

## Beech Grove School

**Location:** S26/T4/R5E

**Funds:** \$208

**School District:** 56

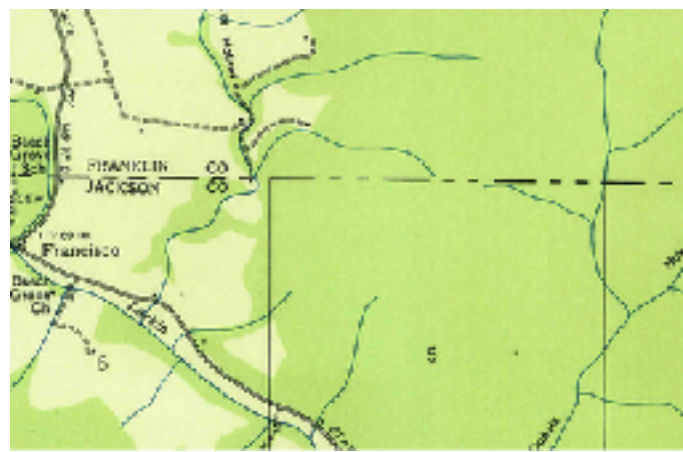
**Teacher in 1923:** None defined

**Trustee in 1923:** J. T. Smart, Route 4

**1908-1909:** One teacher, 5 months at \$35  
Consolidated with Scottsboro City School.  
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**Latitude:** 34.990365

**Longitude:** -86.2497087



Beech Grove is an old school. It is found in the *Scottsboro Citizen* as a church in 1880. Activities at this school can be found as early as 1883. The original building was sold and a new building was built in 1902. The school is not found with this name by 1939. Edna Gay in the 1972 *Jackson County Advertiser* had interviewed Anderson Smith of the Paint Rock Valley, and wrote, "My father, J. W. L. Smith, was born 1800 without one and a quarter miles of the Tennessee state line, near Beech Grove on Larkin's Fork, Paint Rock Valley." This seems to be a good description of the location of this early school. It is an early one-teacher school and had disappeared or merged with another school by the mid 1920s.

**Nov 29, 1883 SC:** "Beech Grove Notes. The Beech Grove school, conducted by Jefferson D. Smith, of Winchester, Tenn., terminated on the 16th of November, with an interesting examination and exhibition, one of the best ever exhibited in Jackson county by any students." There exercises being at 9:30 p.m. They consisted of speeches, orations, reading, dialogues, and music, vocal and instrumental. We are proud to see our sons and daughter come out so boldly on the public stage. Mr. Smith, though a young man, is an excellent teacher, worthy of any community. He has taught an excellent school this year. Many Patrons."

**Jul 12, 1900 PA:** "Miss Fannie Blakemore is teaching school at Beech Grove."

**Sep 20, 1900 PA:** Revival held at Beech Grove school house.

**Jun 27, 1901 PA:** "Miss Annie Boyd is teaching school at Beech Grove for Miss Temple Young, who secured it, but is not strong enough yet from recent illness to take hold."

**Nov 7, 1901 PA:** "Mr. Hudiburg will preach at Beech Grove School house in the afternoon at three o'clock."

**Nov 21, 1901 PA:** "The school directors at this place sold the old Beech Grove school house here last Saturday, the proceeds of which will be used in building a new and more commodious school on the old grounds."

**May 29, 1902 PA:** "Miss Lula Davis will begin teaching the public school at Beech Grove near Sept. Dave Staples', Monday."

**Jul 24, 1902 PA:** "Miss Lou Davis is teaching the public school at Beech Grove, three miles below town."

**Aug 25, 1904 PA:** "There will be a pinnacle at Beech Grove, in the Staples neighborhood, near town, tomorrow, Friday. The occasion is the closing of Miss Cora Manning's school."

**Sept 1, 1904 PA:** "The picnic at Beech Grove, near town, Friday was a nice, quiet affair and the dinner was good and in abundance. Those who went report a most enjoyable time. The picnic was given in honor of the closing of Miss Cora Manning's school. The people of Beech Grove are pleased with Miss Cora as a teacher."

**Jul 20, 1905 PA:** "School opened Monday at the Beech Grove school house under the management of Prof. Arnold of Winchester."

**Sep 28, 1905 SC:** "Prof. Will Money will begin teaching the public school at Beech Grove, in the Frazier-Staples neighborhood, about the middle of October."

**Jul 26, 1906 PA:** "Francisco: Prof Gilbert, of Winchester, began the public school for the summer at Beech Grove school house Monday."

**Jan 30, 1908 SC:** "Miss Walker, an accomplished young lady, is teaching the public school at Beech Grove, on the Larkinsville Pike. The patrons of the school are well pleased with her as a teacher. She is a cousin of Mrs. John C. Hunt, and Miss Bettie Graham."

**Mar 5, 1908 SC:** "Miss Nannie Walker, who teaches the public school at Beech Grove, spent Saturday with her parents near Fackler."

**Apr 9, 1908 SC:** "In the company of County Superintendent Cooper, the editor [James Armstrong] visited, Friday Morning, the Beech Grove public school taught by Miss Nannie Walker, of Fackler. Prof. Cooper made an interesting speech to the school, which was given and close and respectful attention. John C. Hunt and the editor made a few remarks. Beech Grove is on the Larkinsville Pike and is a beautiful and ideal location for a country school house and church. Miss Nannie's school will close tomorrow, and she has given general satisfaction as a teacher."

**Oct 15, 1908 PA:** "Miss Ella Walker has gone to Scottsboro where she will teach at Beech Grove." SC "Miss Ella Walker, one of Mr. and Mrs. David Walker's bright daughters of Fackler, opened the public school at Beech Grove last Monday. She is boarding with her cousin, Mrs. John C. Hunt."

**Mar 11, 1909 SC:** "Miss Ella Walker finished her school at Beech Grove Friday and returned to Fackler the first of the week. The patrons of the school were well pleased with her as a teacher."

**Aug 31, 1911 PA:** "The revival meeting at Beech Grove school house closed last Wednesday after some very hard preaching and laboring with the church and the unsaved. The meeting resulted in six souls saved and nine additions to the Campbell Chapel Church. There will be a baptizing at the Beech Grove school house the first Sunday in September at eleven o'clock, by Rev. A. L. Stines, everybody is cordially invited."

**Nov 2, 1911 PA:** "Notice. All members both male and female of Beech Grove Local No. 807 are requested to meet me at the Beech Grove School House Sunday night, Nov. 4, without fail. R. R., Kelly, Pres."

**Feb 2, 1922 PA:** "School at Beech Grove is progressing nicely with Misses Virginia Sisk and Sallie Erwin as teachers."

**Aug 2, 1923 PA:** "School started here last Monday morning with Joe Thomas as teacher."

**May 14, 1931 PA:** Ten students from Beech Grove were being transported to JCHS, a large number compared to other locations.