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STOCKTON SCHOOL HISTORY

The Stockton School, previous to the year 1918, was taught in the Masonic Lodge by Mr. H M. Dobbs, (Now a bishop in the Methodist Church), Miss Zoe Dobbs, Mr. J.C. James, Miss Lillie McMillan, Mrs. M. M. McMillan), and a Mr. Smith.

The school was then moved to a new site and was taught by E. M. Kesbit assisted by Miss Letha Mae Crosby, and Miss Ethel Moore. Later Mr. Vaughn assisted by Miss Serena Crosby. After Mr. Vaughn left W. P. Perry, now of Birmingham Southern, taught. He was followed by Mr. Hicks and Mr. W. F. Hodges.

Supt. S. M. Tharp assumed the duties of his office beginning Dec. 4, 1918. During the ten year period up to the time the schools were consolidated, the Stockton School building was the site of what is now the Methodist Church.

Behind a rambling long "L" shaped porch, were three class rooms, two of which could be converted into one by sliding doors through the middle. Across one end was a low stage, over which a wire was stretched, using coverlids for curtains.

Wide slanting boards in rows were used as decks. The seats were double, straight back, crude heavy benches, on which letters were deeply curved – as O.X.B., and P.A.B, -- Initials of Doctors, Lawyers, and business men gone out from that school.

A pitcher pump from which coolers were filled, furnished the water supply.

Teacher's salaries in 1918-20 were Ninety, Seventy-five and Fifty Dollars, increasing in two years to One Hundred Ten, Ninety and Eight Dollars.

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During the years 1920-1924 8,000 was spent on school equipment and a new class room. Previous to this, equipment was bought at the expense of teachers and pupils.

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Transportation at this time was rough going, as there were no bridges and no graded roads. It was done on foot, or bicycles, in buggies and carts to a distance of ten miles or more over swollen creeks and along muddy roads. At lunch time, we sat around the school house and ate dinner.

In 1926, thirteen acres of land was deeded to the School by Mr. A. B. Crosby. Lovely rolling land, desireable for a well drained play ground.

A new building of six classrooms and auditorium was made possible by a County loan of $250.000 and district tax. At the time Teachers were I. P. Mason, Letha Bryars, Carolyn McMillan, Olive Thomley, Jessie Lee Bryant, and W. F. Hodges. Dr. W. H. Hastie was Trustee.

Trustees were increased to three the years 1926-29, G. A. Robinson, Y. A. Cox, and J. H. Hastie. In 1929 two more teachers were added, J. R. Till and Mrs. Quinn. Later Dr. Hastie was replaced by McMillan as trustee; F. A. Bryant replacing Robinson. Embree Smith and Ulmer Bradley were other acting trustees up to the year 1938, when Henry Bryars with Y. A. Cox and Embree Smith were retained as trustees until present date.

Teachers added through the years were Miss, Frances Till, 1956, Mrs. Cause and Mrs. Morris, 1940-41. Mr. Till resigned in 1941. D. P. Mason began in 1945. Mrs. Ethel McMillan, Mrs. Rose Smith and Miss Vencille Thompson also began in 1947-48. Miss Davis replacing Mrs. Thomley in 1948-49. In 1949-50 Miss Vivian Murphy, Mrs. Ruth Young, Mrs. Gatlin, and Miss Forell. In 1950-51 Mr. Francis Rasberry and Mrs. Echols were added.

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The present faculty in I. P. Mason, D. P. Mason, Letha Bryars, Carrie Biland (Mrs. McMillan) Rosa Smith, Mrs. Hinterliter, Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Hearn.

A cafeteria completely equipped gives place to desk tops in class room where lunches were previously served. An electric pump gives ample water supply for the school system.

Swings, merry-go-round, slides and see-saws lend action to the elementary grades at play period. Over the green, rolling, mowed grounds are groups of children playing in every direction.

For a number of years Mrs. C. W. Bryne has most ably taught Piano Music in the school. A Steinway Grand Piano to the amount of $3600 has recently been added.

A painted fence protects the playground from the paved highway. Holly and Oak trees give shade. Beautiful shrubs are clustered about the red brick building.

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Stockton School, 1906 - 1907

Stockton, Baldwin County, Alabama

1. Red Bryars
2. Rob Thompson
3. Buford Bryars
4.
5. George Edward Bryant
6. Leslie Hall
7. Frank Smith
8. Jerome Catrett
9. Henry Bryars
10. Wade Hartzog
11. Embree Smith
12. Hubert Hall
13. George Edward Catrett
14. Russell Hall
15. Malcolm Hodgson
16. Sibley Richerson
17.
18. Willie Bryars
19. Henry Holt
20. Sam Crosby
21. Marvin Earl Bryant
22. Walter Joyner
23. Julius Lee Bryant
24. Miss Serena Crosby
25. Elmo Bryars
26.
27. Fred Bryars
28. William Bryant
29. Rob Smith
30. George Richerson
31. Miss Bertha Hartzog
32. Libby Richerson
33. Ernestine Carter
34. Robbie Smith
35. Mande Hartzog
36. Jimmy Cox
37. Professor Wilbur Perry
38. Hillary Wolfe
39. Claudia McDavid
40. Lorena Hodgson
41. Elizabeth Roach
42. Mary Virginia Cox
43. Frances Roach
44. Mary Sue McMillan
45. Matie Richerson
46. Ruth Bryars
47. Bertha Hall
48. Sadie Bryant
49. Lila Catreet
50. Laura Catrett
51. Cora Wolfe
52. Ollie Crosby
53. Jessie Lee Bryant
54. Georgia Virginia Bryant
55. Carrie Murphy
56. Annie Roni Catrett
57. Lucille Carter
58. Janette Murphy
59. Candis Bryars
60. Marie Tompkins
61. Leona Catrett

