53 per student per year. The teacher taught seven grades for 114 days and got paid for six months.

The Pilot Knob School was built on two acres of land under the 1930-31 Travis County budget, application #46-J. The total cost was \$3,600, with insurance costing \$2,000. African Americans paid \$500, Whites \$250, Public \$2,450 and Rosenwald \$400.

The Pilot Knob School District was consolidated with the Del Valle School District in 1952.

The Pilot Knob area, 29 miles around a dormant volcano, is probably the best known igneous (volcanic) rock location in the entire Balcones Zone.

TEACHER:

Mrs. Musidora E. (Rucker) Grant

LIST OF STUDENTS:

R 6 Austin	Black, Howard A. (6), Almetra (17), Onealy (15) Alvin J. D. (14), Leroy (12) Eddie (10), Andrew (8)
R 6 Austin	Collins, Edgar (16), Ada (13), Pearl (10), Joe Loomis (8) J. B. (6)
R 6 Austin	Crenshaw, Curtis (13), Orneta (10)
R 5 Manor	Fields, Sirvastro (14)
R 6 Austin	Galloway, Odessa, Jr. (9), Ray Dell (7)
R 1 Creedmoor	Hill, Edmund (10), Rozeta (8)
R 1 Creedmoor	Jackson, Hezekiah (9)
R 1 Creedmoor	Marshall, Alberta (14), L. A. (12f), Katherine (10) Katie Lee (9)
R 6 Austin	Maxwell, L. D. (8)
R 6 Austin	Moore, Walter Lee (6)
R 6 Austin	Shaw, John (14), Aaron (15), Charlie (12)
R 6 Austin	Shaw, Walter (16)
R 6 Austin	Taylor, Elizabeth (14)
R 6 Austin	Winn, Thomas J. (6)

INTERVIEW:

ADA CECILIA (COLLINS) ANDERSON recalled the warm relationship with the students of all ages in Grades 1 through 7. She was younger than her classmates and they were very protective of her as if she was their own “little sister”. The older students worked with the younger children, helping them with their academic subjects while the

PILOT KNOB SCHOOL (continued)

one teacher held class with the seven grades and in all subjects. The significance was that she was not behind the city students who were her high school peers in knowledge.

Ada Cecilia (Collins) Anderson was an honor graduate of Anderson High School in Austin. She went directly from Pilot Knob School to high school and was an honor student from day one.

Prior to the Rosenwald Rural School construction, her grandfather, Dee Gabriel Collins, donated land, built the one-room school house, and hired a teacher. He eventually deeded the school and land to the county for the purpose of a school, and eventually the county began paying the teacher's salary. This is according to oral history from her family.

The Rosenwald building that supplanted the one her grandfather built was a frame one-story structure with two classrooms and a third room used for a library and activities. This was built in 1930-31. Sanitary needs were met with outhouses. The building still exists, but has been converted to a residence.

She remembered the teacher, Mrs. Musidora E. (Rucker) Grant, with much affection. A sharp reprimand from her generally sufficed if a student got out of line. She knew that the parents would mete out corporal punishment if the student did not respond.

"My older brother and I took our lunches to school in brown bags. We usually had a sandwich and an egg, either stuffed or boiled, and sometimes we had fruit."

"Pilot Knob had no athletic program, but we played softball and other kid games at recess. We sometimes had school picnics at other rural schools, spelling bees, and interscholastic competition; such as, speaking, singing and spelling."

**PLEASANT HILL SCHOOL
DISTRICT 38**

In 1934-35, Pleasant Hill School had 28 students with an average daily attendance of 15 students. There was one teacher for 28 students. The cost per year was \$435, with an average of \$29.00 per student per year. The teacher taught seven grades for 120 days and got paid for six months.

LIST OF STUDENTS:

R 6 Austin	Darby, Paul Willie (6)
R 6 Austin	Darby, Vera Lee (16), J. C. (15), Edward (13), Girdes (10f) Annie B. (7)
R 6 Austin	Evans, Bradley (6)
R 6 Austin	Evans, F. C. (15), Ora D. (13), Bernice (9)
R 6 Austin	Houston, Lily (16), Grover (14), J. D. (111), Eugene (8) Lorene (6), Irene (6)
R 6 Austin	Johns, Luther (15)
R 6 Austin	Knox, Tommie Lee (6)
R 6 Austin	Reed, Willie (10)
R 6 Austin	Wright, Aurella (15), Ruthie (13), Jesus (12), Laverne (10)

NO INTERVIEWS

**PRAIRIE HILL SCHOOL
DISTRICT 26**

In 1934-35, Prairie Hill School had 10 scholastic students from 6 through 17 years of age. Assessed valuation per school year was \$2,029.

