

Temperance Hill-Bullet Ridge-Goosepond School

Location: Route 4, Scottsboro

School District: 19

Teachers in 1923: Paul Smith, Mary Michaels, and Mrs Sallie Porter

Trustees in 1923: W. M Hancock, J. H. Rowe, and J. M. Finney

Teachers in 1939: Mrs. Belle Dicus, Mrs. W. H. Robinson, and Miss Gertrude Stockton

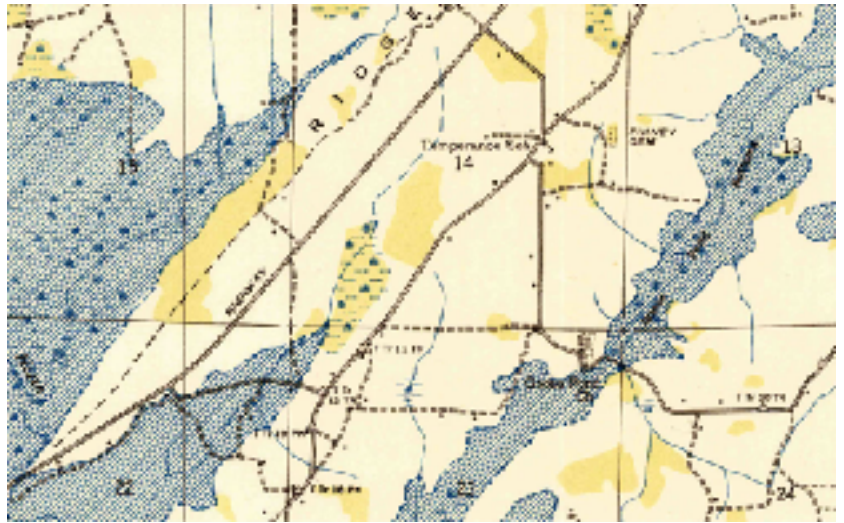
Teachers in 1955: Mrs. L. H. Dicus, Mrs. E. M. Britt, and Mrs. M. R. Hall

Trustees in 1955: William Allen, Hugh Hancock, and J. C. Martin

Grades: 1 through 6

Latitude: 34.6067526

Longitude: -86.0647017



This history of Temperance Hill School is mostly from the 1955 school yearbook.

Temperance Hill is a very old school. The original school was a one-room log building constructed about 1899. In 1912, a second room was added. The building was remodeled in 1933 into the familiar four-room school building. The first teachers walked or rode on hogback over almost impassable roads. Their students through mud and mire to reach to school. The school was open until 1966.

“For more than 75 year at the present location, Temperance Hill school played a party in shaping the lives and characters of the local citizens. In the beginning, the school was called Union. Later by reason of a humorous incident, the school became known as Bullet Ridge, the name the school was known by until County Superintendent of Education C. S. brewton suggested the name Temperance Hill when the new building was erected in 1933.

Three beloved teacher wielded great influence in the early history of the school: Miss Queen Mullens, Miss Sallie Jenkins (Mrs. Dave Wallace), and Miss Clara Young.

From newspaper references, it appears that the school was known at Bullet Ridge from the earliest references found (1909) until 1916, when the named “Bullet Ridge” disappears from the newspapers. After that, and in 1915 during a transition period, the school was simply called Goose Pond.

Newspaper References:

Nov 11, 1909 SC: “Miss Vallie Parks has begun teaching the public school at ‘Bullet Ridge.’”

Nov 25, 1909 PA: “There will be a ‘Box Supper and Candy Breaking’ at Bullet Ridge near Kirby’s store Saturday night, November 27th, for the benefit of setting the school room. Everybody invited; a nice tine is promised to all.”

Dec 9, 1909 SC: “A box supper was given at the Snogross’ school house, Larkin’s Landing Saturday night and was a most successful affair. the proceeds were \$35. In the contest for the most popular young lady, a huge cake was offered, and after spirited voting, it was awarded to

Miss Elma Womack, of Larkin's Landing School. Miss Vallie Parks of Bullet Ridge school, being a close second. Everything pass off nicely and all had an enjoyable time. The young ladies in the contest are teachers at the above named school and quite popular."