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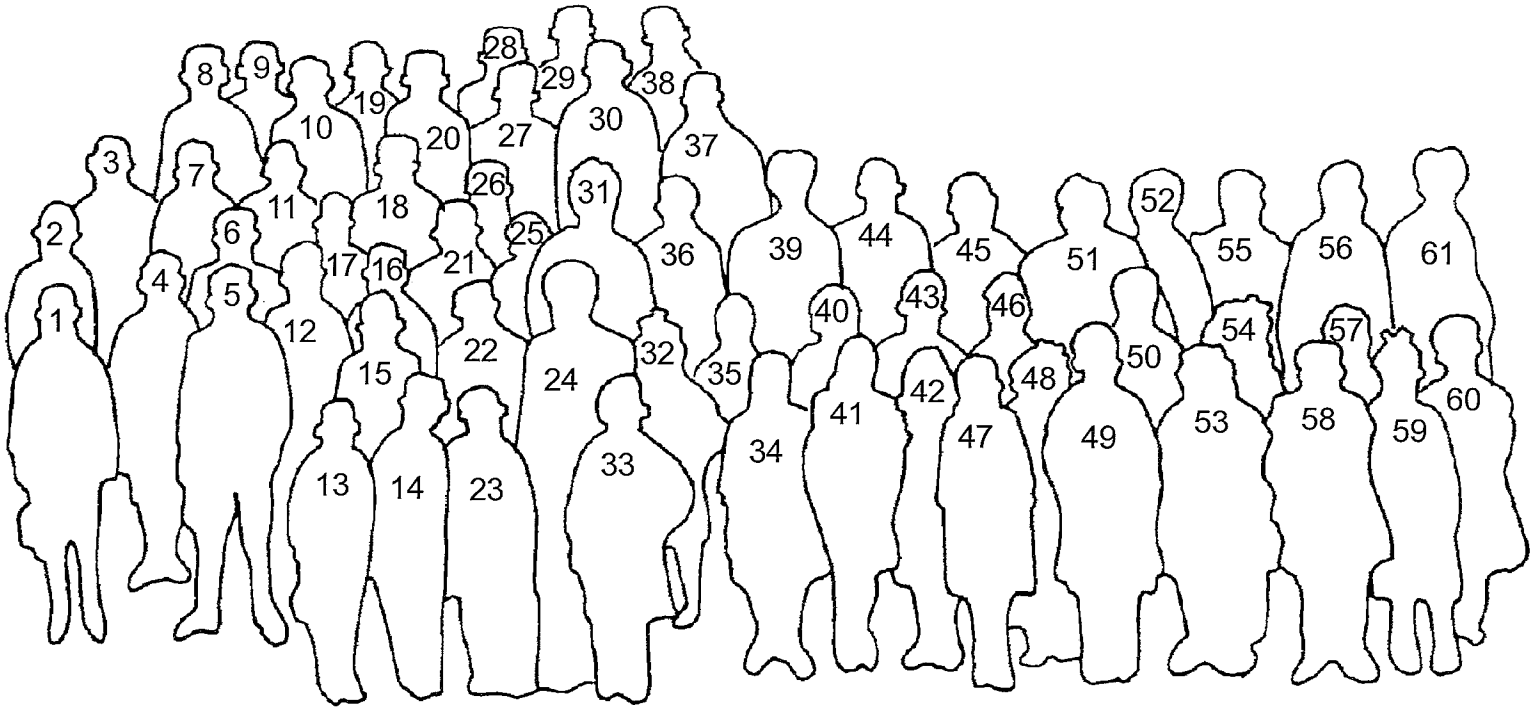
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Stockton School, 1921 - 1922