LIST OF STUDENTS:

R 1 Coupland Shields, L. C. (14)

(No other student list was available.)

NO INTERVIEWS

**RICHLAND SCHOOL
DISTRICT 27**

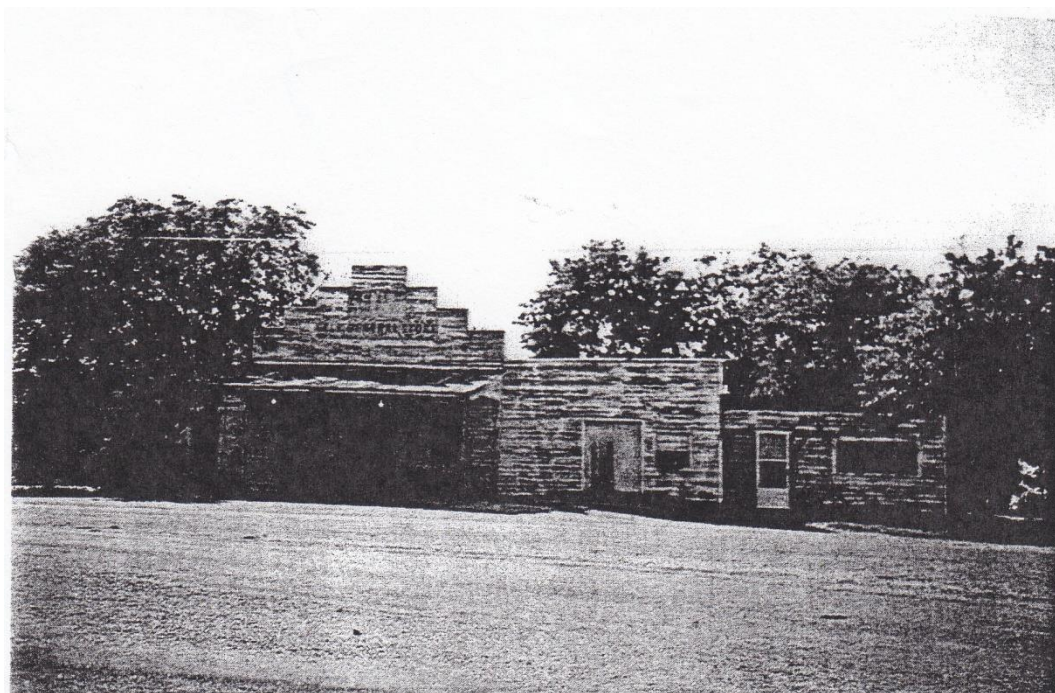
In 1934-35, Richland School had 41 students with an average daily attendance of 20 students. There was one teacher for 41 students. The cost per year was \$699, with an average of \$34.95 per student per year. The teacher taught seven grades for 155 days and got paid for eight months.

LIST OF STUDENTS:

R 3 Manor	Blackshear, Lula (12)
R 3 Manor	Easley, Gilbert (14), Sally (12), Daise (8m)
R 3 Manor	Harris, Robert (13)
R 3 Manor	Lind, Elmer (12), Eddie J. (11)
R 3 Manor	Louis, Moselle (13), Moses (13)
R 3 Manor	Lovings, Morisene (12)
R 3 Manor	McDonald, Bennie (6)
R 3 Manor	Parks, Beulah, (16), Elnora (13), James (10)
R 3 Manor	Parks, Robert Lee (6)
R 3 Manor	Smith, Warren (12), Robert (11), LaVerne (10m) Irene (9), Ira (8), C. L. (7)

NO INTERVIEWS

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RICHLAND HALL



**ROSE HILL SCHOOL
DISTRICT 21**

In 1934-35, Rose Hill School had 22 scholastic students from 6 through 17 years of age, with an assessed valuation per school of \$2,421.

LIST OF STUDENTS:

R 3 Manor	Caldwell, Edward (16)
R 1 Manor	Jones, Vivian (8)
R 3 Manor	Parks, Mattie (17), Erma (15), Maabel (14), Johanie (12) Charlie (10)
R 3 Manor	Parks, Robert Lee (6)
R 2 Manor	Routt, Maud (9), Johnnie May (7)
R 3 Manor	Tarver, John (12)
Manor	Toliver, Lee (10), Dolly Maud (9), Johnnie (7)

NO INTERVIEWS

**ST. ELMO SCHOOL NO. 1
ST. ELMO SCHOOL NO. 2
DISTRICT 43**

In 1934-35, St. Elmo School No. 1 had 25 students, with an average daily attendance of 15 students. There was one teacher for 25 students. The cost per year was \$655, with an average of \$43.67 per student per year. The teacher taught seven grades for 156 days and got paid for seven months.

