



Peggy Hampton, left, and Karen Cordell Crowell;  
both are former students of Flat Rock Junior High School.



Karen, 1960s



Peggy, 1966



Enlargement of an unidentified group at Flat Rock Creek,  
seen on the early 1900s postcard shown on page 45.

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*All thanks goes to Dimple Hogue Cordell for preserving  
this collection of local history,  
and to her daughter, Edna Cordell Shelton,  
and granddaughter, Karen Cordell Crowell,  
for sharing it with others.*

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## My Grandma, Dimple Hogue Cordell



My grandparents, Dimple and Hobert

Dimple taught in several schools before landing at Flat Rock School. She married when she was thirty, which was also an anomaly. This was a time when most unmarried women past the age of 25 were considered to be spinsters.

She and my grandfather, Hobert, raised three children in Flat Rock. After he passed in 1956 she kept her father and uncle until their deaths.



My parents,  
Dean & David

Someone from our family was always living in the house with Dimple until 1965, when my Dad built our home across the road from her homeplace. My mother made sure she always had a room in our house where she could stay.

My grandmother, Dimple Hogue Cordell, was born in 1898. She was raised in a time when women weren't expected to be educated, especially in such a rural area as Flat Rock.

She was the middle child in a family of three girls so she was her father's pick and substitute for the boy child he never had.

She studied hard, finished high school and went on to college to become an educator.



Christmas at Dimple's house, 1950s, with (back to front) Sammy Jo Bowen, Dimple Cordell, Dean Cordell, Karen Cordell, Aunt Opal & Marion Blevins, Ron Griffin and Douglas Cordell.



Cousin Mike Griffin and me

When my mother became ill with cancer, Dimple once again carried the mantle for my Dad, my brother and myself.

My grandma always had someone to care for through the years and I'm sure that was why she lived so long She helped raise her grandchildren, Ronald and Mike Griffin, and my brother Jon Cordell and myself. Throughout her life and career she influenced the lives of countless children.

Dimple was truly the rock of our family. I hope this record of her era keeps the memory of Dimple and her life alive for a very long time.

— Karen Cordell Crowell



My mother, Dean Bowen



William David Hogue with Aunt Edna holding me



My dad, David Cordell

### *A Few Notes on Sources*

This book is based almost entirely on the memories of Dimple, looking back from the vantage point of the 1980s and 1990s. All photos and memorabilia featured herein are likewise from her collection. Chapters with headlines in quotes (“ \_\_\_ ”) are from Dimple’s personal handwritten or typed memories. Every attempt has been made to source material used in other chapters, but many of the newspaper clippings, etc., that she had saved over the years are undated and unnamed. These will be pointed out in the Sources and Acknowledgements section at the back of the book.

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## INTRODUCTION

Flat Rock is just a small speck on a map of northeast Alabama, with a population of around 4000. Spread over an area of approximately 35 square miles, the little town sits on Sand Mountain, one of the southernmost tips of the Appalachian chain of mountains. It was an even smaller town at the turn of the twentieth century, in the days of its early formation, allowing the early settlers to grow up along with the settlement.

Opportunities to find someone who recorded those days have become rare. And the time to talk with someone with those memories has long passed us by.

Luckily there are families who tend their ancestors' memorabilia and are proud and happy to share it with others. The purpose of this book is to bring to life the memories of Dimple Cordell, who did not live an extraordinary life, but lived a life that influenced others and the growing community.

Born Pearl Hogue, Dimple (1898-1998) as she was nicknamed,



Pearl "Dimple" Hogue Cordell

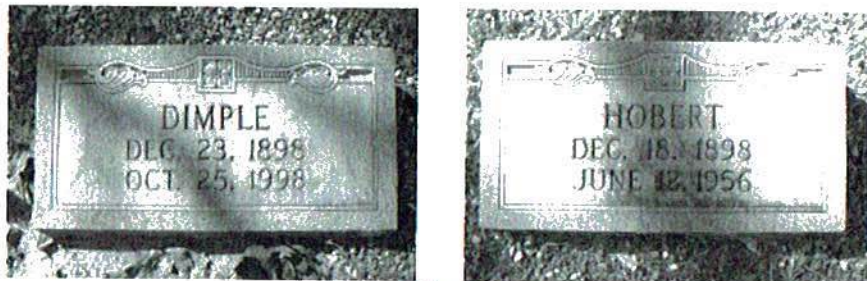


Dimple and husband, Hobert

was one of the four members of the first graduating class of the now non-existent Flat Rock High School, who went through all 12 grades. She graduated FRHS in 1916 and returned to teach there for many years, until the late 1950s.

She accomplished other things -- as a mother of three, later a grandmother, and always stayed involved in the Flat Rock Methodist Church and other community activities. To this day she is well-remembered by many.

But now we thank her for preserving memories, photographs and collectibles that can be shared. Without her, this small book couldn't exist.



Footstones at Smith Cemetery

ONE

### *“Pertaining to Wool”*

As far back as I can remember, we raised sheep. In fact, the only paddling my daddy ever gave me was pertaining to wool. I was three or four years old. They had been shearing sheep at the barn. When they had finished and started to the house I wanted Papa to carry me and he was carrying a load of wool, so with a keen switch he persuaded me to walk.

We had free range until 1920 when the “Stock Law” was voted into law. Before that, fields were not fenced and all the stock ranged in the woods.

We raised many sheep which had to be sheared twice a year. There were no boys in our family so I was “Papa’s boy.” No matter how deep the snow, each night Papa and I would light the old coal-oil lantern and go to the barn to check on the lambs.

Sometimes a ewe would give birth to twins and refuse to accept one of them. We would have to raise that one on a bottle. We didn't have nipples for the bottles, so we would take a piece of ragweed, push the pith out with a knitting needle, wrap it in a piece of cloth -- hence, a nipple.

The little lambs soon learned to look forward to feeding time. This was done twice a day and at night.

When shearing time came, everyone was busy. We used hand shears, shearing one side of the sheep, then turned it over and



The Hogue Farm



Dave Hogue and wife, Edna Armstrong, with children Opal, Pearl (Dimple), and Ruby, clockwise from left.

sheared the other side. Sometimes we would accidentally cut the skin a little.

We lived near Flat Rock Creek so we would take the wool to the creek, put it in a tub, pour water into it, jostle the wool up and down, pour off the water and continue this method until the wool was clean. We would throw the wet wool onto the rocks on the creek bank to dry.

After it dried, we would pick out the burrs and trash and sack the wool for the peddler, who would haul it to Chattanooga. The peddler was the one who gathered a load of chickens, eggs, wool or anything one had to sell.

This was called "barter." This barter was exchanged for things he kept on his wagon for sale, such as groceries, candy, cloth and other things.

After Stock Law was voted into law in 1920, we had to get rid of our sheep, for they required a wide range and we didn't have enough fenced pasture land to support them.

### *"The Large Flat Rocks"*

I have been asked many times why our community was named Flat Rock. I do not know who named it, or why, unless it was on account of the large flat rocks on the creek here. The post office was not at Flat Rock until 1912, which I will explain below.

Levi Kash had a little store and the first post office in this community. He lived on what is now Lambert property, on County Road 81 at the foot of what is called Dead Man's Hill (also Murder Hill). It was named that because two deputies were killed there in the 1930s. It is also called Kash Bluff on some early maps.



Dead Man's Hill (Murder Hill)

Apparently a misspelling caused the word "Kash" to become "Kosh," and so it remained.



Boss Carter and Dave Hogue, early 1900s

When my grandfather, Andrew J. Hogue, became postmaster (from Sept. 12, 1887 to Dec. 28, 1896), the post office moved to his land. He ran it from a little building in his yard, on the east side of Highway 71, a half mile north of Flat Rock.

Postmasters after A.J. Hogue were Hugh J. Cox, appointed 1896; Maggie Armstrong, 1897, and Maria M. Hogue, 1898.



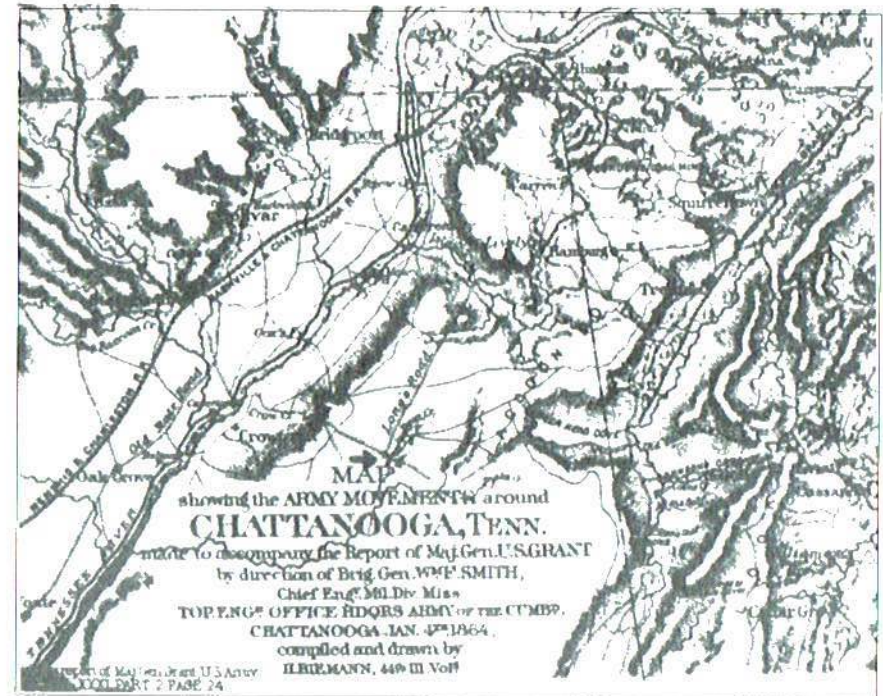
Maria M. Hogue

My aunt Maria M. Hogue was postmaster when the post office was moved to Flat Rock on Sept. 7, 1912. The establishment of Flat Rock High School undoubtedly played a large part in the change of location.

Aunt Maria was postmaster for many years, until 1920. She built an office on Boss Carter's land and kept the office until Ila Burkhalter took charge of it in 1920.

