

Sublett's School

Location: S17/T4/R7E

Funds \$166.40

1908-1909 One teacher, total allocation \$28.00

1917 School as located at the ferry on the Tennessee River was discontinued and relocated at S/1/T4/R7E and trustees were appointed.

1923-24 2 teachers, each 7 months at \$85

1938-39 4 teachers

Consolidated with Pisgah and Rosalie

According to Ann Chambless, Sublett Ferry operated between the southern tip of Bellefonte island and the road that descended Sant Mountain from old Georgetown (located west of present-day Pisgah). The old road still winds down Sand Mountain and ends just north of Jones Cove. The landing area on the Bellefonte side of the river is still visible. This photo of Sublett's School is owned by Ray Satterfield of Pisgah and is from 1916.



SUBLETT'S SCHOOL, 1916 — This is a photo taken of the members of Sublett's School near Pisgah. The photo is believed to have been taken around 1916. Many of those included in the photograph have been identified. However, Roy Satterfield of Pisgah, requests that if anyone can help identify those in the photograph, please call him at 451-3524. Those identified in the photograph include, Almont Woods, Fred Roberts, Roy Satterfield, Sr., Ida Woods, Mildred King, Thomas Welch, Marvin Woods, Bill Roberts, Lou Wicks, Exie Roden, Ept Roden, Annie Roden, Nat Roden, John B. Roden, Nat Roberts, John Rooks and Charlie Roberts.

SUBLETT OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL

Friday the pupils of the Opportunity School at Sublett rendered the following excellent program:

- March and songs by the school.
- Bible reading by Mrs. Martha Baine.
- Prayer by Mr. John Sattain.

Why I Am Attending This School. Mr. Lon Woods, Mr. John Rocks and Lawrence Walker.

Vocal duet by Mr. Wesley King and Mr. Nat Roberts.

Call for Leadership by Mr. G. W. Holley.

Band music—Three pieces by Frazier Brothers; Tent pieces by school band.

Each pupil rendered the assigned part in a highly creditable manner. Special mention should be made of Mr. Lon Woods. He could not read nor write and had never made a public speech before in his life. In a clear connected way he told why he was attending school and how much he was learning, stating he wanted to learn to read so that he could read and study the Bible for himself. His teachers, Miss Allie Roden and Miss Mayon Miles, expressed their delight at the progress he is making.

The other parts were fine and each is hereby congratulated.

In **1922**, the *Progressive Age* started a column called "Sublett's School News" and the first item in the column on January 19, stated that "School at this place is progressing nicely with 150 enrolled." The April 20 paper noted that Miss Roxie Wallace of Flat Rock was a popular teacher there. School closed on May 11 and the school presented a program under the direction of Miss Allie L. Roden and Miss Roxie M. Wallace.

In **1923**, Sublett School had a PTA engaged in fund-raising and the *Progressive Age* noted on February 15, "School at this place is progressing nicely with Mr. and Mrs. Robertson as teachers." and that a singing school was scheduled at two o'clock on February 22 at the school. On March 8, it was reported that the entertainment was a great success and "a neat sum was realized at the fish pond." An Easter egg hut was held April 5, 1923 and "Mr. Claud Bobo addressed the audience on 'The Duty of a Citizen in Community Welfare.'" In July, the PTA held an ice cream supper at the school, "Proceeds will be used for lighting the building."

In **August 1926**, Sublett School was District No. 12 for the county. A discussion was held about a proposed school tax.

In **1928** when the *Progressive Age* had a regular school page, student reporter Dessie Roberts reported that her class was studying William Cullen Bryant's poems. The February 28, 1928 paper noted that school was "progressing nicely with the help of Miss Alice Roden and Miss Mabel Hughes."

The **August 1, 1929** noted that adult education was being offered with Miss Margie Wann as the teacher. The November 7, 1929 County School report in the paper noted that H. H. King had charged \$2.30 for materials to repair Sublett's School.

1932: The county health department presented lectures at the school on April 5, 1932, the JCC announced on March 31. In August of that year, an Opportunity School (adult education) was offered at Sublett School and offered the program described below. Attendance at the event was 250 and the crowd had to be moved from the overflowing building outside.

PROGRAM FOR CLOSING OF SUBLETT'S SCHOOL

The following is the program to be given at the closing of the Sublett's school on May 11th and 12th, under the direction of Miss Allie L. Roden, principal, and Miss Roxie M. Wallace, assistant.

MAY 11th—8 P. M.
 Song, "America" by the school.
 Welcome address—Mr. C. C. Bobo.
 Opening Address by Nancy Simpson.

MAY 12th—8 P. M.
 American Parade, by 14 boys and 14 girls.
 A Little Boy's Lecture, by Alvin Shavers.
 The Confession, by Amanda Jenkins.
 Tragedy of Ten Little Boys.
 The Flowers—Marjorie Burton, Lereine MacLean.
 Something in My Pocket, by Agnes Shavers.
 Dead Doll—Orpah Dean Roden.
 Fan Drill, by twelve little girls.
 William, a play by two boys and two girls.
 "Crowning the May Queen," by 12 boys and 12 girls.
 Whose Girl Am I?—Hulda Rogers.
 Pantomime.
 Floral Cotillion by twelve girls.
 Valedictory by Geo. Johnson.
MAY 12th—8 P. M.
 A play, "Engaged by Wednesday" will be rendered, with the following cast of characters:
 Martin Henry, laziest man in the country Marvin Woods
 Arthur Watson Gus Wilson
 Jack Tommy Gilbert
 Ted Arthur Welch
 Dick Luther Welch
 Miss Abigail Persons, a woman of ideas Verda Roberts
 Mrs. Watson, a gentle person Maud Freeman
 Lucile Persons' Beatrice Burton
 Mamma Mildred King
 Jane Maybell Jones
 Mabel Clarabell Sartin
 Mary, Martin Henry's aunt, back at the Persons Amanda Jerkin
 First Girl Eula Roberts
 Second Girl Lou Woods
 First Gypsy Dorothy Macklin
 Second Gypsy Lizzie Beck
 Pandora's Box by boys and girls.
 Gypsy's Warning, pantomime by 3.
TO THE LADY OF THE HOUSE:

The school building was used by other organizations. In **October 1935**, a box supper was held there to benefit Friendship Church, a singing in 1939, and a sock supper in 1942. Attendance milestones by students and PTA members were recognized and vaccination clinics and public informational meetings were held at the school. In February 1937, the school raised \$7.30 during a Red Cross appeal to help flood victims. J. H. Hix was reimbursed \$24 in the county school report for purchasing chairs for the school.

The **October 20, 1938** *Progressive Age* reported that "The Sublett school opened Tuesday with a large enrollment. The following is the list of teachers and their grades: Miss Mayon Miles, principal and first grade; Mrs. Ruby Woodwind, second; Miss Catherine Wicks, third and fourth; and Miss Jewell Griffith sixth and sixth." In November 1938, the county school report noted that \$255 had been allotted for remodeling Subletts School.

A box supper was held at the school October 18, 1942, 1943, and 1944. A "Negro minstrel and special music" were presented at the school March 17, 1945 for the benefit of the lunch room, and a box supper in December. The PTA was still raising money for the lunch room in 1948 with a box supper in December. The parents must have succeeded just in time for the school to close.

School had ended at this location by 1951 when the August 23, 1951 *Progressive Age* reported that the school was and its lunchroom and land were being sold. "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....Subletts School Building, lunchroom and land...Signed Delbert Hicks, Superintendent of Education."