In 1934-35, St. Elmo School No. 2 had 20 students with an average daily attendance of 20 students. There was one teacher for 20 students. The cost per year was \$705, with an average of \$33.57 per student per year. The teacher taught seven grades for 156 days and got paid for seven months.

TEACHER – St. Elmo School No. 2:

Miss J. E. Henry

LIST OF STUDENTS: St. Elmo School No. 1 and No. 2 did not distinguish which school.

R 5 Austin	Alexander, Johnnie L. (12f), Caruthers (10), Myrtle A. (9)
R 6 Austin	Atwood, Johnnie Mae (6f)
R 5 Austin	Bell, Matilda (15), Fannie Lee (11), Tommie (9)
R 5 Austin	Brewer, Willie (13)
R 5 Austin	Brown, Ruth Augusta (15), Franci N. (12f), James D. (11)
	Adolph, Jr. (9), Earl Emerson (8), Oliver H. (7)
R 5 Austin	Davidson, Lillie May (17), Chester (13), Robert Lee (11), F. D. (9)
R 6 Austin	Franklin, George (17), L. Z. (6)
R 5 Austin	Houston, Lillie M. (17)
R 5 Austin	Hughes, Esther (15), Jessie (13m), Ruth (10), Wesley (8)
	Doretta (6)
R 5 Austin	Hunt, Lucille (16), Fannie (12), Watson (15m)
R 5 Austin	Jones, Vera (14)
Austin	Kincheon, Larra (10m)
R 5 Austin	Kincheon, Bruci M. (17f)
Austin	Lewis, Lorene (11), C. B. (8), Ruby (6)
Austin	Morris, Zula (11f), Frank (8), Gloria (8), Lucille (6)
R 5 Austin	Overton, Cleveland (10)
R 5 Austin	Robinson, Ennis (12), Emmet J. (10)
R 5 Austin	Scales, Ora (10)
R 6 Austin	Smith, Clarence (13)
R 5 Austin	Watters, Emmett (8), Everett, Jr. (6), Samuel (13)
	Edgar (10)
R 5 Austin	Woods, Dorothy (15), Eddie (12)

ST. ELMO SCHOOL (continued)

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STATE OF TEXAS FREE TEXT BOOK CARD

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 1934-1935, SESSION (2)

C. B. Lewis Name of Pupil High 1st Grade St. Elmo School

Leonard Lewis Name of Parent, No. House Street

Austin Town, Travis County

List of Books	Book No.	List of Books	Book No.
Basal Reader, Grade	17	Beginners History	
Suppl. Reader		Texas History	
Suppl. Reader		United States History	
Suppl. Reader		Physiology-Hygiene, Grade	
Spelling, Book 1	12a	Elementary Civics	
Spelling, Book 2		Writing, Book	
Elementary Agriculture		Drawing, Book	
Arithmetic, Book			
Geography			
Language, Grade			

I certify that the pupil's record on the books listed is clear.

Miss J. E. Newry Teacher. Principal

Original and duplicate cards should be kept on file by the teacher. When all books have been returned the pupil should be given this original card, fully receipted. Without it he will not be granted free texts for the next session.

Copy of State of Texas Free Text Book Card of C. (Clem) B. Lewis – 1934-35

SAINT STEPHEN'S SCHOOL

Saint Stephen's School was located on Duval Road in the Saint Stephen's Church.

TEACHERS:

Lucille Darby
Ms. Randall

LIST OF STUDENTS:

Adams, Archie family
Airline, Nicholas
Ates, Alberta
Black, Ruth, Hattie
Brown, Unita
Butler, Gentry D., Jr., Terrile, Dontae, Aundre
Butler, Cedric Mikes, Jr., Tyrone
Butler, Fritzelle A.
Butler, Kemuel, Kemmeisha Feshell Burris
Butler, Katherine Calhoun
Butler, Mershelle A.
Caldwell, Clarence, Jr.
Calhoun, Patricia, Ola
Cannon, Carrie Lee
Cleveland, Joe D.
Daniel, Lucinmda, Monroe, Simon III, Patricia
Eaton, Tressa
Evans, Jim & Hattie's family
Freeman, Mable Inez
Gooden, Willie B., Milton
Hancock, Willie and Susan family
Hansbergs
Horton, Ellis, Lucie, Davide, Ada
Johnson, Ella, Harvey G., Dorothy
Kincheon, Porter
Liumel, Beulah
Manor, Tate
McQueen, B. J.
Meeks, Janet
Organ, Pearlie, Werner, Rose Mary, Henry, Jr., Thomas, James, Charles, Ervin
Organ, Donald, Larry, Ernest
Payne, Johnnie Mae
Shiggs, Eloise
Sorrells, John, Aaron, Oran
Win, Buddie family

SAINT STEPHEN'S SCHOOL (continued)

INTERVIEWS:

JOE D. CLEVELAND was born in Travis County March 8, 1925. In the years of 1935-36, his family was living at Waters Park on now Road 1325. "We went to Saint Stephen's School on Duval Road in Saint Stephen's Church House. After our mother passed away, our father raised my sister and my brother."

