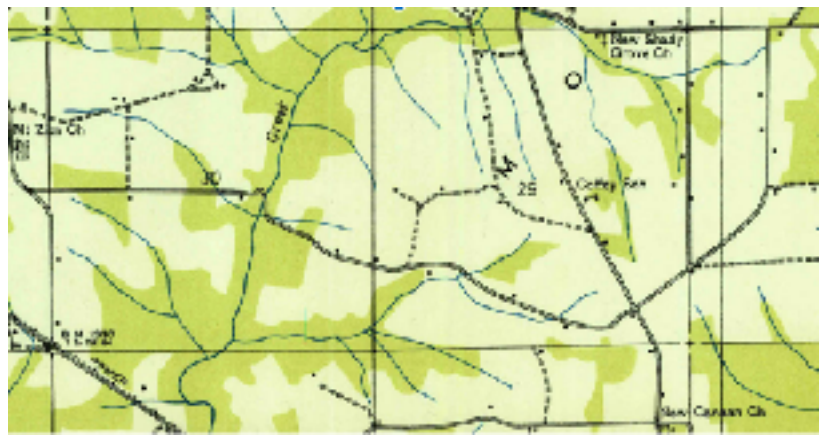


Coffey School

Not on Wendell Page's list.
 School District: 107
 Teachers in 1923: Mrs. Susie McCurdy
 and Irene Tumlin
 Trustees in 1923: C. F. Dilbeck, O. S.
 Suttles, and W. H. Outlaw of Dutton
 Teacher in 1939: Lillie Kuykendall and
 Ronald Hicks



The Coffey District was No. 107. It was located in Dutton. We know this because in 1922, the district was defined and held a school district election to determine whether residents would pay a 3 mil property tax to support the school. See details in article below.

THREE-MILE ELECTION
Coffey's District No. 107.
 Notice is hereby given that a special election will be held at the school house in Coffey's School District No. 107, in Jackson county, Alabama, on the 10th day of February, 1922, for the purpose of determining whether or not a special tax shall be levied and collected annually, at the rate of thirty cents on each one hundred dollars' worth of taxable property in said Coffey's District No. 107, in said county, and to be continued for a period of 8 years from September 20, 1922, the same to be for the support of the public schools within said district.

The boundaries of said Coffey's School District are as follows:
 Beginning at the NW corner of Section 19, Township 5, Range 7, East, run East 1 mile; thence South one-half mile; thence East 1 mile; thence North one-half mile; thence East 1 mile; thence South 3 miles; thence West 3 miles; thence North 3 miles to point of beginning. Said district includes sections 19, 21, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, and the South half of Section 20, all in Township 5, Range 7, East, Jackson county, Ala.

C. F. Dilbeck, W. J. Wiginton and J. W. Walker are appointed managers of said election, and W. H. Outlaw, Returning Officer for said election.

This the 5th day of January, 1922.
 A. E. Moody, Judge of Probate.
 I. W. Wimberly, C. T. Bobo, R. S. Skelton, W. T. Eastace, Members Court of County Commissioners of Jackson county, Ala.
 M. C. Thomas, Sheriff,
 Jackson County, Ala.

Coffey at some point had a high school and basketball teams for both boys and girls. First mention of the boy's basketball program in 1925. In 1927 the newspaper column about the area was called "Coffey High News." By 1929, there were only two sisters teaching this school, so status as a high school is unlikely. The school had an active PTA which sent a delegation to the county-wide PTA meeting in 1937. Students who made the honor roll received a free lunch. In 1941, the school gave a kitchen shower to equip the school cafeteria kitchen.



Teachers associated with Coffey School include: Mr. Thomas, Miss Campbell, and Miss Swaim (1927); Mabel and Ina Hughes (1929);

Denise Harris posted photos of the Coffey School on the JCHA Facebook page, including this excellent picture of the school house. Here are references to this school from the newspaper.

Mar 12, 1925 PA: Prof. Virgil Kuykendall of New Hope visited our school Saturday and made a splendid tap to the school. The Coffey basketball team defeated Flat Rock High School. Scores being 22 to 20."

July 1927 PA: News for the area called “Coffey High News” for some years.

Nov 3, 1927 PA: “School started at this place Monday with Mr. Thomas, Miss Campbell, and Miss Swaim as teachers. We are hoping for a good and interesting school year.”

Nov 1927 and Jan 1928 PA: Box suppers at the school.

Jan 12, 1928 PA: “The Powell Store Girls basket ball was defeated by the Coffey Girls Thursday. Scores were 7 and 8.

Feb 16, 1928 PA: “The Coffey girls defeated the Powell basketball team 7 to 2 Friday.

Jan 10, 1929 PA: Mr. Thomas, the principal of the school here, has the flu and cannot be at the school.

Jan 24, 1929 PA: “The Coffey girls basketball team played the Sylvania girls at Powell’s store Friday afternoon. The results of the game was a tie.”

Jan 31, 1929 PA: Miss Ina Hughes is back in school after a spell of flu. The Coffey girls basketball team defeated the Dutton girls Friday night in the Dutton School auditorium. Score 11 to 6.”

Feb 7, 1929 PA: “The Dutton girls beat Coffey girls 6 to 4 in a game of basketball Wednesday.”