THREE

### *The Flat Rock, Alabama, Area*

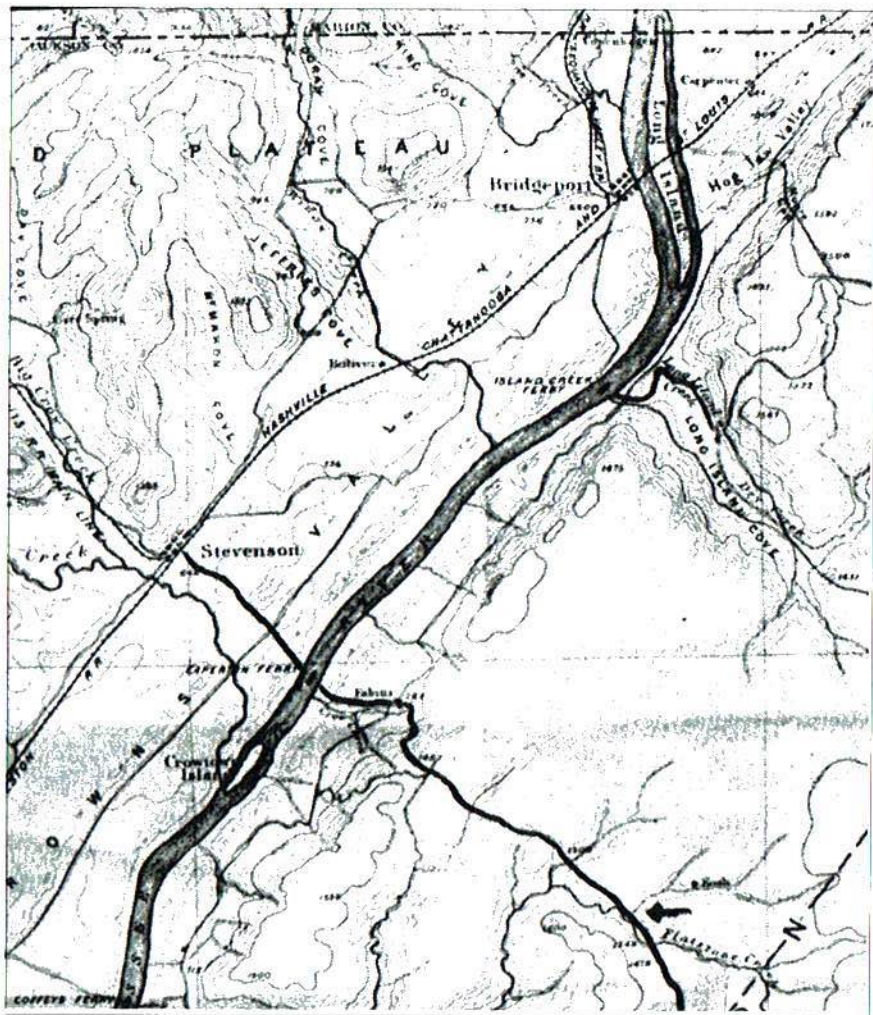


The map reproduced above is one of the earliest known maps to include the Flat Rock area. It was made by a Union Army engineer, dated Jan. 4, 1864, immediately after the Battles of Chattanooga. The area was not surveyed, thus the map is not accurate, likely relying on information from scouts and troops.

Unfortunately, the map information falls squarely across most of the Flat Rock area. Right above the word "MAP" is an arrow indicating the Flat Rock area. Upper Sand Mountain (including the Higdon-Bryant communities) was referred to as Raccoon Mountain.

The road running southeast, from Stevenson across the Tennessee River and up the mountain, was Caperton's Ferry Road, now part of County Road 81, for many years the main road through Flat Rock.

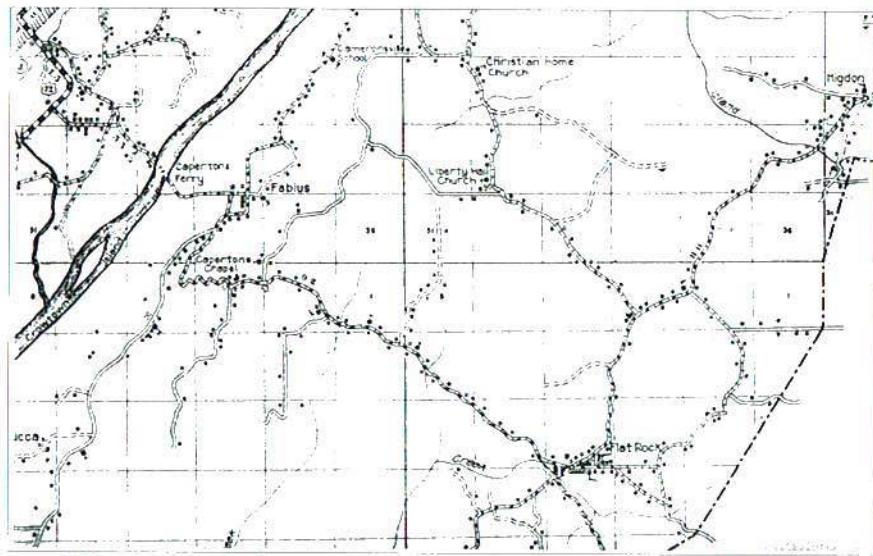




The 1884 U.S. Geological Survey map, above, is more accurate in that surveying crews were used. Of course no aerial photography existed then, and it appears no thought was given to mapping every road in use. As a result, it shows no north-south travelling roads, such as from Flat Rock to the North Sand Mountain area, when these roads clearly existed on the older 1864 map.

The Caperton's Ferry Road, the main road up Sand Mountain to Flat Rock, is indicated by a heavier dark line, with an arrow inserted at the lower right at the approximate location of Flat Rock.

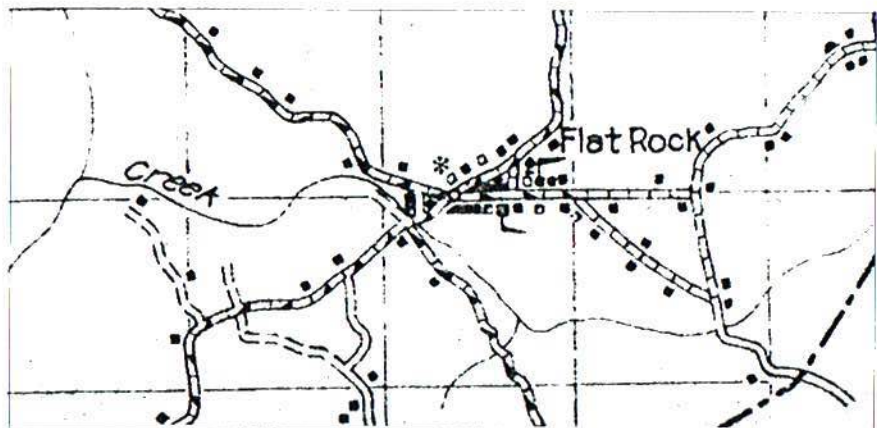
On this map Kosh is located slightly northeast, along a stream then-called Hogue Creek, which fed into a larger creek called Flatstone Creek.



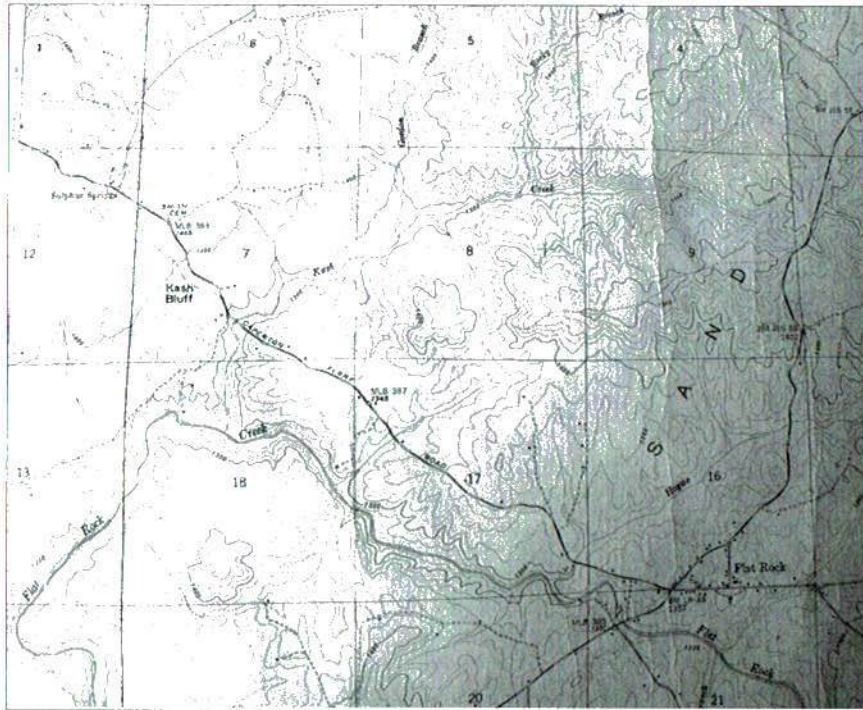
This section is from a 1937 "General Highway and Transportation Map" of Jackson County, Alabama. By this time, Flat Rock had acquired its name and the area around the school and current four-way stop is shown to be a cluster of stores, houses and the school.

This map details no named or numbered roads, but the main road, Caperton's Ferry Road (now County Road 81 and Highway 117) is indicated to be a "metal surfaced road." The intersecting side roads are soil or graded soil roads.

Fabius is shown at the foot of the mountain; later this was called Old Fabius, and the Fabius post office was then moved to the top of Sand Mountain.



An enlargement of the immediate Flat Rock area and the roads as they existed in 1937.



This mid-1940s U.S. Topographical Map details more landscape features than the previous maps. The ascent of the main Caperton's Ferry Road, from the valley up the mountain, is not shown in this quadrant, but the road is clearly identified.

Hogue Creek is shown northwest of Flat Rock, feeding into Flat Rock Creek. In the upper left of the map is Kash Bluff, home of the area's first known post office, and Kash Creek, sometimes noted as Warren Smith Creek on some old maps. At the top of Kash Bluff (also called Dead Man's Hill or Murder Hill) is Smith Cemetery on current County Road 81, where Dimple, her husband, her parents and many other family members are buried.

FOUR

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***“A School for the Mountaineers”***

In 1904, Bishop Wilson, on the recommendation of the Presiding Elders in cabinet session, appointed Dr. Frank H. Gardner, who had just returned from the Mission Fields in Mexico, to the Methodist's Flat Rock Mission. He was assigned to organize the work of the mission and to establish a mission school for the mountaineers.

In 1905 a primary school was organized in a small wood frame church building that stood at the then-intersection of Highway 71 and County Road 81, across from the Flat Rock Cemetery. Mr. Tom Hardy gave an acre of land for the church and one-fourth acre for the cemetery. School was held in this church building.