"The three of us went to Saint Stephen's School completing the 7th grade. We have precious memories of the two teachers who taught us well, thank God for wonderful teachers."

Joe D. Cleveland was pastor of Union Lee Baptist Church in Travis County and of Union Hill Baptist Church in Bastrop County when the interview was conducted.

Johnnie Organ, who attended Saint Stephen's School, also graduated from Prairie View State College.

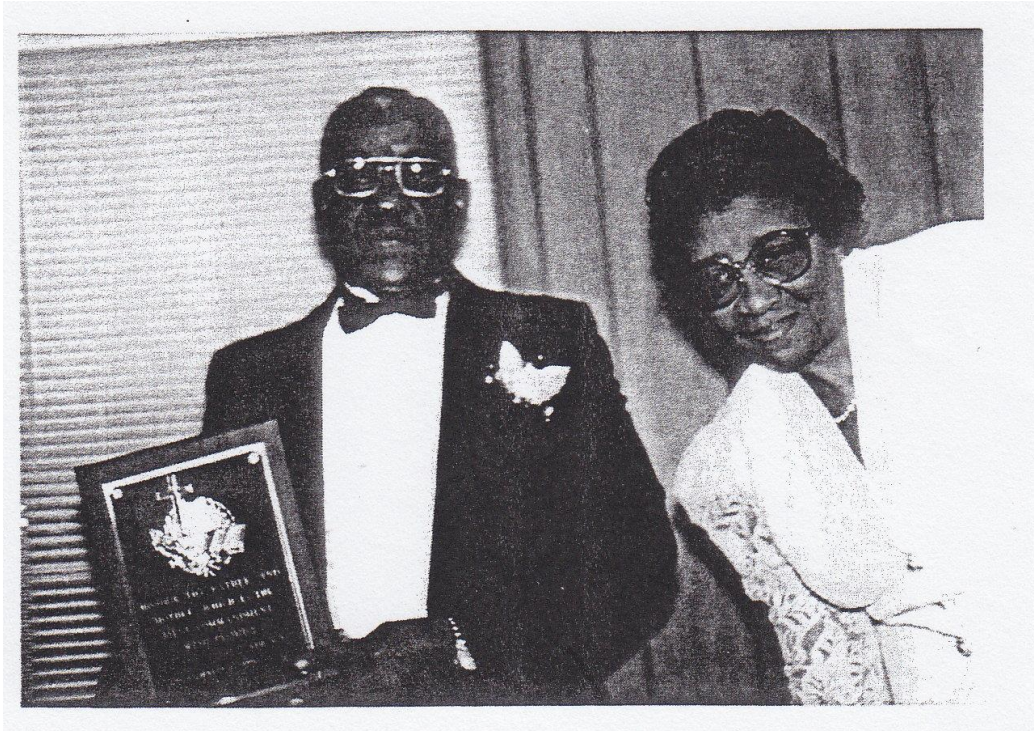
The students played softball and simple games such as Annie Over and hide-a-seek and others they made up.

MILTON GOODEN said that the students played softball and simple games such as Annie Over and hide-a-seek. (Many of the student names above were given by Milton Gooden.)



Pete David Organ and wife Johnnie Organ, both also graduated from Prairie View State College

SAINT STEPHEN'S SCHOOL (continued)



Joe and Sallie Cleveland



The Cleveland Family

**SCHILLER SCHOOL
DISTRICT 31**

In 1934-35, Schiller School had 7 scholastic students from 6 through 17 years of age. Assessed valuation per school year was \$1,742. The location of Schiller School was the North Kim Bastrop border.

NO INTERVIEWS

SPRINKLE SCHOOL DISTRICT 17

In 1934-35, Sprinkle School had 61 students with an average daily attendance of 35 students. There was one teacher for 61 students. The cost per year was \$773, with an average of \$7.80 per student per year. The teacher taught seven grades for 118 days and got paid for six months.

