

Glade/ Cross Roads School



Location: S18/T6/R6E

Funds: \$322.92

District: 17

Teacher in 1923: Olon Wilson

Trustees in 1923: J. F. Allen, W. A. McCutchen, and Arthur Holcomb.

School is located in Section.

1927: One-teacher school

This school was located on Sand Mountain and was originally known as **Glade School**, according to Wendell Page. There are no references to Glade School in the local newspaper. The first reference to this school as Crossroads/ Cross Roads School is found in the **1907 Progressive Age** when it was listed on July 16 as a location where residents could get a typhoid vaccination. In November of that year, it was listed as a location for local farmers to meet for information about a new government program.

Eliza Woodall noted in *The Stevenson Story* that "A. M. Allen was a teacher at Crossroads School in 1891." Wendell pages says the following:

1908-1909 One teacher

1933-1939 One teacher

Consolidated with Macedonia.

There is some confusion about tracking this school since sometimes the school name is one word and sometimes two.

There was clearly a church there where the earliest version of the school probably met. The November 15, 1900 Progressive Age notes that "Protracted meeting will begin at Cross Roads the third Sunday of the month." The first mention of the school in newspapers is in 1907

April 11, 1908 PA: Singing school held at Cross Roads.

May 9, 1907 PA: Sacred harp singing held "at the school house."

Oct 1907 PA: The school district designation changed: "Changing School District. Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the County Board of Education at the first advertised meeting thereof after October 15, 1907, to establish a new school district out of districts 17 and 17 of Jackson County with the following boundaries, towit: Beginning two miles north of Cross Roads school house to the north line of sEction 7 at the top of the mountain running east to said line to the northwest corner of W. W. Fonden's land then a southeast direction to the ford of Dry creek, at the Fletcher Mill place, then an eastern direction up the right hand prong of said creek east to W. L. Harpers, thence South to the road on the section line and then east with the section line to the east boundary of district 16. Said application will be presented by the undersigned and by many other bona fide freeholders and patrons of districts 16 and `7. This the 26th day of September, 1907, Newton Harper, J. N. Williams, M. H. Land, W. M., Cook, G. Steffens, D. M. Sims."

Clearly, the school house is already built and being used as a landmark, so the citation by Eliza Woodall that the school existed in 1891 is feasible.

Searching the newspapers for this school as two words and got additional hits:

Mar 9, 1922 PA: In the Section Route 1 column. "The school at Cross Roads will close the last of this month."

May 2, 1922 PA, In the Section column, "One the night of the 22nd Cross Roads School gave an entertainment. There were speeches, dialogues, and a box supper for the benefit of the school. Out of the box supper they got \$19.45."

Mar 19, 1936 PA, "Always In Trouble" will be presented at Cross Roads school Saturday night, March 21st. Everybody one and enjoy 2 hours of laughter. Admission 10 and 25 cents." One

May 19, 1938 PA, A dog vaccination clinic was held. Also one July 27, 1939.

December 15, 1938 PA: "There will be a Christmas tree at Cross Roads school Thursday night, December 22nd. This tree is for everyone. So come and enjoy yourselves. There will be some good short plays, such as the Birth of Christ. And there will be a quilt given away. The ticket will be drawn by a small child and the name drawn will get the quilt. Proceeds of quilt go to buying a stone for an old woman's grave at Harmony."

The program was apparently a success since it was held the next Christmas as well. "There will be a Christmas Tree at Cross Roads school Friday night, December 22. There will be a nice quilt given away before the program. The program will consist of Coon Creek Courtship, by Tom Overall and Sallie Grindstone and several other Christmas comedies and readings. Everyone come with your Christmas cheer. Come and exchange your frowns for a hearty laugh."

May 22, 1941 PA, typhoid vaccination clinics at the school.

May 29, 1941 PA and Jan 18, 1945: rabies clinic.

July 14, 1941 PA: forestry films shown at the school.

November 27, 1941 PA, "The Sand Mountain Play Boys will be at the Cross Roads School at 7:00 o'clock Thursday night, November 27th with a musical show. Come and enjoy the fun."

Jan 22, 1942 PA "The Long River Boys will give a show at Cross Roads School House on Saturday, January 24th, sponsored by the P.T.A. There will be a black face comedian, plenty of music and fun. Come and bring the family. The time is 6:30 o'clock and the admission is 10 cents and 15 cents."

The **1945** Rabies Vaccination Clinic held at the school was the last reference to it in the newspaper.