By autumn 1907, Flat Rock High School was established in the old Methodist church, a wooden structure with one large room and one small room. The school was the property of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, overseen by a Board of Trustees and managed by the school's principal.

Enrollment at this time was 13 pupils, all in grades one through five. The teachers in this early school were N.H. Price, W.O. Wrencher and Miss Mary E. Lee.



**The foundation of the girls' dormitory.**

Mrs. Gardner taught music in her home which was close enough to the school to accommodate the pupils who wished to avail themselves of this opportunity. All six of the Gardner children finished high school at Flat Rock and went on to higher education, becoming preachers and teachers.

Later, when a wooden building with one large room and two smaller rooms was erected, the two-room building was used for elementary grades. This three-room high school building also housed church and Sunday school services. This new school stood exactly where the Health Clinic building was built.

Some of the teachers at this time were I.T. Carlton, R.H. Hartford, W.W. Rutland and Miss Nancy Holt. In 1916 this high school building was converted into a dormitory. Eventually the school had three dormitories, all later destroyed by fire.

In 1914 Dr. Gardner began construction of a new stone building with Grover Houser as the architect. A.J. Hogue (Dimple's grandfather) donated the stone for the building. The cost of the building was about \$12,000, with a great deal of labor donated.

Since Flat Rock was a mission school, a donation of \$50,000 from the Centenary Campaign was made for building purposes and endowments.



Quarrying the donated stone from the property of A.J. Hogue, to be used in the construction of Flat Rock High School's Administration Building are:

1 Grandpa Hogue (A.J. Hogue), 2 Luther Moore, 3 Andy Hogue, 4 Manis Burkhalter, 5 Luther Rogers, 6 Gus Moore, 7 Boss Carter, 8 Emory Higginbotham, 9 Claude Steele, 10 Robert Bloom, 11 Sumter Anderson, 12 Joe Steele, 13 Boyd Jenkins, 14 John Palmer

The principal's home was built on forty acres secured by Dr. Gardner. The house stood where the present Community Center now sits. A library was built between the principal's home and the Stone Building.

G.W. Floyd was the first principal after school started operation in the Stone Building. He was a good school man and very successful in managing the boys and girls. Later principals were L.G. Alverson and Marvin McDonald. Roy G. Ellis was the first vocational teacher.

Flat Rock offered the only high school in this area and attracted students from many states, even from Cuba and Central America. A very wide ranging curriculum was offered – with a choice of Classical or Scientific concentrations, all pupils could study English, Mathematics, Science, History, Bible, Spanish, Latin, Music, Physical Education



Manis Burkhalter and wife. Described as "pioneer citizens of this community," Manis was over 70 years old when he gave \$100 in labor on construction of the Stone Building.



The 1916 graduating class of Flat Rock High School, the first to feature all students who completed all 12 grades at Flat Rock. From left to right: Gertha Hunkapiller Grayley, Opal Hogue, Dimple Hogue Cordell and Esther Moore.



Flat Rock school group identified as: 1 Essie Rogers, 2 Ruby Hogue, 3 Iby Lee Jones, 4 Roy Moore, 5 Middleton Cuzzort, 6 Gertha Hunkapiller, 7 Eula Kenimer, 8 Carl Jones, 9 Marie Lyda, 10 Marvin Burkhalter, 11 James Gardner, 12 Enon Herndon (teacher), 13 Vance Burkhalter, 14 Grady Fields, 15 Alva Lyda, 16 Elbert Lyda, 17 Burton Kenimer, 18 Mae King, 19 Beatrice Cuzzort, 20 Robert Bloom

and Vocational Studies.

The students were privileged to work their way through school. The school owned 292 acres of land for farming, livestock, dairying and poultry raising. The school also owned a sawmill, grist mill and planer which furnished employment for some of the boys. When boys and girls finished at Flat Rock High School they had learned the value of education and were eager to go to college or otherwise make good in the great adventure of life.

The pupils were religious without being fanatics and no compulsion was needed to get the students to church services or take part in the church's Epworth League (later called the M.Y.F.) The auditorium of the Stone Building housed worship services and was always filled to capacity.

The church school became inactive in 1929 but the church continued to use one room on the ground floor as a chapel until the present Methodist Church was built in 1947 under the guidance of Rev. David N. Hutto.

After the church school ceased to function, due to financial diffi-



Flat Rock School group photo, identified left to right:

Bottom row: Herman Moore, Johnson Darden, Emory Lyda, Rex Glover, Herbert Moore, Cecil Jones, Cecil Loyd, David Burkhalter

Second Row: Ethel Fields, Mary Thornburg, Charlsie Burkhalter, Dimple Hogue, Namoi Pritchett, Lou Rogers, Bonnie Moore, Ila Moore, Annie Bond, Opal Hogue, Ella (Cella) Gardner, Ruth Parton, Nora Thornburg, Mac Hawkins, Kathleen Hines, Lola Jones, Anna Lewis, Lexie Burkhalter, Mae Williams, Bernice Grass, Annie Rogers, Miss Mary E. Lee, Eva Hines

Top row: Ernest Inglis, Jim York, Prof. I.T. Carlton, Prof. N.H. Price, Emory Higginbotham, Clarence Rogers, Frank Gardner, Hugh Wright, Claude Hawkins, Robert Moore, Virgil Lyda

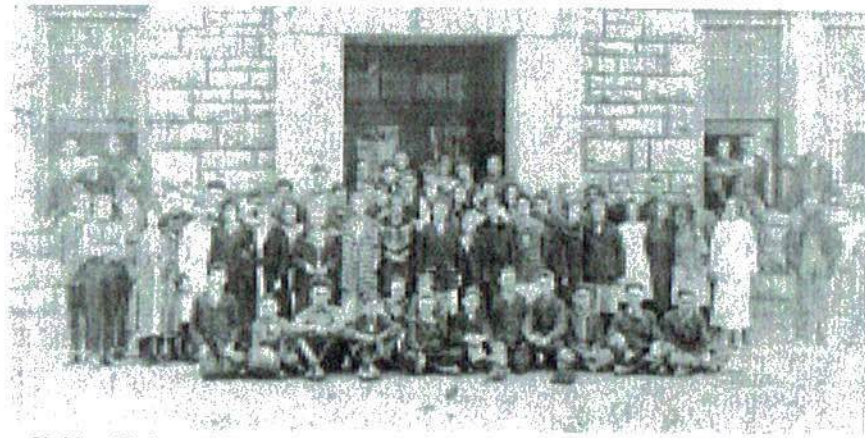
culties, classes were taught in the Stone Building for some time. Some of the principals, who had never known or cared how the people in the community had struggled to have a school, took no interest in the building and let it deteriorate. Windows were broken out. One school principal even allowed lumber from the auditorium stage floor to be removed.

Fortunately in 1963 a local boy, Mr. Ulyses Bowman, became Flat Rock's principal. He had finished high school here, class of 1926, and loved the school. With his leadership and the cooperation of the surrounding communities we were finally able to get some encouragement from the Board of Education and the final "go-ahead."

It was astounding to know the amount of money and labor donated by every method available for the restoration of our

landmark Stone Building. Patrons of the school, even people without children in the school, rolled up their sleeves and acquainted themselves with paint brushes, hammers and what-have-you in the line of labor.

The Stone Building was restored at the cost of about \$20,000.



Unidentified participants are shown in the above Flat Rock School photograph.

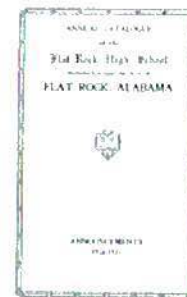
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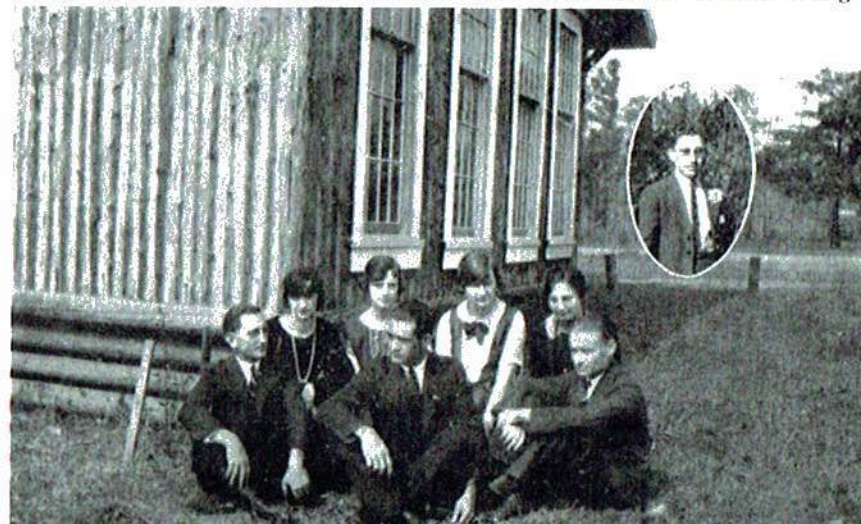
*This chapter is taken from the Annual Catalogues of Flat Rock High School, school years of 1925-26 and 1926-27. These booklets were distributed to students and faculty for each school year. Here are featured selected text and photos from these catalogues.*

Ownership. The school is the property of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. It is under the control of the Board of Trustees, and under the direct management of the Principal of the school.

Purpose. The purpose of this school is to give an opportunity for Christian education to that great army of young people in the mountains and rural sections of our own and adjoining States, who are unable to secure more than the rudiments of education, and in



Cover of 1926-27 FRHS Catalogue



The faculty of Flat Rock High School, 1924-25, outside the school's library building. Inset photo is Principal Marvin McDonald.

many cases not even that, and who have very little or no opportunity for the development of religious life. In this respect the work is unique and it is, so far as we know, without rival in its chosen field in the



SOME  
OF THE  
STUDENTS

A page from the 1924-25 Flat Rock High School catalogue.

State. The school of economy, of work, of self denial is by no means without its great and important lessons, and it is more often true than otherwise that such experiences bring out the best in us.

Scholarships and Loan Fund. It is our aim to place the benefits of this school in reach of all boys and girls who are desirous of securing an education.

There are a number of scholarships available for applicants who furnish proper recommendations from their pastors. Two of these, valued at \$25.00 each, are given annually to a boy or girl, by noble-hearted Christians in an adjoining state.

In addition to the above the same interested persons offer a loan of \$50.00 each, to one boy and one girl, to be used by them in helping to defray expenses, this loan to continue for two years without interest.