TEACHER:

Mrs. Elnora Ates

LIST OF STUDENTS:

R 1 Manor	Alexander, Loncle (16f), Sarah (15), Cecil (14), Clark (10)
R 3 Austin	Axel, Frazier (15), Lena Mae (13), Obalyon (11f) Eunice (8), Ulysses (6)
Sprinkle	Baker, Lonnie (16), Or Lee (12), Floyd (9) Ada
R 3 Austin	Brown, Lillie Bee (16), C. G. (13), T. G. (13)
R 5 Austin	Brown, Rosie (16f), Richard (8), Masie (12m)
R 1 Manor	Coroder, Camo Deen (12m), Eddie Lee (9f)
R 3 Austin	Ford, Jewel (10), Vivian (9)
R 1 Manor	Green, Dorsey (17m), Addie B. (11f)
R 5 Manor	Houston, Earley (11), Charley (9), LeRoy (6)
R 5 Manor	Marshall, Alaburn (6)
R 1 Manor	McArther, Albert L. (14)
R 1 Manor	Munroe, Jesse (17), Lula May (15), Livos Parks (11)
R 3 Austin	Reed, Herbert (17)
R 3 Austin	Wheler, Alice (12)
R 3 Austin	Wright, Arthur (6)
R 3 Austin	Wright, Clavin (17), Carlson (16f), George W. (14) Caroline (11), Jennie V. (10), Melvin (8)

INTERVIEWS:

ADA BAKER CLARK stated that the Sprinkle School was a one-room, one-teacher school of grades one through nine. After the ninth grade, the children went to Anderson High School. The teacher was Mrs. Elnora Ates. Mrs. Ates left in the early 1940s. Ada Baker Clark is not sure what happened to the school. She thinks it was closed after they moved to Austin.

The school was a long, narrow building like an army barack. It had a lot of windows, which was great, because it would get very hot inside. There were no fans, so those big windows kept the students more comfortable. When it was cold, it was really cold. The school had electricity. "The big pot-bellied stove kept us warm." The students were well-behaved. This was expected of every student and every parent. If one child

SPRINKLE SCHOOL (continued)

caused trouble, word would get back to the parents and this could create double trouble. Rarely did a student get in trouble.

When they first went to school, there was a stove on which to cook. The stove was later removed, and then they had to carry their lunches in lunch pails. Sometimes, there would be five lunch pails for one family.

The exercise activity was recess. The students would divide into teams and play baseball, races, relays, and any kind of games where they could run. They did a lot of competition: spelling bees, looking word up in the dictionary, and debating.

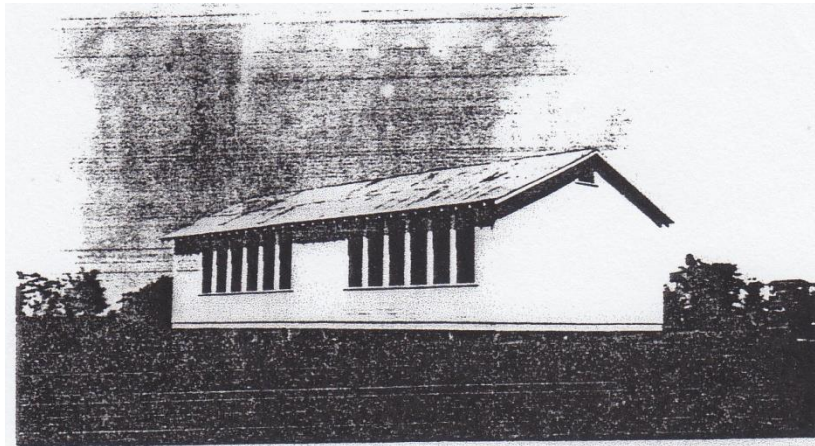
They all loved school and got a lot out of school. It was expected that they attend school as much as possible. They enjoyed the school picnics which came in the spring and at the close of the school year.

RICHARD C. BROWN attended Sprinkle School for seven years during the 1930s up to 1938. The subjects taken were reading, health, geography, spelling, arithmetic, and writing. The students remembered are Otis C. Axel (who later became a cab driver), Walter Schuler, and the Brakers.

His special memories of the school were that it was a large room with a lot of windows. The classroom had a wood stove and desks with chairs attached. "The teacher, Elnora Mae Ates, was very strict and made us work hard during school."

Many of the students brought their lunch to school in the Rex Jelly bucket (a striped blue and silver grape jelly bucket). School days have fond memories. Games that were played by most of the students were ball and marbles.

The school building was torn down.



Sprinkle School

SUMMIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 8

In 1934-35, Summit School had 37 students, with an average daily attendance of 25 students. There was one teacher for 37 students. The cost per year was \$446, with an average of \$17.84 per student per year. The teacher taught seven grades for 140 days and got paid for seven months.

