

Bennett's Cove School

Location: S2/T1/R6#

Funds: \$104

School District: 39

Teacher in 1923: Alta Manning

Trustees in 1923: J. H. Scarborough, W. C.

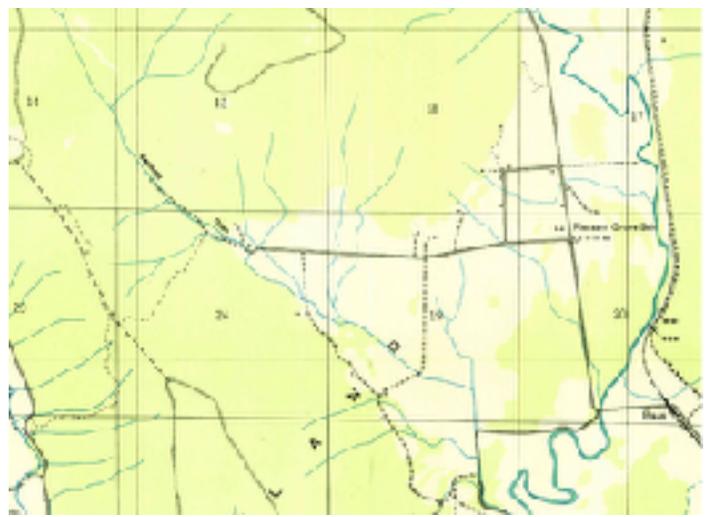
Wilkinson, and L. W. Jordan

School was located in Bass Station.

Teacher in 1939: None Found

Grades Covered: 1-6

Years of Operation: 1900 (Eliza Woodall) to 1928 (last newspaper mention)



1909-1910: One teacher, 6 months at \$60

Wendell Page notes that this school was consolidated with Pleasant Grove. No mention of the school is found in the newspapers after the 1928 tax notice. See information from Eliza Woodall below.

First mention of this school is in the *Progressive Age*

September 22, 1910: "There will be an ice cream supper given at the Bennett's Cove school house Saturday night."

Jul 12, 1928 PA: notice was published a notice that a special tax would be levied and collected annually, at the rate of 30 cents on each one hundred dollars worth of property tax for a period of two years to support the Bennett's Cove school. The tax voting notice also included the boundaries of the district, shown here.

The following information was provided by Eliza Woodall in *The Stevenson Story*.

A one-room school operated in Bennett's Cove in Crow Creek Valley in the 1890s and early 1900s. It was located on the hillside just back of the house T. Payton Summers lives in now. The seats in the building were made of split logs and without backs.

Water had to be carried up the hill from a spring; only the older, more responsible students were allowed to go after a buck of water. One dipper served all the students. When Maude Gonce taught there, the girls begged for the privilege of wearing her broad brimmed hat when they went after water. Each student brought his lunch in a pail, the favorite lunch being cold biscuit and sausage, baked sweet potato, and molasses, washed down with a drink from the dipper.

"Grades" were not used to organize students into classes; it was an early ungraded school, as most of its vintage were. The students were grouped according to which reader they were using. Teachers at Bennetts' Cove were Tom Hackworth, Beulah Walker, Marion Gonce, Py Rudder, Maude Gonce, Pyxie Rogers, Abbie Allison, Esther Tate, and Nora Allison.