A Tuition Scholarship is given annually by Mr. and Mrs. George L. Buford (he was a 1925 FRHS graduate from Scottboro) to the student in the first years of High School who makes the highest average grade for the year.

Location. Flat Rock is situated in Jackson County on Sand Mountain, fourteen hundred feet above sea level, twelve miles from Sulphur Springs, Ga., on the East and the same distance from Stevenson, Ala., on the West. The climate is most delightful and the health conditions, so important for school work, are unsurpassed. The natural environment of the school is peculiarly fitted to meet the needs. We

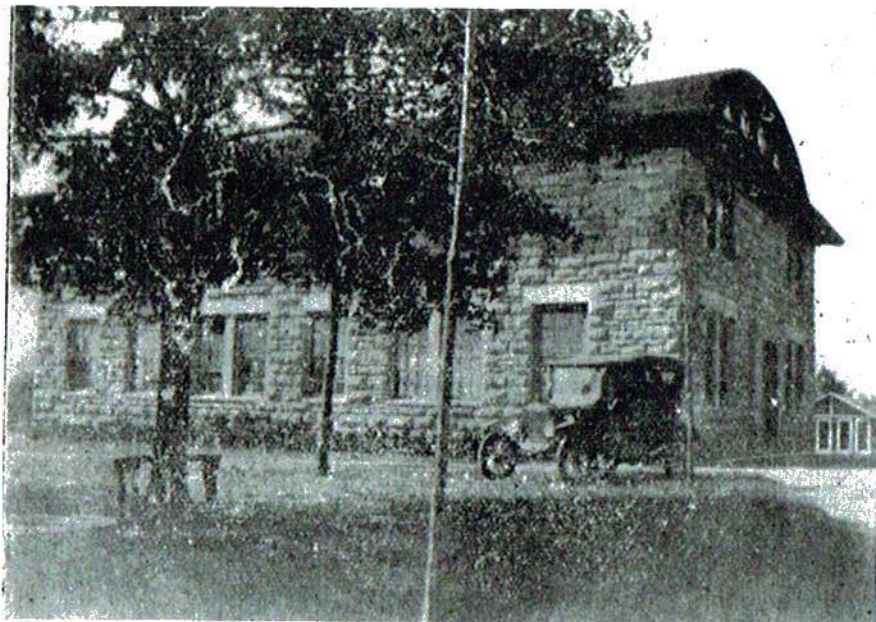


The Falls at Flat Rock Creek



The Dam at Flat Rock Creek

have decided advantages for doing school work of a superior type, surrounded as we are by citizens of the purest Anglo-Saxon blood, in an absolute rural section – no town or city influence to lure the student from his books.



The Administration Building at Flat Rock High School. The Library is in the background at right.

Grounds and Buildings. The grounds on which the buildings are located are admirably suited to this purpose and comprise about forty acres of land that slope gently in every direction. The grounds near the buildings are laid off in walks and lined with shade trees.

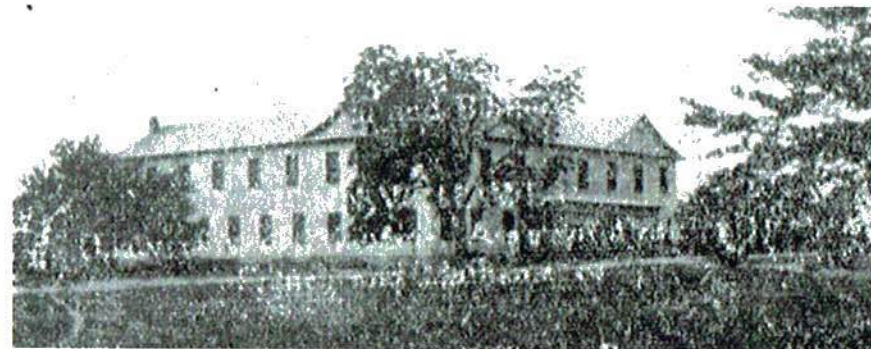
On the South side of the campus is a large mill pond, which affords opportunity for fishing, boating and swimming.

The beautiful gray sand-stone Administration Building will easily accommodate two hundred students in the Academic Department. This building is lighted by electricity. It has a modern system of ventilation. The class rooms are supplied with individual automatic desks and the auditorium with opera chairs.

The library consists of books of reference, history, and works of standard authors to which new books are being added. Gifts of good books are gratefully received. The students have access to daily and weekly periodicals and the best monthly magazines.



Library at FRHS



Flat Rock's Girls' Dormitory

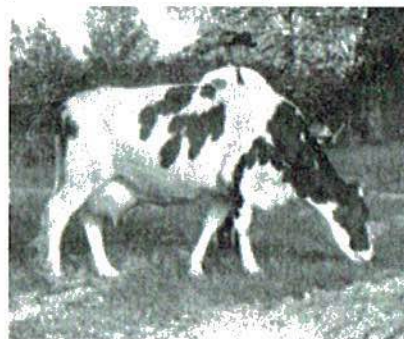
The girls dormitory, which will accommodate one hundred people, was constructed at a cost of \$15,000. It is a substantial building with dining room, kitchen and pantries. The building is steam heated, lighted by electricity and furnished with sanitary conditions.

The boys' dormitory which is a wooden structure accommodating about fifty students, is lighted by electricity.



Flat Rock's Boys' Dormitory

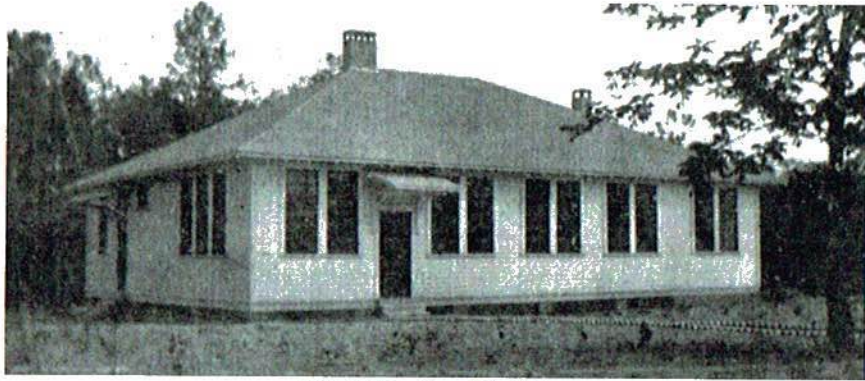
Farm. The school owns 292 acres of land. Tracts of this are under cultivation and portions are being cleared for future cultivation. The remainder is pasture and woodland. The farm is operated with a two-fold aim; first, the educational, and second, the financial, for the purpose of decreasing the running expenses of the school by providing, as far as possible, the food used on the table.



One of the school's milk cows



'Spark Plug' weighed 175 pounds at one day old



FRHS Vocational Building



Hogs in the school's livestock

Home Economics. The chief aim of the course is the training of young women to become good home makers. To this end they are taught to make their own garments in suitable style, to provide good food properly cooked and served, to give care in ordinary sickness, and in general, to manage successfully the affairs of the household.

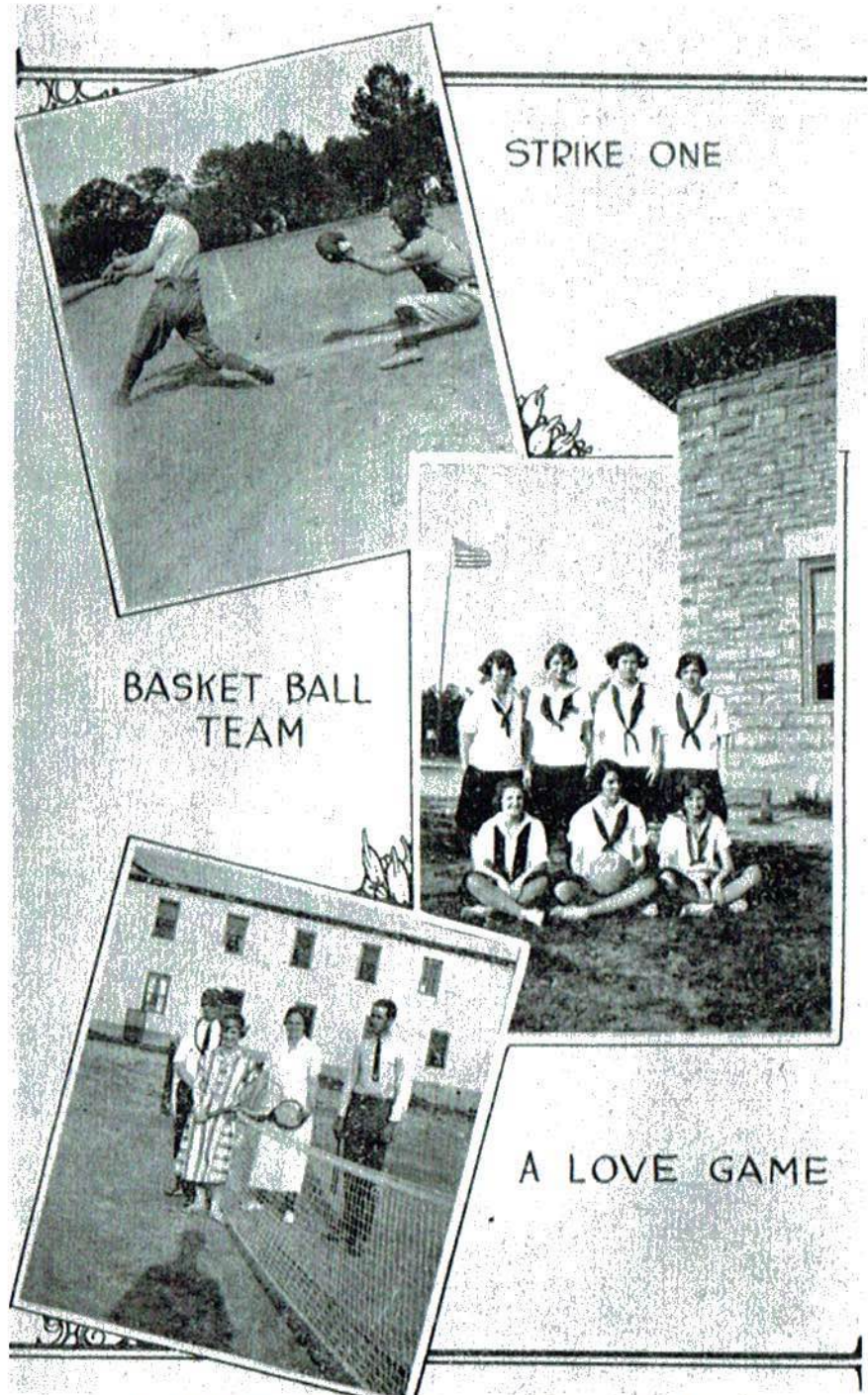


A Flat Rock High School "Volunteer Band," composed of students who expected to spend their lives in religious work, met weekly for instruction.