Dec 16, 1909 PA: "There will be a 'box supper' at Bullet Ridge School house near T. W. Kirby's store Thursday night, Dec. 23rd. Everyone invited."

Sep 15, 1910 PA: "There will be an ice cream supper at Bullet Ridge school Saturday night for the benefit of the school."

Jun 11, 1911 PA: "There will be an entertainment given at Bullet Hill School house Saturday night June 27."

Dec 7, 1911 PA: "The Junior School Improvement Association of Bullet Ridge school, will give a box supper at the school house on Saturday Dec. 16, Everyone invited."

May 2, 1912 PA: "The school at Bullet Ridge closed Friday with appropriate exercises."

Jul 18, 1912 PA: Bullet Ridge News. "There will be an Ice Cream supper at Bullet Ridge school house Saturday night, July 20th. Everybody is invited."

Jul 8, 1915 SC: "There will be an ice cream supper at Bullet Ridge Saturday night July 10th. Everybody invited." The Progressive Age article on the same date noted that this event was for the benefit of the ball team.

Jul 15, 1915 SC: Goose Pond News. "The ice cream supper at Bullet Ridge Saturday night was brought to a close with much success. The boys with the aid of four pretty girls cleared \$27.50. The boy conducting himself the nicest on the ground was Mr. Tom Winn of Oak Grove who received first prize, a gold stick pin. Miss Lexie Benson presented the best cake and received as second prize a silk handkerchief. Mr. Hubert Childress treated most girls and received third prize an ivory tie clasp. A large crowd was present and everybody had an excellent time. Our ball team deserves much praise and credit."

Nov 4, 1915 SC: "A large crowd attended speaking at Bullet Ridge Wednesday night."

Nov 11, 1915 SC: "School starts at Bullet Ridge next Monday."

Feb 10, 1916 PA: Goose Pond News. "School was dismissed last week for the teachers to attend the Institute....A box supper and entertainment will be given at the school house Friday night, February 11th. Proceeds for benefit of school. Everybody come.

Dec 16, 1915 SC: "Goose Pond. School Started at this place last Monday with 70 pupils present....Will Jones and Miss Zelma Maples of Woodville are teaching school here."

Mar 16, 1916 PA: Goose Pond News. "A play, "Miss Topsy Turvy," will be rendered her Friday night Mar 24 for the benefit of the school. The same will be given at Hollywood Saturday night March 25th." Also March 23.

Mar 23, 1916 PA: "Scottsboro and Bullet Ridge play ball on the local diamond Saturday."

Feb 2 1917 PA: Temperance Hill News. "The Temperance Hill boys defeated the New Hope team in a basket ball game at New Hope Monday afternoon by the score of X to 2. New Hope will be here Xday the 2nd.

Apr 27, 1916 PA: "County Farm Demonstrator Gibson, will hold a Farmers Meeting at Bullet Ridge school house Saturday night April 29th and urges that every farmer in the neighborhood come and bring his boys. If you believe in better farming and better live stock be sure to go out to this meeting." Also "A large crowd attended the play 'Topsy Turvy' at the school house in Woodville Saturday night given by Bullet Ridge Talent."

Oct 20, 1916 PA: Goose Pond News. "School will start at Bullet Ridge next Monday the 23rd with Mr. and Mrs. Bently Thomas a teacher."

Nov 19, 1916 PA: "The old folks meeting met at J. H. Rowe Tuesday night. They will meet at the Bullet Ridge school house Saturday night....The teachers of Bullet Ridge school will organize a basket ball team next week."

Nov 24, 1916 PA: Bullet Ridge News. "School is progressing nicely at this place with 98 regular attendants. ...The teacher and pupils will render a program here Thanksgiving. Everybody is invited to attend the service. The boys will begin their basket ball practice this week."

The entry "Bullet Ridge" disappears after this and is found only once in 1938 as a memory.

