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TRIMBLE COUNTY SCHOOLS

The following excerpts were condensed from "History of Education in Trimble County", written by Georgia Nellie Chandler Cobb. Approximately 49 schools were located in Trimble County at one time or another. The following is a list of schools:

Antioch, Ashby, Baltimore, Barebone, Barnes, Bedford Grade School, Bedford Public and Trimble County High School, Bethel, Buck Creek, Branch, Callis, Canip, Carmel, Carmon, Corn Creek, Craig, Fairview, Gatewood, Hardy, Liberty, Middle Creek, Miller's Branch, Milton, Milton Negro School, Bedford Negro School, Vail or Monitor, Moreland, Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Tabor, Morton, Muddy Branch, New Hope, Norfolk, Pierce, Pleasant Retreat, Pleasant View, Poplar Ridge, Powell Valley, Preston Plantation, Providence, Science Hollow, Strother, Sycamore Valley, Three Springs, Totten, and Wilson.

ANTIOCH SCHOOL: Was located in Southern Trimble County on the Bedford-Campbellsburg road (Highway 421). It was located just north of the Antioch Baptist Church. The land was donated by Fielding Colbert and the first log school was constructed in the early 1840's. Attending this school were the families of Colbert, Stanley, Hunter, Mitchell, Hutcherson, Monroe, McClellan, Demaree, Sibley, Pierce, and Devine.

ASHBY SCHOOL: Was in the northern part of the county between Pleasant Retreat and Milton. It was one mile farther west on Peck's Pile than Moreland School, which it replaced. Families attending this school were; Moreland, Dolah, Dolby, Wise, Mosely, and Trout.

BALTIMORE SCHOOL: This school was on Trout's Bottom of Spring Creek in the western part of the county. A new school was built in 1915 on land donated by F. Burkhardt. Attending families at this school were: Burkhardt, Adams, Handlon, Moreland, Hamilton, Holderfield and Ashby.

BAREBONE SCHOOL: This was located near the Tilden Yeager farm on land purchased from Mrs. Mary Adams. Families attending were: Bare, Farley, Adams, Tate, Andrew, Perkinson, Faulkner, Toombs, Callis, and Barnes.

BARNES SCHOOL: This was located on the N.W. Barnes farm. This school was merged in 1907 with the Callis School and a new district was formed called New Hope.

BEDFORD GRADE SCHOOL: This was established in 1903 and continued until July, 1930.

BEDFORD PUBLIC AND TRIMBLE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL: The first school was built after 1840 and was a private or subscription school. It stood on the Hancock property and was used as an office in the 1900's.

BETHEL SCHOOL: This was built in 1898, was located on the western bank of the Little Kentucky River on land adjoining the Bethel Methodist Church. The land was donated by A. G. Hill. Attending families were: Hill, Spillman, Miller, Ball, Dougherty, Taylor, Carter, Wright and Tingle.

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BUCK CREEK SCHOOL: Was located at the head of Buck Creek but because of its inaccessibility, a frame school was built later in the 1800's about one and one half mile downstream. Families attending this school were: Pyles, Justice, Sanders, Caplinger, Williams and Wigginton.

BRANCH SCHOOL: This was located on the Bedford-Sligo road, (property owned in 1988 by Larry Powell). The school was formed in 1927 when the Three Springs and Hickory Grove districts were consolidated. The property was purchased from Hurley Branch, thus the school was named for him. Attending families were: Stanley, Craig, Staples, Button, Holmes, Clifford, Ralston.

CALLIS SCHOOL: This was on New Hope Road and built in the 1850's on land donated by R. E. Callis.

CANIP SCHOOL: Sometimes called Pleasant Valley, this school was located on Canip Creek in the northeastern part of Trimble County. Families in the area were: Scalf, Richmond, Ashby, Wingham, Jones and Rose.

CARMEL OR PRYOR HILL SCHOOL: This was built in the 1860's on ground donated by Jonathan Markley. The school burned in 1927 and was replaced with a new frame building in 1928. Two acres were purchased from C. Holsclaw, which was on Mt. Carmel Road near the Mt. Carmel Church. Attending families were: Abbot, Stewart, Woods, Holsclaw, Bradley, Chandler, Mosser, Culver, McGee, Bird, Green and Buchanan.

CARMON SCHOOL: Was located on Carmon Creek, one and one-half mile up from Little Kentucky River. The school was built in the 1870's on land donated by Mike Kavanaugh. The land reverted back to the Kavanaugh Family when the school was discontinued. Families attending this school were: Voiers, Wentworth, Garriott, Robertson, Perkinson and Gividen.

CORN CREEK SCHOOL: This school was situated on the old Bedford-Milton Turnpike near the Corn Creek Baptist Church. The Corn Creek School was built on land given by Drakeford Gray in the early 1800's, which was in Gallatin County at the time. It was constructed of bricks that were made on the nearby Wm. Powell farm. A new school was built in 1911 and continued until 1935. Corn Creek was the oldest school in Trimble County, having been in continued use for 126 years. Notice that the official approval by the General Assembly was given in 1820, (see Acts of Legislature, Page , this publication). The Corn Creek Academy was blessed with many fine teachers who left a deep love for the school as was exhibited for many years by the alumni. The school was discontinued on July 9, 1938 and consolidated with Milton School and Bedford Consolidated School. Some of the teachers at this school were: Laura Cross, William Coffin, Fannie Jackson, Ed Rady, Mary Miller, Mary Mitchell, Lester Wright, William Bare and Gail Rogers. Names mentioned in the boundary of the deed are: Mrs. Alexander, Henry Lockett, Wade Calvert, Peter Mosser, George Christman, M. D. Abbott, Mrs. Culver, Taylor Wood, Meredith Alexander, Robert Faulkner, Matt Moore, John Wilson, A. J. Hughes.

Nettie E. Taylor  
Born Aug., 1860  
Died Jun., 1899

Teacher:  
Science Hollow  
1881-1882  
Providence  
1882-1883  
River View  
1883-1884

Father:  
Joseph B. Taylor  
Mother:  
Lurana K. Robinson

Sisters:  
Nellie E.  
Gertrude E.

Grand-daughter  
Mildred Robitaille  
St. Louis, MO

Nettie was a woman of small stature with reddish blonde hair and blue-green eyes. She received her college education at the National Normal University in Lebanon, Ohio. In 1884, she moved to Indiana and opened a school there. Her father, Joseph B. Taylor was a ship's carpenter on the Ohio and Mississippi River for 62 years. In 1883, the family bought 120 acres on Payne's Ferry Road, bordering families of Ogden, Callis, Hughes and Osborne.

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Miss Nettie E. Taylor, one of Madison's charming young ladies, has been teaching in Science Hollow, Trimble County, and has completed the school term most satisfactorily to the County Commissioners, parents and scholars. Since she receives praise from them we feel disposed to give space and credit to her most dutiful scholars. Those having most head-marks: Mollie Wright, 133; Bettie Hill, 90; Alex. Hill, 85; Minnie Wright, 83; Charley Wright, 81. Miss Taylor has become so popular in Science Hollow as to prove the "science" of teaching is not a "hollow" and thankless profession after all.