Vocational Education. The purpose of the Vocational Unit is to fit the students who have entered upon or who are preparing to enter upon the work of the farm, for useful employment.

The work of the department is being carried on under the following divisions: Field Crops, Animal Husbandry, Horticulture, and Farm Management.

Farm shop work and blacksmithing are included in the regular course.



Baseball, basketball and tennis as shown in the 1924-25 School Catalogue.



Athletics. The management of the school is in hearty sympathy with the desire of young people to engage in outdoor games and sports, properly conducted. Courts are provided for basketball and tennis, and a large field is set apart for football and baseball. Time is allowed for games to a reasonable extent.

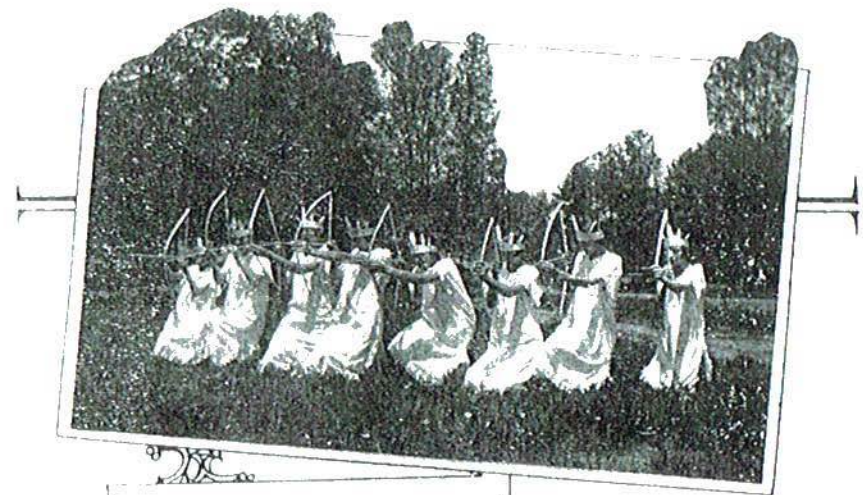


1925-26 Flat Rock High School Football Team

Dress. Extremes of styles must be avoided. Fine clothes are out of taste in this school. Expensive and elaborate apparel must be left off, and simplicity in dress is desired at all times, especially during the week.



1924-25 Flat Rock High School Graduating Class



CHARACTERS  
IN PAGEANT



SCENES NEAR  
FLAT ROCK



Pageants, plays and other activities at Flat Rock.



Declamation and Reading Contestants

Literary Societies. There are two Literary Societies and every pupil is expected to join one or the other of these. The object of these societies is to give the pupils an opportunity of learning to express themselves upon their feet, and so to give out what they have taken in. That is an artificial and one sided sort of education that consists only in the acquisition of knowledge but never imparting it.

Visitors. Students are allowed to receive visits from members of their immediate family, from time to time, to a reasonable extent. Such pupils, however, must pay twenty-five cents per meal and twenty-five cents for lodging for all visitors.

How to Reach Flat Rock. The railroad stations for meeting students are Valley Head, Ala., on the A.G.S. Railroad, and Stevenson, Ala., on the Southern and N.C.&St.L. Railroads. We prefer to have you come on the morning train since the school is twelve miles from the railroad. The Principal should know when to expect you as there is no regular bus line from the station.

Expenses

Board in dormitories (\$18.00 per month) . . . . .	\$162.00
Tuition (\$5.00 per semester) . . . . .	30.00
Incidentals (\$3.00 per semester) . . . . .	6.00
Total . . . . .	\$198.00
Music per month . . . . .	\$4.00
Expression per month . . . . .	3.00
Use of piano for practice per year . . . . .	3.00
Laboratory fee, for Science . . . . .	2.50

A diploma fee of \$2.50 will be charged each Senior.

*School Group Photos*

*At that time the only high school in the area, Flat Rock attracted students from across the area and even Central and South America. Enrollment steadily increased.*



Flat Rock High School group photo, dated 1907 in lower right corner. Identified as:  
**First Row:** Miss Mary E. Lee, Mrs. F.H. Gardner, (in lap) James Gardner, Ella Gardner, Ethel Fields, William Gardner, Dimple Hogue, Virgie Locke, Burton Kenimer, Daily Pritchett, Ruth Parton, Millie Rogers, Opal Hogue, Beulah Burkhalter, Lizzie Pritchett, Ida Little, Lexie Burkhalter  
**Second Row:** Ruth Pritchett, Mary Little, Charlsie Burkhalter, Lou Rogers, Nettie Locke, Naomi Pritchett, Lela Pritchett, Ethel Rogers, Annie Rogers, Vina White  
**Third Row:** Prof. N.H. Price, Dr. F.H. Gardner, Jake Overdeer, Charlie Kenimer, Dewey Kenimer, David Burkhalter, Frank Gardner, Henry Kenimer, Jasper Little, Dusky Pritchett, Leonard Parton, Myrtle Rogers  
**Fourth Row:** Lizzie Fields, Emma Fields, Alma Starkey, John Burkhalter, Lottie Lone, Stella Eaton, Brunson Burkhalter, Dorcas Pritchett  
**Seated on ground:** Earl Glover, Joseph Gardner



Those identified in this early Flat Rock school photo are: 2 Howard Shelton, 3 Mark Moore, 4 Lee Shrader, 5 James Frazier, 6 John Rutland, 7 Leon Austin, 8 Annie Ruth Austin, 11 Martha Jane Rutland, 14 Irene Fields, 26 Lily Koger  
 Top row, left to right are Edward Austin, Russell Jones, Robert Moore, Carl Jones, Millard Jones



An unidentified group at Flat Rock High School



The members of this Flat Rock group photo are identified as, Bottom row: M.C. Fields, Mr. Breckenridge, Ike Sampson, Emma Fields, Eula Kenimer, Bertha Hunkapiller, Ruby Hogue, Johnny Starkey, Talley Cox, Walter White, Bostic Hunkapiller, Beulah White, Mary V. Sampson, Burton Kenimer. Second row: Mrs. Eliza King, Robert Bloom, Bessie White, Isom Fields, Harrison Kenimer, Jim Loveless. Top row: Mrs. Fannie Fields, Mrs. Gramy White, Mrs. Sampson, Mrs. Edna Hogue, William Moore, Pete Sampson, Mrs. Lucinda Hunkapiller, Rev. L.P. Hunkapiller, Crawford Hunkapiller, Mrs. Maggie Kenimer, Rob Owens, Harley Fields, Gertha Hunkapiller, Ethel Fields, Clara Taylor, Mrs. Audie White, Tennie Sampson, Jim Sampson, Ethel Sampson, Staff Cox, Alma Starkey, Allie Fields, Bascom Moore, Jim Owens, Dave Hogue, Lizzie Fields, Arles Fields



This Flat Rock school group photo is from 1940-41. By this time the school was public and went through grade nine. George Nancarrow is standing at left, and Jean Houser Hampton is seated in the second row, at right.

*(Photo courtesy of Peggy Hampton)*



In a photo at Flat Rock School, from around 1910, are first row: Sambo Glover, Rex Glover, Earl Glover, Arthur York, Grady Fields, Joseph Gardner, Ethel Rogers, Annie Rogers, Allie Bowen, Charlsie Burkhalter, Lou Rogers, Almira York, Mary Little, Ella Gardner. Second row: David Burkhalter, Frank Gardner, Charlie Kenimer, Joe Smith, Adam York, Dimple Hogue, Ethel Fields, Cora Bowen, Lexie Burkhalter, Iby Jones, Ida Little, Bess Keys. Third row: Dewey Kenimer, Henry Kenimer, Frank Ladd, Jasper Little, Emma Bowen, Myrtle Rogers, Almeda York, Opal Hogue, Ida Sims, Ida Keys. Fourth row: Victor Lone, Jake Overdeer, George Starkey, Abner York, Millie Rogers, Alma Starkey, Beulah Burkhalter, Ruth Parton, Dusky Pritchett. Fifth row: Charlie York, Brunson Burkhalter, Henry Austin, Billy Parton, John Burkhalter, Lizzie Fields, Myrtle Jones, Allie Fields, Prof. N.H. Price

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**“Early Settlers”**

Early settlers in the Flat Rock area included Levi Kash and his family, the Gordons, Hogues, Alfreds, Austins and Raineys. Some are more detailed as follows.

- Mr. and Mrs. Robert Davidson, with sons Arthur and Floyd, who operated Davidson’s Store for many years. Arthur married Corine Glover, Floyd never married.

- Mr. and Mrs. Dan Austin. She was Rebecca Burkhalter. Children were Jasper, Fannie, George, Belle and Will.

- Mr. and Mrs. Manis Burkhalter. She was Dora Lusk. Children were Walter, Lou, Nancy, Ocie, Brunson, Lela, John, Beulah and Lexie.

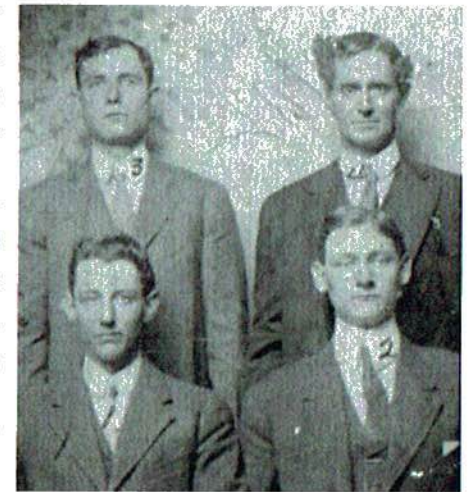
- Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jackson Hogue. She was Elizabeth (Betty) Gordon. Children were Maria, Avis, Willie, Nellie, the twins Anderson and Andy, David and Zou.

- Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Parton. She was Mary Marshall. Children were Tom, Billy, Leonard and Ruth.

- Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Kenimer. She was Maggie Armstrong. Children were Dewey, Eunice, Burton, Eula and Willie Lee.

- Mr. and Mrs. Dave Hogue. She was Edna Martin Armstrong. Children were Opal, Pearl (Dimple) and Ruby.

- Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hardy. She was Mattie Starkey. I think they had two daughters – one was named Annie.



Clarence Cox (1), Wallace King (2), Will Griffin (3), and John Bryant (4)

• Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ferguson. She was Virginia Geoffrey, a sister to Mrs. John Shrader (Singing John's father). Children were Billo, Jim, Dave, Charlie, Ida, Florence, Delia Ann, Martha Jane, Virginia (Dutch), Judy, Sally and Margie.

• Mr. and Mrs. Henry Starkey. First wife Cora Allen; children were Alma and George. Second wife Lou Ella McBryer; children were Johnnie and Sam.

• Mr. and Mrs. Man Rogers. First wife Betsy Ann Steele; children were Cecil, Joe, Lily, Milly and Myrtle. Second wife Mattie Henegar; children were Ethel, Annie, Lou and Essie.

• Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Pritchett. She was Sarah Young. Children were Dusky, Dorcas, Daily, Lizzie, Lela, Namoi, Ruth and Velma.

• Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gravley. She was Litha Steele. Child was John.

• Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Jones. She was Ida Hancock. Children were



At right is one of the Hogue twins, Anderson or Andy; both were Dimple's uncles.

Mae, John, Myrtle, Iby and Beulah Ruth.

• Mr. and Mrs. Thigpen. She was Pas Parton.

• Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Rainey. Children were Lou and Jo.

• Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Fields. She was Fannie Cordell. Children were Clark (Jesse), Isom, Harley, Norris, Grady, Emma, Nettie, Allie, Elizabeth, Ethel and Arles.

• Mr. and Mrs. Issac (Dock) Keys. She was Elizabeth (Bet) Dame. Children were John, Luther, Tom, Jim, Novella, Sweet, Ida and Bessie.

• Mr. and Mrs. Jake Overdeer. She was Clara Gordon. Children were Ida and Will.

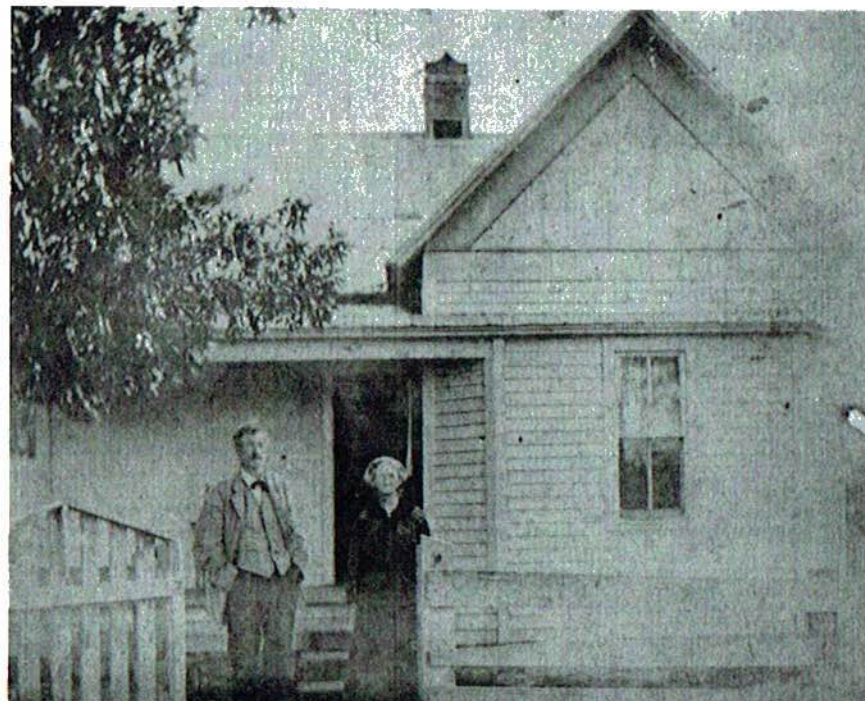
• Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cox. She was Avis Hogue. Children were Clarence, Bessie, David, Staff, Jesse, Marvin, Corine, Lee, Ethel and Talley.

• Mr. and Mrs. Bud White. She was Audie O'Neal. Children were Walter, Bessie, Beulah, Opal, Raymond and Flora.

• Mr. and Mrs. William S. Keys. She was Texas Cox. Children were Bodie, Reed, Maude and Cox.

EIGHT

### *The King Connection*



Dimple's grandparents, Frank King and his wife Eliza Jane Armstrong King, with their house in the early 1920s.

The King house was designed and built around 1900 by Dimple Cordell's grandfather, Frank King. Considered one of the oldest continuously lived-in houses in Flat Rock, the King house still stands on County Road 326 and is in fine shape.

Eliza's first husband, Martin Armstrong, was killed in a weather related accident. They had two children, Maggie and Edna (Dimple's mother). Frank's and Eliza's marriage produced three more children: Dan, Sally and Wallace.

Eliza continued living in the house for several years after Frank's

death in 1925. Eventually she moved in with family and passed away in 1938. Eliza had been born in 1853, daughter of Jimmy Smith, a salesman who delivered his products in a mule-drawn wagon.



Wallace King



Sally King with husband John Bryant and children



Dan King



Eliza Jane Armstrong King



In this photo from 1925-28, taken at Flat Rock, Alabama, are (from left) Ruby Hogue Marona, Eula Kenimer, Grandma Eliza Jane Smith Armstrong King, Burton Kenimer, Dimple Hogue Cordell, Willie Lee Kenimer.

NINE

### *"They Are All Obsolete Now"*

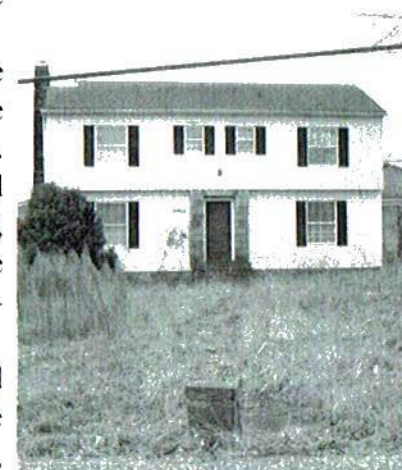
Mr. Tom Hardy (who donated land for the first Flat Rock School and Flat Rock Cemetery) was the first to have a general store at Flat Rock. This store was located near the cemetery on Highway 71. He sold his property to Jim Ferguson who in turn sold it to Dr. F.H. Gardner, who came here to establish our school.

Another one of the oldest stores was owned and operated by Arthur and Floyd Davidson, located about 1 1/2 miles north of Flat Rock.

Jim Cox owned and operated a store on Highway 81 near where Leon Austin lived. Later this store was operated by Ike Sampson.

Harrison Kenimer built a store near his home which was where the Jasper Austin residence now stands. He operated here until he let Floyd Davidson have the store. Later, Jasper Austin took over this store after he bought the Harrison Kenimer property.

J. Selley McGriff owned and operated a store on the corner where Highways 71 and 81 intersected, where Grady Bryant later resided.



The Jasper Austin Residence

Arthur Burel owned and operated the store where Buck Strickland's store later stood. Brothers Agee and Buck Strickland were in business there together until Agee sold his interest to Buck. Buck continued to own and operate the store until his daughters took over management of the business. (Strickland's Hardware remained in business until 2018.)

Lewis Wheeler owned and operated his general store on High-



Lewis Wheeler's General Store

(Photo courtesy of Jane Wheeler Stiegler)

way 71. His business was purchased by Noel and Thelma Marshall. (The Wheeler store has since been sold, renovated and is now home to another business.)

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The oldest blacksmith shop I can recall was operated by a man named Barmore. His shop was just across the road from where Mrs. Louise Gaines lived on Highway 71. Lewis Wheeler later purchased this land which adjoined his store property.

John Palmer operated a blacksmith shop on Dave Hogue's property. In fact, it stood where my back yard is now. Also Joe Lyda, Grover Houser and Dave Hogue owned and operated a planer right where my house was built. Remember, this is Dimple Hogue Cordell relating these facts as she remembers them!

Henry Starkey, "Uncle Skid" as we children called him,



Douglas Cordell in Strickland's Hardware, 1960s

(Photo courtesy of Peggy Hampton)

owned and operated a grist mill just below the bridge at the Flat Rock four-way stop. It was a water mill, and for many years the old mill wheel remained there.

Dave Hogue worked with Henry Starkey and it was at this mill where they, along with Bud White and Bill Glover, concocted many of the "tall tales" they told and planned the pranks they played.

Jasper Austin bought the property on which the mill stood. Some of the men who ran the mill for him were Maurice Bridges, John Koger, Floyd Shaw and Bill Fowler.

Colonel Lea operated a grist mill where Nelson Steele later built a garage (on County Road 118). They are all obsolete now.

Broadas Garrison owned and operated a grist mill at Davidson's Store.

Old Uncle Dock Keys owned and operated a grist mill at what is known as the "Buck Hole." It was on the Uncle Jake Anderson Creek on current Lambert family property (County Road 81).



Kash Creek, also known here as the "Uncle Jake Anderson Creek," on County Road 81.

There was also a mill and a planer owned and operated by Flat Rock School, after the high school was established. It was powered by steam from a wood-heated boiler.

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Usually men cut each other's hair and the boys' hair and of course many years ago, women wore long hair and that took care of the barber shop.

Later, Burton Kenimer had a barber shop across from Lewis Wheeler's store, before a store was there.

Herbert Crow had a barber shop on Boss Carter's property where there was a little store building.

Sue Bowen operated the first beauty shop we have ever had here. It was originally located beside Nelson Steele's garage, in a building

where Nelson and his wife Edna once ran a cafe (on current County Road 118).

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Dr. Mason was one of the earliest doctors in Flat Rock, here in the late 1880s.

Dr. F.H. Gardner came here around 1905 to establish our school. He was a minister and also a doctor.

Dr. W.S. Hansard started his practice here around 1908. He and Dr. Gardner travelled by horseback and buggy all over Sand Mountain, in all kinds of weather and at all hours.

Dr. Volney Harrison practiced around here during World War One. Also, Dr. W.D. Patton was here for several years.



Sue Bowen's Beauti-Bar was in the building on the left, Nelson Steele's garage was on the right.

TEN

## *Out and About in Flat Rock*



A photo from around 1900 shows a group enjoying the scenery at Flat Rock Creek. Shown are (front row) Allie Fields, Brunson Burkhalter and Dusky Pritchett, (second row) Myrtle Jones, Will Austin, Alma Starkey, Henry Austin, John Jones, (third row) Johnny Starkey, John Burkhalter, Beulah Ruth Jones, Mae Jones, Leonard Parton, Charlie McMahan, Emma Fields, Billy Parton, Zou Hogue, Mr. Hall, Norris Fields, Harrison Kenimer, Bill Glover and Anderson Hogue.