Stockton, Baldwin County, Alabama

1. Inez Nelson
2. Percy Bryant
3. Annie K. McMillan
4. Miss Letha Bryars
5. W.F. Hodges
6. Clara Aikin
7. Ernestine Hall
8. John M. Mcmillan
9.
10. Sue Vivian Bryant
11. Mable Terrier
12. Mamie Lee Hastie
13. Lonnie Hall
14. Eleanor McMillan
15. Evelyn Aikin
16. Bernice Gaines
17. Gaines
18. Camilla Cushion
19. Mamie Lee Thompson
20. Ella Crane
21. Annie Bryne Hastie
22. Vivian Thompson
23. Susie Stermer
24. Marjorie Catrett
25. Lillian Calloway
26. Abbie Carpenter
27. Warren Ganse
28. Albert McMillan
29. Myrtle Nixon
30. Annie Catertt
31. Gaston Aikin
32. Lucille Carpenter
33. Gullen Richerson
34. Dolly Nelson
35. Eula Bell Steadman
36. Wallace Parker
37. Eunice Calloway
38. Mary Willie Ganse
39. Mamie Ethel Trotter
40. Susie Lee Thompson
41. "Bear" Hall
42. Julia Catrett
43. Martha Eloise McMillan
44. Woodrow Bryant
45. Mable Hall
46. Sarah Bryant
47. Adalaide Nixon
48. Martha Mason
49. Lewis Cushion
50. T.C. Catrett
51. Ruth Thompson
52. Sue Nixon
53. Maggie Willie Bryant
54. Darrington Hastie
55. William Aikin
56. Sara Pearl Richerson
57. Ruth Richerson
58. I.P. Mason
59. Murray Bryant
60. Letha Lackey
61. Bernice McMillan
62. Joe Hastie
63. Albert Crane
64. Roland Killerease
65. Douglas Catrett
66. Vernon Nelson
67. Preston McMillan
68. John B. Catrett
69. Roland Thomas
70. Auburn Hall
71. Lea "Back" Steadman

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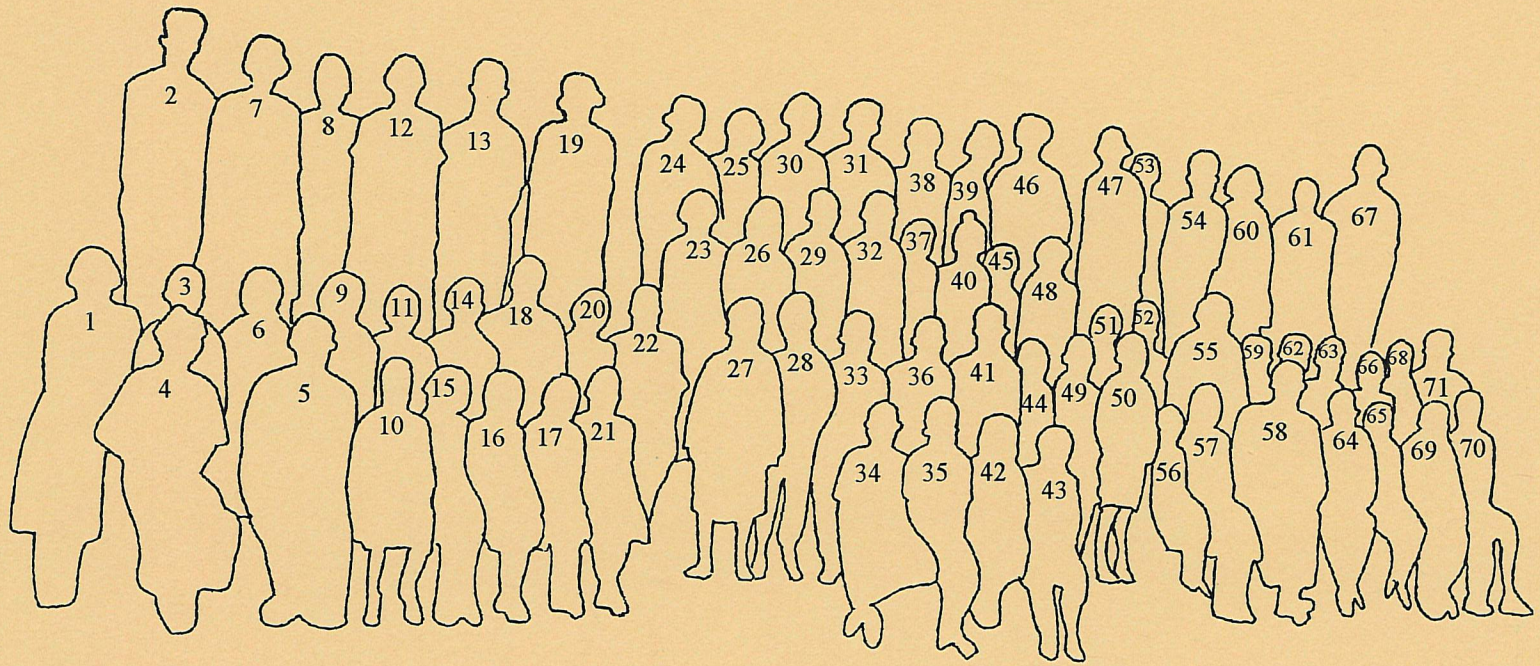
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Stockton School, 1928

Stockton, Baldwin County, Alabama

1. R.L. Smith
2. Claudia Catrett
3. Jack Dunnagan
4. Dougal Harville
5. Inez Phillips
6. Sadie Nelson
7. Juanita Gulsby
8. Lelia Phillips
9. David Murphy
10. Glen Duck
11. Luella Ferguson
12. James McMillan
13. Bernice Catrett
14. Billy Holmes
15. Virginia Hadley
16. Laura Lee Thompson
17. John W. McKinney

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