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## Oldest Alleghany County School



Shown above is what is believed to be the oldest school house in Alleghany county. It is known as the Stone Mountain school and was formerly located in Wilkes county before the county line was changed.

## History Of Stone Mt. School Given By Sparta H. S. Student

By Iva Dean Royall

(Editor's note: The following article, written by Iva Dean Royall, Sparta high school student is published in connection with the educational edition of The News since it gives a picture of schools in the early days.)

Stone Mountain school at its establishment was in Wilkes county but is now in Alleghany since the county line was changed.

The building was made of oak logs and covered with split chestnut boards. It had a puncheon floor which is split logs fastened down with wooden pegs. It had no windows and only one crude little door.

It was established about 1850. John W. Royall, grandfather of Iva Dean Royall, attended school there in 1852-1853. The students raced every morning to see which one could get there first because the first one there in the morning had his lessons first during the day.

One morning my grandfather got to school before anyone else so he hid behind the door. Before long he heard another student coming down the road. It was Columbus Roberts known as "Lum." His home-made shoes made a loud cracking sound on the rocks as he ran. It was just beginning to get daylight as he jumped in the door and shouted, "ME FIRST!"

The school term was from six to eight weeks. The school hours were from daylight until dark. They studied the Webster's spelling book, known as the "Old Blue Backed Speller." They had an oral lesson in spelling about four or five times each day. They studied Fowler's arithmetic when they weren't studying spelling.

Rev. William Miles taught school there for two years. He was from Chinquapin Flat, which is now known as Mountain View in Wilkes county. He married Margaret Roberts who was one of his students. He was a Baptist minister for about fifty years and a moderator of the Primitive Baptist Association for twenty years.

Rev. J. E. Roberts also taught

## Twin Oaks News

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Livesay, and son Floyd, Woodstown, N. J., spent last week end with her grandmother, Mrs. Ellen Crouse who was celebrating her 86th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Irwin spent Sunday afternoon with her mother, Mrs. S. Jane Sanders at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Richardson, Citron. Tom Gwyn, Winston-Salem, stopped with friends here Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Eutace Crouse, Sparta, visited relatives here, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kincaid, and children and Mrs. Lester Fender attended the program at Piney Creek High School Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Estep and children spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Kilby Atwood, here.

Mrs. Chas. Pugh and son and Mrs. Cleo Reeves spent awhile with Mrs. Gene Irwin, Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith, Bristol, Tenn., spent the week end with relatives here.

J. E. Irwin spent Wednesday night with "Aunt" Alice Atwood, at Twin Oaks Farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Gredy Irwin and children spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Petty, Galax, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Sexton spent Sunday with relatives at Stratford.

school there. He was a Southern Methodist minister. Later he was commissioner of Alleghany county for eighteen years. There are no records of school being taught there after the Civil War.

In 1933 a large forest fire came

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through the mountain and burned an old house about one-hundred feet from the school, but for some reason the old building was left untouched.

This is believed to be the first school established in what is now Alleghany county.

After nearly one hundred years the old school building still stands, but it is in a very dilapidated condition.

Kelly, Walter, and Charlie Miles now own the land on which the old building stands.

## Whitehead News

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Fender, Mrs. Lonnie Caudell, Miss Pearl Bange and Mrs. E. E. Caudell, visited Rev. Fred Blevins, who has been seriously ill in the Wilkes hospital, last Sunday.

Mrs. Elvira Caudell remains ill. Those visiting her Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Caudell, of Glade Valley, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wagoner, Mr. and Mrs. Ray E. Caudell and Miss Ruth Caudell.

Saturday services at Liberty Baptist Church will be held at 2:30 p. m. and the W. M. U. will meet at 1:00 o'clock. There will be an all-day service on Sunday.

## NOTICE OF TRUSTEES

### SALE OF LAND

As Trustee in a certain Deed of Trust Executed by W. Q. Higgins and wife, Docia Higgins, to the undersigned Trustee to secure payment of note to Ruben Hash, default having been made in payment of said note, and demand for the sale of the land having been made, I will offer for sale at Public Auction at the Court House Door in Sparta, North Carolina, on the 31st day of May, 1947, at 11:00 A. M., for cash, the following described tract of land:

BEGINNING at J. M. Caudill and Ross Jolly's corner on the bank of Cherry Lane Mountain-View Church road, then running with said road to Brush Creek; then down and with said Creek to R. F. Shaw's line; then with R. F. Shaw's line to a Spanish oak, R. F. Shaw and J. M. Caudill corner; then with R. F. Shaw's line to Richard Shaw's line; then with Richard Shaw's line to Jim Shaw's line; then with Jim Shaw's line to Ross Jolly's line; then with Ross Jolly's line to the beginning. Containing

150 acres, more or less. This 26th day of April, 1947. R. F. CROUSE, Trustee.

5-1-4tc

## NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND

As commissioner appointed by the court in the case of Floyd Andrews vs. Vernon Andrews, et al, in the Superior Court, Alleghany County, I will offer for sale at Public Auction on the premises on the 23rd day of May, 1947, at 11:00 A. M. the following described tract of land:

Situated in Alleghany County, North Carolina, containing 133 acres, more or less, and bounded and surrounded by the lands of Dr. P. L. Choate, John Edwards, Kenneth Hudson, George Sparks, Lundy Fender, Roscoe Edwards, and Homer Edwards.

This is an excellent farm and will be cut up in small tracts, and will be sold for 1/3 cash, and the balance on six and twelve months time.

This 22nd day of April, 1947. R. F. CROUSE, Commissioner. 4-24-4tc

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