An early 1900s postcard image of the dam at Flat Rock Creek.

*(Photo courtesy of Gabriel Shavers)*





Under the bridge on Highway 81. The bridge is now closed and on private property but can be seen alongside present northbound Highway 117. In the photo is: Jasper Austin, Letty Hughes, Mr. Hall, Zou Hogue, John Johnson & Essie Rogers.



Joe Steele and Ethel Underwood.  
Ethel later married John Gravley.



Jake Overdeer



Dimple's aunt, Zou Hogue Carter, daughter of A.J. Hogue and Elizabeth (Betty) Gordon Hogue. She married Boss Carter.



Will and Rebecca Cordell and their children: (1) Hobert, Dimple's future husband, (2) Walter, (3) Mary, (4) Stella, (5) Maude, (6) Dora, (7) Ted



Anderson Ross, son of Jim Ross, and wife Frances Gordon Ross. Frances was Dimple's great-aunt.



Ruby Hogue, Dimple's youngest sister



A Sunday group photo in Flat Rock

ELEVEN

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**“Great Enthusiasm and Fellowship”**

Baseball was the first game that was played here. It must have been before 1910, for Prof. N.H. Price, who was then principal of Flat Rock School, introduced it among the adults.

The players knew nothing of the rules at that time. I’ve heard my uncle Anderson Hogue laugh and tell about some of the games. He was batting and they called a strike on him when he didn’t swing. He protested, “How could that be a strike? I didn’t swing at it!”

As the years went by, baseball became very popular here at Flat Rock. We could boast of some of the best players, among whom were John Steele, William Moore, Luther Moore, Bob Finley, John Gravley, Boss Carter and Ronald Jones.

In later years were David and Vance Burkhalter, Ottis Steele, Hobert Cordell, Swindell and Ernest Lyda, James Burkhalter and many more, too numerous to mention.

Year by year, new players took the place of the older ones. We always had some of the best players in the country!



Flat Rock baseball team, mid-1940s. Billy Ray Carter is kneeling on the front row at right. George Nancarrow is second from left, back row; and Chick Norton is second from left, front row.

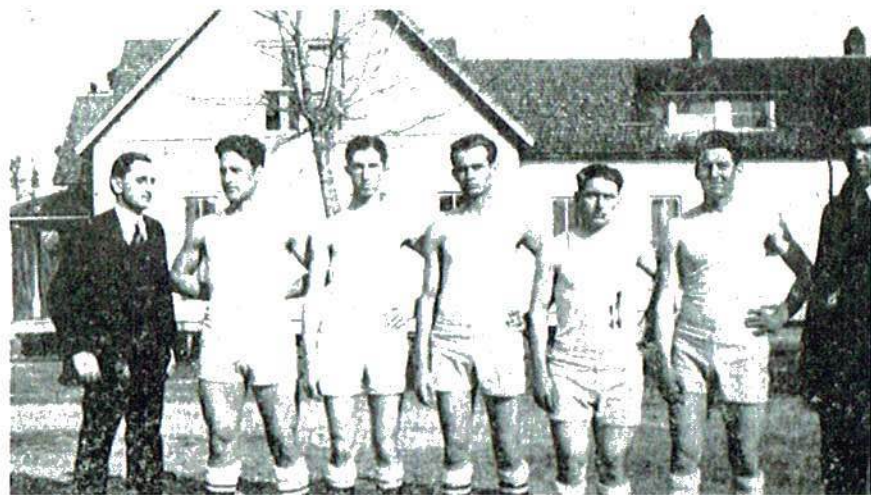
*(Photo courtesy of Gabriel Shavers)*

Everybody, almost, worked hard all week in order to “take off” on Saturday afternoon to attend the ballgame. There was great enthusiasm and fellowship among the players and the audience.

Grover Houser, the architect who built the school’s Stone Building, was among the first baseball managers. He would take the players to adjoining towns to play, and they were very successful. They travelled in a wagon and would be gone for up to three days.

As time advanced, and we had a high school, baseball was still popular, as were football and basketball.

The high school’s first basketball team consisted of Charles Herring, Garvin (Monk) West, Leslie Funderburg, Gladston Smith, Claude Skidmore, and coaches Fred Moore and Roy Ellis (the school’s vocational teacher).



An early Flat Rock High School basketball team

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*“Filled to Capacity”*

The first church I remember was in the southeast corner of the intersection of Highways 71 and 81. Then, of course, there was only one main road going north. It was called the Coal, or Cole, City Road (following the approximate path of current Alabama Highway 71 toward the Higdon area).

The building was only a one-room structure with two doors, one in front and one in back. There were home-made wooden benches on which to sit. This building was used for church and school purposes.

I remember Mr. Thigpen as my first Sunday School Superintendent. I remember a song he sang often, “O Love Surpassing Knowledge.”

Of course we had no instruments until we started having church and school in a building located on an acre given to the school by Mr. Jim Ferguson, land that came originally from Mr. Tom Hardy. This was at the northeast intersection of Highway 71 and 81 and adjoined the church acre.

Church was held in this building until a new building was put in use, just below what was built for a Methodist parsonage near Buck Strickland’s store, where later Mrs. Henrietta Richardson resided.

After the Stone Building was completed the auditorium was used for church purposes. I must add that it was always filled to capacity, since by this time the school had three dormitories filled with pupils from various places.

Everybody worshipped in the Stone Building until the Baptist church and Methodist church were built. An additional church, Calvary Baptist, was built near the current four-way stop.



**Flat Rock Methodist Church**



**Flat Rock Baptist Church**



**Liberty Hill Baptist Church**



**Sulphur Springs Union Church**



**Calvary Baptist Church, near the Flat Rock four-way stop**



**Bethlehem Baptist Church, then called Overlook Church**

These area churches were involved in the Rural Development Club of 1965. All photos are from 1964-65, with the exception of the photo of Flat Rock Methodist Church.

THIRTEEN

### *“Some Very Hard Times”*

*A member of the Flat Rock Methodist Church, Dimple was involved in the church's centennial celebration in 1970. This section features an excerpt from the booklet she contributed to for distribution at the event.*

“Uncle” Richard Blevins, a Primitive Baptist, walked all over the region here preaching before any churches were founded.

Then in 1870, men of the Flat Rock community built a small log house which was to be used for a school and for a church of all denominations. It was known as Free Chapel.

The building was located on the North West one-fourth of the North East one-fourth of Section 21, Township 3 of Range 9 East. Different denominations held services in this building and Sunday School was held here each Sunday with A.F. Rogers as superintendent.

When Mt. Hebron Church burned, which was located about two miles northeast of Flat Rock, the membership of that church moved to Flat Rock Methodist Church. Among the charter members were Mr. and Mrs. H.D. Austin, Miss Missouri Austin, Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Austin, Mr. and Mrs. A.H. Rogers and Mr. and Mrs. D.C. Burkhalter.

Soon after the organization of the church, a frame building with a seating capacity of about two hundred persons was erected beside the original building. When it became necessary to have more room, a two-room building was erected near the previous site. This building had one large room and one small room.

Dr. G.S. Boyd, a presiding elder of the Huntsville District, suggested the establishment of a high school somewhere in the Huntsville District to Dr. F.H. Gardner, who had just returned from the Mission Fields in Mexico.

Flat Rock was chosen as the site, and Dr. Gardner became the



Flat Rock Methodist Church, erected 1947

supervisor of the organization of the school. The school had its beginning in a frame building standing some three hundred yards from the present location of the Stone Building. This building served as both church and school.

When the Stone Building was completed in 1917, the school moved into the ground floor and the church reserved the auditorium for worship services to be held as long as the building was church property.

The church school became inactive in 1929, but the building was used for church purposes until the new church was erected under the guidance of the Reverend David Hutto in 1947.

The first service was held in the new church on September 14, 1947. The church was dedicated on May 30, 1948, with Bishop Costen J. Harrell laying the cornerstone.

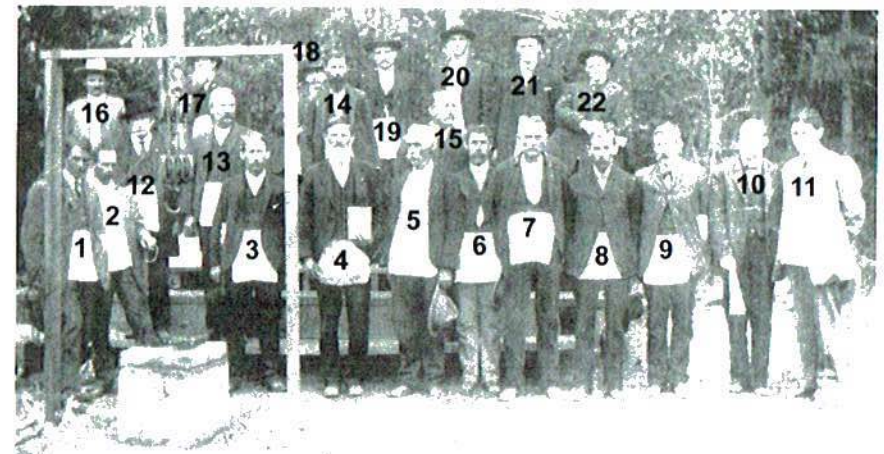
During the years from 1946 to 1950, Flat Rock was part of a group ministry. In 1950 the Conference support was pulled from the group ministry and the leading ministers were moved from the mountain. Our church went through some very hard times. Until 1969, churches were served by whatever ministers the Conference was able to find that the churches could pay for.

In 1969, the Conference established a larger parish on upper Sand Mountain as a pilot project. One of the first undertakings of the parish was to strengthen the work on the north end of the mountain by combining the Forest Hill-Ider Charge and the Flat Rock-Sulphur Springs Charge to form the North Circuit.

This was done in 1970, with the result of new churches being added to the parish.