TEACHERS:

Mrs. Lucille Dobbins
Mrs. Della Sauls

LIST OF STUDENTS:

R 4 Austin	Adams, David (15), Pearlie (13)
R 2 Austin	Black, Willie (15f), Alvin (14), Alonzo (12), Georgie (10f) Archie (8)
R 4 Austin	Brown, Julian (16), Velma (15), Selma (15), Willie (13m) Jessie Mae (11)
R 4 Austin	Cleveland, A. B. (17), Leroy (14), Annie Mae (11), Bennie Lee (8m)
R 4 Austin	Daniels, Stella (17), Celesta (16), Laura (12), Simon (8)
R 4 Austin	Hancock, Willie (17)
R 4 Austin	Harris, William (6)
R 3 Austin	Jones, R. J. (16)
R 4 Austin	Organ, Werner (7)
R 4 Austin	Phillips, John (13)
R 4 Austin	Tinnon, Lucile (16), Clarice (15), Katie Mae (10)
R 4 Austin	Underwood, Henry Lee (10)
R 4 Austin	Van Zandt, Purity (12)

INTERVIEW:

HENRY LEE UNDERWOOD, a student, was born September 5, 1924, in a settlement known as Waters Park. He attended school in the area called Summit. The school address was 3605 Adelphi Lane.

Henry Lee Underwood's first teacher was Mrs. Della Sauls. The school went to the eighth grade. After finishing Summit, he went on to Anderson High. After leaving Austin for 50 years, he moved back to Austin to find a few of the schoolmates still around. He stated, "If you need more information, you could contact Rev. J. D. Cleveland, Alonza Black, and Willie Klugger Brown."

Someone burned the Summit School, so all students had to move to the Saint Stephen's Church, which became the Saint Stephen's School.

**TURNERVILLE SCHOOL
DISTRICT 42**

In 1934-35, the Turnerville School had several students who attended the school. The school cost per scholastic, as some school years were called, was \$1,546.

LIST OF STUDENTS:

R 1 Buda	Musgrove, Frank J. (15), Virginia (13), Leorn (11) Wilie B. (7f)
R 4 Buda	Slaughter, Fleming (11), Franke Mary (7)

NO INTERVIEWS

**WEBBERVILLE SCHOOL
DISTRICT 32**

In 1934-35, Webberville School had 67 students with an average daily attendance of 40 students. There was one teacher for 67 students. The cost per year was \$659, an average of \$16.25 per student per year. The teacher taught seven grades for 146 days and got paid for eight months.

TEACHERS:

Roosevelt H. King – 1938-39
Lydia Mackey Scales – early 1940s

LIST OF STUDENTS:

R 4 Manor	Banks, Nathaniel (15), Gladys (13), Evelyn (10), James (8)
R 4 Manor	Burditt, John V. (16), Herman (13), Johnnie Mae (11)
R 4 Manor	Canada, Elmira (15f), Joseph (13), Guybritt (10f)
R 4 Manor	Canada, Harry (6)
R 4 Manor	Canada, M. L. (10f), Thomas J. (8), L. V. (6)
R 4 Manor	Castleman, Gerline (8), Bernice (6)
R 4 Manor	Clark, W. C. (10), Allene (9f), George V. (6)
R 4 Manor	Colvin, Willie Otha (15f)
R 4 Manor	Darn, Mary Lou (15), Charlie (13), J. C. (13)
R 4 Manor	Fowler, Zora Lee (7m)
R 4 Manor	Fowler, Edith (17), Ernestine (14), Ross Doxie (11)
R 4 Manor	Houston, Ananias (8)
R 4 Manor	Houston, Leroy (10), Idella Mae (6)
R 4 Manor	Houston, Eloise (17), Bertha Mae (15), Claudia M. (12) Quinon (10m), Quincy (10m)
R 4 Manor	Houston, Gussie M. (14), Ella Bernice (13), Elmo (9) Owens (7), T. B. (6)
R 4 Manor	Hunter, Willie (12)
R 4 Manor	Hunter, Tommie Lee (8), Clifton (6)
R 4 Manor	Jenkins, M. E. (12f), O. T. (10)
R 4 Manor	Mackey, Lee Norman (15), Velina (13), Ivery, Jr. (11) Artelia (9)
R 4 Manor	Manor, Doris (9), Joseph (6)
R 4 Manor	McCarther, Lillian (17), Robert (13), Fannie Mae (11) Lucy Jene (10)
R 4 Manor	Moore, Catherine (13)
R 4 Manor	Nobles, Henry (6)
R 4 Manor	Nobles, Albert (17), Maggie (16), Spencer, Jr. (14) Anna (12), Tommie (10), Jim (8)
R 4 Manor	Piper, Willie J. (13), John A. (11), Lawrence (9) Ottie Louis (7)

WEBBERVILLE SCHOOL (continued)

R 4 Manor Row, Etta May (16), Isham, Jr. (14), Daisy Marie (11)
R 4 Manor Tasby, Lee Andrew (14)
R 4 Manor Thorne, James H. (9)
R 4 Manor Washington, Lovie (15), J. W. (14), Alma (16), George (10)
 Thelma (8), Elizabeth (6), Ben (11), Jurlean (8)
R 4 Manor Watson, Theoman Lee (10)
R 4 Manor Williams, Frank (16)

INTERVIEW:

BIRDIE MACKAY CALDWELL said that the school started as a one-teacher school and ended as a two-teacher school, consisting of grades one through seven.