Apr 11, 1929 PA: “School closed here Friday.”

Jul 25, 1929 PA: “School began here Monday with Misses Mabel and Iva Hughes of Pisgah, as teachers.”

Sep 23, 1937 PA: “There will be a musical program at Coffey schoolhouse Saturday night at 7:30 o’clock. Admission 5 and 10 cents. Note: Column named has changed to “Coffey News.”

Mar 11, 1937 PA: “There will be a box supper at the school house Saturday nigh, March 20th, and the quilt will be given away. All those who have tickets are urged to come. The proceeds will go to painting the church at New Shady Grove. Everyone invited.”

Mar 18, 1937 PA: Mesdames F. A. Green, Thomas Gilbert, Monroe Millican, J. R. England, Miss Ellen Bramblett and Mr. Ronald Hicks attended the county-wide PTA meeting at Scottsboro Friday....The Coffey P.T.A. will meet at the school house Friday afternoon at 2:30 o’clock.”

Three women in this photo from Denise Harris are Ludie Gilbert, Mrs. Lee Moore, and Lilly Kuykendall.



Apr 1, 1937 PA: "The box supper and quit of March 20th brought \$42.95. We wish to thank everyone who contributed in any way."

Apr 8, 1937 PA: See article.

April 15, 1937 PA: PTA meeting and play announced.

Apr 29, 1937 PA: "The play presented at the school house April 17th, with the quilt, brought \$34.40. Proceeds go to the school. W. L. Thomas drew the lucky ticket and won the quilt,"

Jul 14, 1938 PA: "Stop and read, and come to Coffey Saturday night, July 23, and see and listen to our play, "Aunt Jerusha on the Warpath." Everybody come and see it: Admission 5 cents and 10 cents."

Sep 23, 1938 PA: "There will be a musical program at Coffey schoolhouse Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock. Admission 5 and 10 cents."

This photo of schoolchildren is also from Denise Harris and she indicates that it was taken during the 1940s. No IDs are available.



Feb 27, 1941 PA: "There will be a Box Supper at the Coffey School Friday, March 7th and in addition to the box supper there will be a Forest Show. The box supper will begin at 7:00 and the show at eight. There will be fishing ponds for the children. Fun for the whole family. Come out and enjoy yourself. The people of Coffey community are giving the school a kitchen shower Friday, March 7th, at two o'clock A.M."

The play, "Aunt Samantha Rules the Roost," will be presented at the school house April 17th, with the following cast: Aunt Samantha Simpkins, an old maid, Lovella Gilbert; Serena Simpkins, her older niece, Eurice Rutledge; Sophie Simpkins, her younger niece, Julia Mae Suttles; Polly Payne, maid at the Simpkins'; Eta Lee McGee; Annie Ambrose, the village dressmaker, C/Oa Boye Holcomb; Blanche Hazers, a woman of very few words, Velma Holcomb; Lucien Littlefield, a farmer, J. V. Gilbert; Blair Boswell, who likes Serena, J. D. Pope; Frank Fairfield, who likes Sophie, Maley Norwood; Lawrence Lovell, a stranger, Homer Suttles; Buddy Baskins, the grocer boy, Neil McGee.

The quilt piccol by the P-T. A. Ladies will also be given away. All who have tickets are urged to come. We assure you of a evening of fun and enjoyment.

Jan 22, 1942 PA: "A large crowd attended the musical entertainment at the school house Friday night."

"Feb 11, 1943 PA: "The Coffey P.T.A. met on Tuesday, Feb 2 and elected new officers. The next meeting will be held on Friday, Feb 19th. Free lunches are again being served at Coffey School. Come on girls and boys, lets show our appreciation for having more A's on our report card next month."

Apr 8, 1943 PA: typhoid Clinic held at at Coffey School. Also April 13, 1944. Also June 21, 1945.

Jan 18, 1945 PA: A rabid dog has been running loose on Sand Mountain between Section and Dutton. Emergency rabies vaccination clinic at Coffey School.

Mar 20, 1947: "The Caney Creek Blue Boys will be at Coffey school Friday, at 7 o'clock. The band consists of Jimmy McMinn, fiddler; Oscar Waddell, banjo; Lee Frazier, guitar; Curtis Waddell, mandolin."

Oct 16, 1947 PA: "There will be a box supper at Coffey High School Saturday night, Oct. 18. The proceeds go for the benefit of new Shady Grove church Everyone is invited." Note: I believe this is writer effort. Coffey School never supported any grades beyond Grade 6.

Jul 21, 1949 PA: "Notice is hereby given that I will accept sealed bids on the sale of Coffey and Callahan School lands and buildings in my office until 12:00 o'clock noon on July 20th. These bids will have to be approved by the State Superintendent of Education and the Governor. Signed Delbert Hicks, County Supt."

Aug 2, 1951 PA: "Sale of School Property. Notice is hereby given that the Jackson County Board of Education will accept sealed bid until 12 o'clock noon August 31, 1951 on the school property listed below....Coffey School Building (no land)...Signed Delbert Hicks, Superintendent of Education."

Denise Harris' photo of Coffey School Parents. No IDs available.

