

# Green Academy

From Heritage of Jackson County, Alabama

Green Academy was built and run by the missionary association of the Congregational church with headquarters in New York City. In the summer of 1890, the association began construction on a t w o r o o m school house and a cottage for the teachers, located on top of Cumberland Mountain, at "Nat", overlooking "Peter's Cove".

The school grew rapidly, and was well patronized by n o t only Jackson but Madison and Marshall county, as well. As attendance increased, the building was enlarged and more teachers were added. The majority of the teachers came from the North. Work done in the school was of very high standards. Those student's fin- ishing there were prepared to e n t e r college.

The first teachers at Green Academy w e r e , a Mr. Mersene, Miss- es Elon and Emma Sloan. They came from Minnesota and began teaching in October, 1890. They taught for a t w o year period. The Teachers who took their places were Herbert E. Sargeant, his wife and the Hatfield sisters, Libby and Edith. They were at the school four years.

In September, 1897, Professor A.D. Luethi, of Chicago, Miss Jessie House of Saugatuck, Michigan and Miss Linda Steele of Oberlin, Ohio taught for three years. Some of the other teachers at the Green Academy were, Flora Mae Crane-Brooklyn, Maine, Miss Eugene Hepler-Iowa, Miss F.A. Jackson-Florida, and Miss Louise Stone of Iowa. Professor Peek and his wife came in the fall of 1901.

Some of the teachers to follow were: Mrs. W.R. Pake, Miss Annie Phelps, John Jones, J.B. Cagle, G. Wallace Gasque, Ada Brayton, J.M. Trosper, Lila Broadfield and others, ... forgotten. Green Academy has been gone for many years, no p a r t of the buildings are standing. The bell, that could be heard as far as ten miles away, on a clear day, is located atop the Mount Pleasant Baptist church at "Nat".

A Mr. Steele bought the bell for \$350., and donated it to the school. The bell still tolls and has been well preserved at the little church on the Cumberland Mountains. Students who attended Green Academy only paid \$1.00 a month tuition. They received so much valuable information for that dollar.

Only memories remain of that precious school but, for those who were fortunate enough to have attended classes there that are still living, "Green Academy", lives on in their hearts. Submitted by: The book committee, Prepared by: Mary Allen Wallingsford.

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REV. J. M. TROSPER, PRINCIPAL.

Green Academy, founded fifteen years ago by the American Missionary Association, is located on an elevated portion of the Cumberland Mountain, and is surrounded by picturesque hills and beautiful valleys. Our nearest railroad station is four miles away.

One cannot help being impressed by the beautiful scenery, while watching the train more than one thousand feet below, wending its way along the green valley and shut in on either side by rugged mountains, as if rejoicing in their own height.



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The soil on the plateau is fertile and well adapted to gardening and fruit-growing. The chief occupation of the people is agriculture for cotton and corn, and the various forms of work connected with the manufacture of lumber. The method of much of the living is exceedingly primitive; large families living in a small one-room cabin, with out so much as a window-light.

The missionary work here for the last fifteen years has done much to change conditions, but that greater changes need yet to be wrought no one can doubt who will travel but a few miles into the country.

Toward the favored spot of our mission school the thoughts of many a youth have been turned, who would have their vision

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Nat, Alabama

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Charles Goodrich of New York came in a few days ago to work with the students. He had a very interesting talk with the students of the school. He was out in the mountains last Sunday.

Dr. Rogers of Woodville was in the mountains Friday.

Rev. E. W. of Lookoutville will hold services at the Congregational church next Sunday.

Mr. Ray Figg who has been at the school for some time is in the country.

Prof. Trooper was in hospital and had to vacate the school for work in the interest of the school.

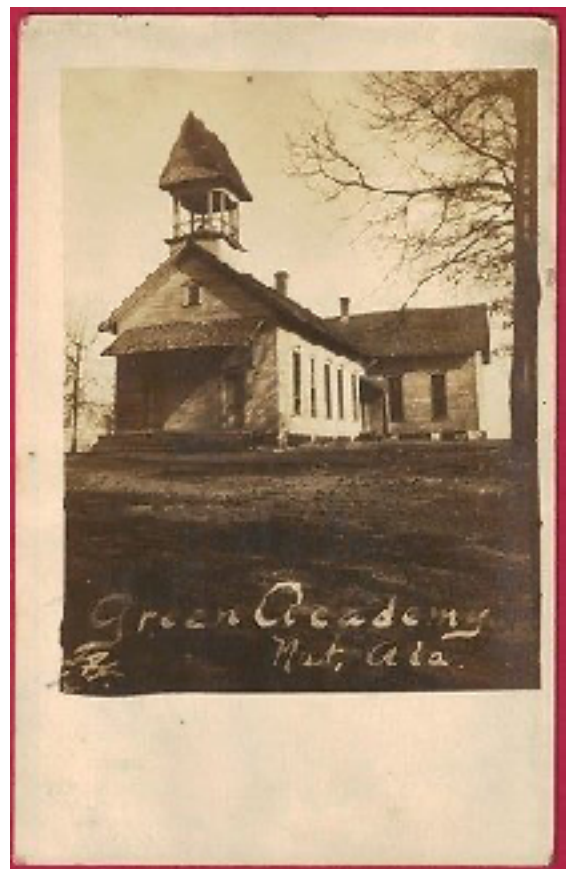
Bradford Lee of Woodville was in the mountains last week.

Mr. C. H. of Woodville is now in the mountains in a few days to spend the summer on the mountains.

John Wilson and wife have returned home after an extended visit to the mountains.

Sam Bryant and wife are expecting the arrival of their new daughter.

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**May 5 , 1893 PA:** “James, Swaim, a student at Green Academy, returned home a few days ago. He is well pleased with the school.”

**Sep 28, 1898 PA:** Nat: “School at Green Academy opened on the 5th with same corps of teachers: A. D. Luethi, principal, or Chicago; Miss Jessie M. House, of Sangatuck, Mich.; Miss Lida M. Steele, of Oberlin, Ohio.”

**Dec 15, 1898 PA:** Green Academy will hold its closing exercises for the term of school Friday night, Dec. 23. A very interesting Christmas program has been prepared and everyone is cordially invited to be present and enjoy the occasion with the pupils. The Academy will have one week’s vacation and will open for the second term Jan. 2....There will be special Christmas exercises by the young people and children of the Academy Sunday evening, December 25, to which all are invited.”

**Apr. 26, 1900 PA.** Garth News. “W.L. Jones, Horace Vandiver, and George Guerin visited Green Academy at the close of the school last Thursday.”

Aug 23, 1900 PA: “We are authorized to announce that the Fall Term of Green Academy, at Nat, Alan., will open September 17th, instead of the 3rd as heretofore announced. Miss Flora M. Crane, of Brooklin, Maine, will be the principal for the ensuing year.”

**Sep 18, 1902 PA:** “Mrs. R. J. Williams goes to the Green Academy at Nat this week to spend the winter and put her three children in school there.”

**Apr 12, 1906 PA:** The Academy school closes on Friday, April 20th. Two entertainments will be given at 3 and 7 p.m. This has been the most prosperous year of the school during the last four years.”

**Jul 15, 1909 PA:** Miss Mae Ross dismissed her school last week on account of her sick sister, Eva.”



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V. DILLARD PEEK, Principal.

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**FALL TERM BEGINS SEPTEMBER 1, 1902.**

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