The school used the church for piano needs and other music needs such as, choir, solos, and training.

The parents were very, very supportive. The school was heated by a wood stove with fires being started by the students and sometimes the parents who lived nearby. There was electricity for the building.

The exercise for the children was through organized ball games. They didn't have football, but competitive racing and other group games kept all the students physically fit.

The school had picnics and food at the end of some activity days.

LUCY JENE MCARTHUR was in the eighth grade in 1938-39. She took algebra, drawing, geography, U. S. History, language, physiology, reading, spelling, and writing.

ARTELIA MACKKEY was in the seventh grade. She took arithmetic, drawing, geography, U. S. history, language, physiology, reading, spelling, and writing.

VERNIECE JENKINS was in the second grade. She took arithmetic, drawing, reading, spelling, and writing.

ROBERTA (HARRIS) HERVEY was six years old when attending Webberville School in the 1940s. Some of the students who attended with her were: Verdel, Rena, and Ethel Earls; Ruby Taylor; Margaret, Wilbur, Georgia, Emma, and Jane Easley, J. D. Piper; Otis and Juanita Burton. Play time was jumping rope, softball, and ring-around-the-rosie. Every June 19, there would be a picnic to celebrate with dessert, homemade ice cream, and other foods. The school had two rooms, and there was no inside plumbing. Mrs. Hervey's brothers and sisters also attended the school.

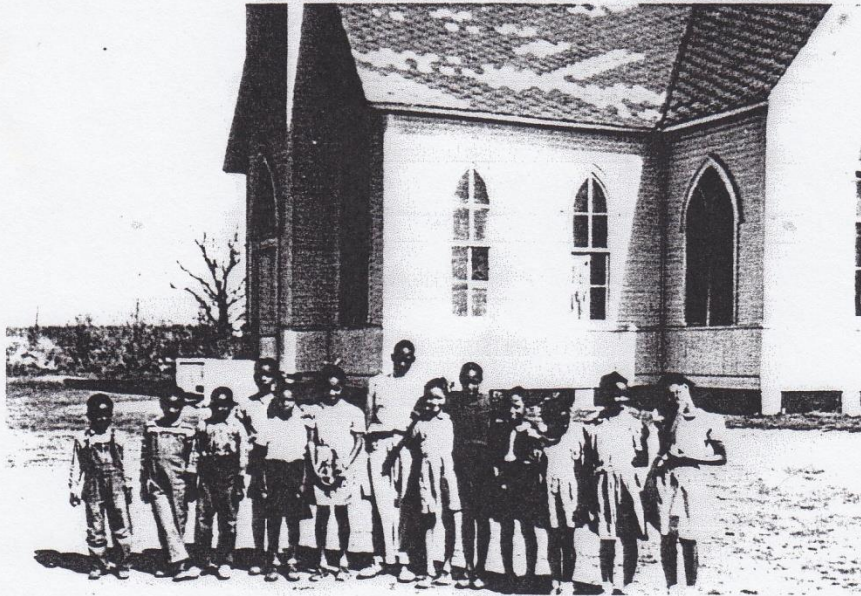
WEBBVILLE SCHOOL (continued)

SCHOOL TERM		RECORD OF ATTENDANCE		RECORD OF WORK	
Begin: <u>Sept 1, 1938</u> End: <u>May 14, 1939</u>		Write E in square to show date pupil was admitted; W to denote date pupil withdrew or dropped; and R to show date pupil was re-admitted. A for Absence; T for Tardy; blank space for Present and On Time.		Place monthly grade made by pupil on each subject in proper space below. GRADING: A, 90-100, excellent; B, 80-90, good; C, 70-80, satisfactory; D, 60-70, unsatisfactory; E, 50-60, very poor. PROMOTION: General average—C.	
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WEBBRVILLE SCHOOL (continued)



*Webberville Church in the background
- School Children in foreground (Lydia Mackay Scales - Teacher)
Year early 40's*

**Webberville School children in front of Webberville Church
Lydia Mackay Scales – Teacher – Year early 1940s**

WHEATVILLE SCHOOL

Wheatville, the first black community associated with Austin after the Civil War, was located at the western edge of Austin on former plantation land. The boundaries of Wheatville corresponded to present 24th Street to the south, 26th Street to the north, Shoal Creek to the west, and Rio Grande Street to the east.