### *A Side Trip to Sulphur Springs Union Church*

*Considered to be possibly the oldest continuously operating church in Jackson County, Sulphur Springs is on County Road 81, known as Highway 81 in Dimple's time. Established in 1848 as a Methodist and Baptist meeting place, it is currently a Baptist church. Sulphur Springs is not far from Smith Cemetery, where Dimple and many of her family are buried. These photos are from her collection, including newspaper clippings, unless otherwise noted. Dimple's uncle Dan King is at the far right in this photo.*



Freemasons at the cornerstone-laying of Sulphur Springs Union Church in 1907. The building originally had two stories, the upper one as a Masonic hall, the lower one as a church and school. The school was later relocated a short distance from the church. Shown above are 1 Henry Caperton, 2 Arthur Wheeler, 3 Jake Williams, 4 John D. Mayes (or James D.), 5 James Allen Craze, 6 Sam Bandy, 7 Unidentified Sampson, 8 John Locke, 9 George Caperton "Cape" Mason, 10 Kelsey Graham, 11 Dan King, 12 William Sterne, 13 John Hawes, 14 John Cass, 15 Joe Ladd, 16 James D. McCoy, 17 Gus Overdeer, 18 Sam Melton, 19 Jerome Houser, 20 Lewis Minton (or Jim Sampson), 21 Ira Thornton, 22 Judge Walter Bogart



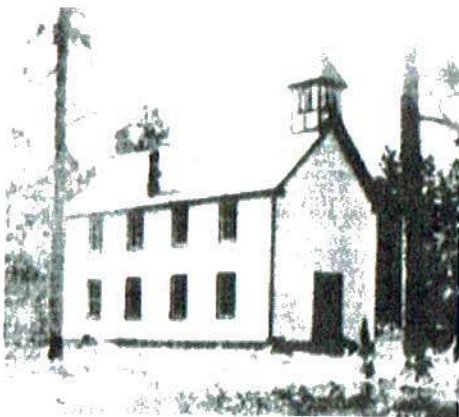
A Sulphur Springs church group photo from around 1910.

**First row:** Jerome Houser, Josephine Barnes, Flora Eaton, Ruth Buckner, Annie Bell Buckner, unidentified, unidentified, unidentified, Martha "Sweet" Houser, Margie Houser, Helen Houser, Lizzie Smith

**Second row:** Bertha Smith, Stella Eaton, Corine Wheeler, unidentified, Pearl Hawes, Ethel Cox, unidentified, Elizabeth Wheeler, Vera Eaton, Mrs. Tom Barnes & baby, Tennie Sampson

**Third row:** Vesta Buckner, Corrine Cox, John Lee Buckner, Johnny Hawes, unidentified, unidentified, unidentified, Claude Houser, Lee Cox & Tennie Sampson, Effie Eaton, Myrtle Hawes, Kate Houser, Arthur Sheeler, unidentified, Fred Hawes, Bruce Eaton, unidentified Buckner

**Fourth row:** Anderson Hawes, Frank Hawes, Tom Barnes, Reed Keys



The newly-completed Sulphur Springs church in the early 1900s, used as a Freemason Lodge, a school and a Methodist-Baptist Church.



Schoolchildren at Sulphur Springs, circa 1905



A Sunday School class at Sulphur Springs Union Church, around 1910.

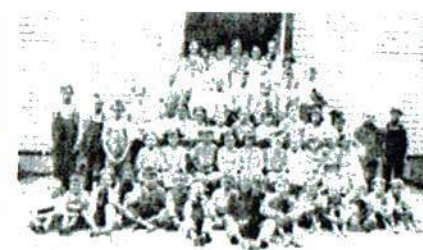
**Front row** from left is Johnny Hawes, Lee Cox, Stella Eaton, Marjorie (Margie) Houser, Claude Houser and George Buckner

**Back row** from left is Ethel Cox, Elizabeth Wheeler, Josephine Barnes and Flora Eaton

The original Sulphur Springs Church was a one room building on 40 acres of land donated by S.W. Norwood. Originally a Methodist church, it later became a union church in order to also serve the members of the Baptist community.

At that time the building also hosted a school for local children. Some of the early teachers were Mrs. Vestal Burel and Mr. John Lee Buckner. In 1917, the school was relocated a short distance from the church.

The present church was constructed when this original church needed repairing. The new church was built closer to the road, on land donated by L.A. Wheeler. The original 40 acres were returned to the original owner.



Groups at Sulphur Springs Union Church, early 1900s



In a photo dated from around 1940, this group at Sulphur Springs Union Church shows:  
**(front row)** Charlie Stoner, Claude Houser, Cox Keys, Talley Cox, Oliver Fuller, John A. Goforth, Napoleon "Pony" Goforth  
**(second row)** Sabra Smith Vaughn, Maude Keys, Flora Williams Wheeler, Flora Eaton Smith, Bess Cox Hart, Georgia Thomas Goforth, Beulah Overdeer Stone, Martha "Sweet" Hawes Houser  
**(back row)** Margie Westbrooks Cox, Margie Houser Colley  
 In center window is Bobbie Hart Smith (Lee's wife). The child on right is thought to be Imogene Cox Lambert.

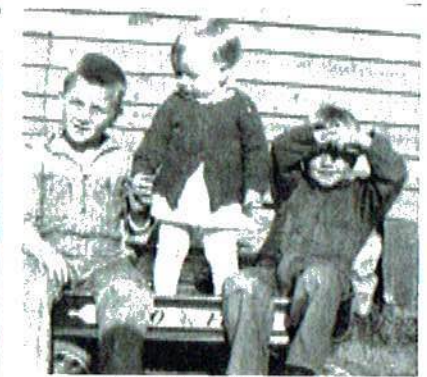
*(Photo ID by Stella McCoy Houser in 2007, photo courtesy of Peggy Hampton)*

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**"W.D., Edna and Jim"**

*The children of Dimple and Hobert Cordell*



Edna, Jimmy and David



David, Jimmy and Edna



Edna and David



David, Edna and Jimmy (in back)



Edna, David and Jimmy



David, Hobert and Edna



Edna, Hobert and David



Jimmy, David and Edna  
(on left in chair: Dean Bowen Cordell)



Edna and David



David, Edna and Jimmy Cordell

SIXTEEN

### *Early FRHS Graduates*

*In addition to general information about the school, the Annual Catalogue of Flat Rock High School also included names of all graduates from previous years. This section lists only the graduates from the immediate Flat Rock area, from the 1926 School Catalogue.*

Hogue, Dimple, 1915-16, Flat Rock

Hogue, Opal, 1915-16, Flat Rock

Moore, Ester, 1915-16, Flat Rock

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Fields, Ethel, 1916-17, Flat Rock

Moore, John Fred, 1916-17, Flat Rock

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Burkhalter, Charlsie, 1917-18, Flat Rock

Burkhalter, Lexis, 1917-18, Flat Rock

Hunkapiller, Gertha (Mrs. Gravley), 1917-18, Flat Rock

Rogers, Annie, 1917-18, Flat Rock

Rogers, Ethel, 1917-18, Flat Rock

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Caperton, Bulah Taylor, 1918-19, Fabius

Hawes, John William, 1918-19, Fabius

Moore, Bonnie Julia (Mrs. Buford), 1918-19, Flat Rock

Moore, Viola, 1918-19, Henegar

Rogers, Louverta, 1918-19, Flat Rock

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Bowman, John William, 1919-20, Pisgah

Jones, Cecil Raymond, 1919-20, Flat Rock

Kenimer, Burton Bohannon, 1919-20, Flat Rock

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Buckner, Anne Belle, 1920-21, Fabius  
Ott, Albert, 1920-21, Pisgah

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Gardner, William, 1921-22, Flat Rock  
Hogue, Ruby, 1921-22, Flat Rock  
Medlin, Ora, 1921-22, Flat Rock

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Adams, Charles W., 1922-23, Flat Rock  
Austin, Minnie Lee, 1922-23, Flat Rock  
Floyd, Kate, 1922-23, Flat Rock

Gardner, Sarah Simmons, 1922-23, Flat Rock

Gardner, James Watts, 1922-23, Flat Rock

Gibbs, John Mc, 1922-23, Flat Rock

Holland, Joseph H., 1922-23, Flat Rock

Kenimer, Eula Louise, 1922-23, Flat Rock

Lyda, Tennie Marie (Mrs. Fields), 1922-23, Flat Rock

Prickett, Orea, 1922-23, Flat Rock

Scogin, Gladys, 1922-23, Pisgah

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Bowman, LaVinia, 1923-24, Pisgah

Davidson, Robert Carter, 1923-24, Flat Rock

Henegar, Eugene Houston, 1923-24, Flat Rock

Parmer, Ethridge Franklin, 1923-24, Fabius

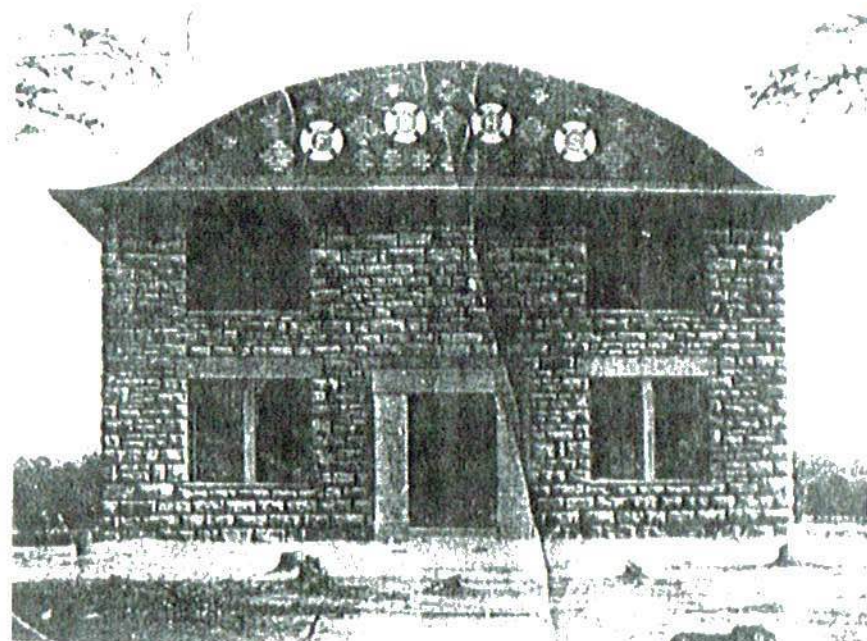
White, Bessie, 1923-24

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Floyd, Bob, 1925, Flat Rock  
Gaines, Artelle, 1925, Flat Rock  
Patton, W.D., 1925, Pisgah  
Seay, Hettie, 1925, Pisgah

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Bowman, Ulyses, 1926, Pisgah  
Buckner, Joseph, 1926, Fabius  
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The Stone Building (Administration Building) at Flat Rock High School, showing the original rounded roof and the F-R-H-S plaques adorning the top.

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