This picture is the 1906-1907 Bullet Ridge School, with IDs. The second picture date is not known. The last picture of the school is modern. The article is from the 1950 "Know Your Schools" series in the Jackson County Sentinel.



"Bullet Ridge" School 1906-07
NAMED LATER TEMPERANCE HILL

FRONT ROW: (Left to Right) Temple Winn, Belle Hollis, Lily Porter, Maude Winn, Pearl Hollis, Myrtle Hancock, Emma Hancock, Vera Hays, Helen Anderson, Bertha Middleton, Hugh Swaim, Dee Hollis, Armon Hays, Willie Bell, Dan Porter, Clifford Payne, Hugh Sumner, Will Sumner, and Boyd Sumner.

2nd ROW: Bessie Anderson, Jennie Bell, Maybell Walsh, Myrtle Middleton, Della Hancock, Beeson Rice, Herbert Anderson, Oscar Sumner, Dupree Sumner, Fred Rice, Robert Middleton, Fred Hancock, Lee Hancock, Willie Payne, and Tommy Winn.

3rd ROW: Janie Porter, Julia Sumner, Ola Rice, Miss Eula Wright a visitor, Nan Kate Sumner, Miss Mollie Porter teacher, Miss Annie Walker teacher, Madge Porter, Pearl Sumner, Ollie Rice, Paul Anderson, Jim Sumner, and Ralph Porter.





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TEMPERANCE HILL SCHOOL

Temperance Hill School is in Jackson County, Alabama and one-half miles of Scottsboro. It is a combined elementary school and a large district. Besides Temperance Hill district it covers the New Hope district which reaches to the line of Jackson and Marshall in down Highway No. 32, 71 of the Santa Bottom or Thomas school district.

Temperance Hill School has teachers: Mrs. L. H. Dicus, Mrs. M. E. Hall and J. M. Britt. Mrs. Dicus teaches 4th and 5th grades and 23 pupils in her room. Mrs. Hall teaches 1st and 2nd and has 24 in her room. Mrs. Britt teaches 3rd and 4th grades and 29 in her room. The total enrollment is 63. The average attendance for the two months taught, from 7:30 to 11:15 of 81%.

Present, Temperance Hill has only one trustee, Don K.

If the children who attend school live on farms, 70% are transported. Two buses bring elementary to Temperance Hill and Jackson County High. Mr. Guffey drives the bus Santa Bottom, and Cecil Smith the bus from New Hope. They are both careful of drivers and get along well with children. School has no lunch room. Children bring cold lunches and eat in their class at supervised lunch period. Many of the cold lunches teachers make hot or a hot drink to supplement cold lunches.

There is no school janitor. Teachers and teachers do all the building fires, carrying of lumber and keeping the building and grounds

The first room of the present school of Temperance Hill was built about 50 years

ago to replace the one room built of logs which had served as school house and community center. At that time it was called "Bullet Ridge." About thirty-seven years ago, another large room, 30x40, was built to use there, and the name was changed to "Temperance Hill."

Later, a partition was put across the large room to make two class rooms of it, making three in all. Twenty-six years ago another room was added, making four class rooms.

There is a little more than two acres of land making up the school campus, but it is a rough, gravelly hill with very little level space for the children to play. However, they keep up the washed-out paths and don't seem to mind the gravel.

There are, besides the text books furnished by the state, about 120 books belonging to the school. The children enjoy the books and hope to get more each year. There are a few old maps. The desks are old and sticky. Most of them were confiscated from the Jackson County High School as new ones were bought to replace them there. Many of the desks are marked with the initials of former J.C.H.S. students. The teachers desks are "home-made", except for the one that was confiscated from J.C.H.S. There is no extra teaching equipment except what the teachers buy or make for themselves.

The needs of the school are many. We need paint inside and out, new windows, window panes, window sash cords, new maps, globes, and other teaching equipment. We need a new pump in the well and sanitary drinking fountains. The needs of the school are many, and these are only a few of them.