James Wheat, a former slave from Arkansas, brought his family to the area and founded the community in 1867. In 1869, he bought a plat of land at what is now 2409 San Gabriel Street, and he became Wheatville's first landowner.

Jacob Fontaine, a prominent black Baptist minister, settled at Wheatville in the late 1860s.

The Wheatville community had what was probably an informal school in 1876, attended by sixty-six students. In 1877, the Travis County Court designated surplus building funds from its sixth district for the building of free public schools for African Americans. Two schools, one at Wheatville, the other in East Austin, were built.

The Wheatville School opened in 1881. W. H. Passon, a prominent black educator in Austin, served on the school staff and later became principal. In 1896, the school had an enrollment of sixty students. In 1904, ninety-seven students attended the school. In 1914, one hundred seventy-seven students attended the school. With the building restrictions in the area, African Americans were leaving to other parts of the city and enrollment dropped to forty-four students by 1924. In 1928, the City of Austin adopted a plan to locate all public facilities for blacks, presumably schools, recreation facilities, and health clinics, in East Austin. The plan's purpose was to draw the remaining African American inhabitants from West Austin to East Austin.

The Wheatville School closed in 1932.

NO INTERVIEWS

**WILLOW RANCH SCHOOL
DISTRICT 23**

In 1934-35, Willow Ranch School had 13 students, with an average daily attendance of 5 students. There was one teacher for 13 students. The cost per year was \$151, an average of \$20.29 per student per year. The teacher taught seven grades for 96 days and got paid for five months.

LIST OF STUDENTS:

R 2 Manor	Clark, Lucille (7)
R 4 Elgin	Lee, Ernest (8)
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R 4 Elgin	Wilson, Helen (8)

NO INTERVIEWS

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Anderson, Ada Cecilla (Collins), Pilot Knob School, District 67, Rosenwald Rural School

Ballerd, Gertrude (Moore), Cottonwood School, District 29

Breedlove, Donnie Collins, Littig School, District 30, Rosenwald Rural School

Brown, Artie, Montopolis School

Brown, Richard C., Sprinkle School, District 17

Caldwell, Birdie MacKay, Webberville School, District 32

Caldwell, Fannie Mae, Pflugerville School, Rosenwald Rural School

Caldwell, Fred, Pflugerville School, Rosenwald Rural School

Clark, Ada Baker, Sprinkle School, District 17

Cleveland, Joe D., Saint Stephen's School

Daniels, Lois Earls, Gravel Hill School, District 30, Rosenwald Rural School

Davis, Roy W., son of Waller L. Davis, Esperanza School, District 7

Edwards, Mrs. E. R., Hornsby Dunlap School, Hornsby No. 2 School, District 33

Edwards, James, Montopolis School

Gooden, Milton, Saint Stephen's School

Hervey, Roberta (Harris), Webberville School, District 32

Hill, Alemus, Comanche School, Rosenwald Rural School

Hill, Jimmie, Comanche School, Rosenwald Rural School

Holmes, Carrie Collins, Littig School, District 30, Rosenwald Rural School

Houston, Betty, Manor School, Independent

Jenkins, Vernice, Webberville School, District 32

Lee, Mozelle (Medearis), Bluff Springs (Rhina Branch) School, District 39

Lewis, C. (Clem) B., St. Elmo School No. 1, St. Elmo School No. 2, District 43

MacKay, Artelia, Webberville School, District 32

Mackey, Sammy, Kimbro No. 1, Kimbro No. 2, District 28

Martin, Willie Fowler, Littig School, District 30, Rosenwald Rural School

Manor, Cleavon, Littig School, District 30, Rosenwald Rural School

Manor, Juanita Martin, Manor School, Independent

McArthur, Lucy Jene, Webberville School, District 32

Moore, Lois Jean (Caldwell), Pflugerville School, Rosenwald Rural School

Morris, Ginnetta Shackles, Gravel Hill School, District 30, Rosenwald Rural School

Overton, Volma R., Maha School, District 68

Routt, Sr., Rev. Willie B., Gravel Hill School, District 30, Rosenwald Rural School

Smith, Velma, Littig School, District 30, Rosenwald Rural School

Sterling, Charles, Littig School, District 30, Rosenwald Rural School

Underwood, Henry Lee, Summit School, District 8

Williams, Erma (Miller), Bluff Springs (Rhina Branch) School, District 39

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