

SAREPTA SCHOOL NEWS

7 It is thought that John Hellums was the first settler, coming in 1836 from Tennessee. He bought land a few miles north of where the site of Srepta is now.

Dr. Andrew Roane, son of Governor Archibald Roane of Tennessee settled here in 1840. There was one store here at that time operated by a man ~~max~~ Mr. McLarty. Judge Archibald T. Roane was born in 1841 in Sarepta and was educated in the schools there under Capt. H. L. Duncan. He expected to take higher courses but joined the army in 1861.

Another Dr. of Sarepta was Dr. M. D. L. Stephens and I have a book by him. Other Doctors were Dr. ^{Prett} ~~Rodi~~-Webster-, Hardin and Dr. Powell. Dr. Souter Dr. Sheffield, Dr. Landreth

Other early settlers were Samuel Ward (1836) Thomas McGill (1836) By 1900 these families were here Duffs-Helms-Lamar-Lewelling-Glenn-Raglands, Tedfords, Hawkins, Davis, Goodes, Young, Sanders, Winters, Millers, Yancy, Freeman, Riley, Prewitt, Stubblefield, Grist, Costner, Washington, Hipp, Sharp, Cooper, Phillips.

The schools were the best in the area. Q. T. Crowsons dad was a minister of Randolph but got permission from the charge to live in Sarepta. Q. T. went to town one day and this man was drunk. Mr. Prett had his dishes stacked on the table, the man picked up a handful, dropped them on the floor. Mr. Prette came around and pushed him down, kicked him and kept kicking him until he kicked him out the front door. I went out the back door and home to tell them what I had seen. I told my mom, the town looked pretty rough. Mr. Crowson said they had box suppers back then, like we did when I went to school.

I know there was a school here in 1877 for my Grandmother Maude Ragland Hipp went and had a little autograph book such as this. Several of her friends wrote in it such as. It was a small pad like the men kept records on of the amount of cotton that folks picked. This was her Autograph book, Mr. Hollis Glenn (Walters dad) wrote in it several times, think way back then he and Mama Hipp (Maude) was a coup couple.

Even as far back as when Uncle Jack taught school there. Do not know what year. Ruby Cooper said she has a newspaper clipping telling of his teaching but I did not find it. I remember him telling about them needing one more girl on the team for they did not have enough to have a team so he dressed in a girls uniform and played. So sports were important even back then. Too he said the boys rode him thru Sarepta on a rail, he went along with it, He was just that type of man & teacher. Back to 1937 school year, After the Holidays there were some new pupils and they or some of them played ball so that was good, and they were glad to have those pupils. During this time the principal was ~~Mr. Bureon Akers~~ -Mrs Pullen, English. Mr. & Mrs. W. T. York. John Mack Freeman and Miss Chrestman.

This year they had a fiddlers contest and I am sure Aunt Agnes Yancy ws init for she was a good one. Admission was 10 & 15 cents They alwys had something going to make money for the schools. , usually had a play in the fall and then one in the spring.

In December the Stamps Quartet came to the school and sang. 1938-29--Withe the cooperation of the parents and the teaches and students it seems we will have the best school we have ever had at Sarepta. Miss Juanita Richardson joined the staff as a teacher. She was so pretty and lived with Mr. Hubert Powells family., Also Mrs. Jodie AArone, Mr. Red Ellard--

The senior class were Margaret Harrison, Melba Chilcoat- Ruby Cooper, Frank Powell & Paul Holder. It was known back then that Margaret Harrison & Frank Powell was a twosome, also Melba Chilcoat & Paul Holder, Ruby Cooper & Woodrow Howell. During their Junior & Senior years Mr & Mrs Akers gave them many suppers and parties, I noticed even any oyster supper. I am sure their son Olen Sidney enjoyed all the attention he got from them, and some of the boys taught him bad habits, in words that they taught him.

1939-40-- Our teachers were Mrs. Hodge of Randolph, Primary-- Mrs. Jodie Aaron from Bruce, --Mr. Walter Cooper os Sarepta- Mr. Truman Yancy of Sarepta--Mrs. Imogene Jackson of Pontotoc- , Cooper Hartley as Supt.

Miss Richardson & Mr. Edwin Harwell were married. We had something going on all time, Halloween night, Egg Hunts & always ahd Christmas Trees. I remeber Bobbing for apples at the Halloween Night.

JOHN HELLUMS WAS WAS THOUGHT TO BE THE FIRSDT SETRTLER TO
COME INTO Sarepta in 1836, ~~do not know if he was the one who name~~
it as ~~sarepta~~

THE NAME SAREPTA IS MENTIONED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE
VODYAGE OF AN EGYPTIAN IN THE 14th CENTURY .IT IS MENTIONED
IN THE BIBLE AND IS SPELLED AS ZEPANATH AND IS A CHRISTIAN NAME.
DO NOT KNOW IF JOH HELLUMS NAMED IT THAT OR NOT.

AT ONE TIME SAREPTA WAS A BOOMING TOWN, HAD SEVERAL DOCTORS, ~~80~~
SUCH AS ROANE, MDL STEPHENS, REID, WEBSTER, POWELL, SOUTER, SHEFFIELD
LANDRETH, & DR. HARDIN WHO MOST OF US REMEMBER.

~~As THE YEARS PASSED, SAREPTA WAS A BOOMING TOWN,~~ DID NOT HAVE
A POST OFFICE, THE MAIL CAME BY Oxford into the town.

The Sarepta Post Office was established in 1838 and the build
was former a dental office.. Sarepta Post office was the first
ONE IN CALHOUN COUNTY, % YEARS LATER THE SECOND ONE WAS IN OLDTOWN
IN !*^{\$4}\$. They built a new one in 1961 which was owned by Mrs. Ole.
columns. THE MAGNOLIA GUARDS PLAYED A GREAT PART IN THE CIVIL WAS, THIS
GROUP WAS FROM SAREPTA. Uncle Alf Yancey waws wounded in this war
and had a dent in the back of his head where he got shot.

Some of the business were Mercantile stores, silversmith
which had anything you needed, drug store, photo , brick making
plant, Mr. Lenis Helms had a blacksmith shop, in later years he
was post Master for a number of years.. in march 1915, MOST OF
SAREPTA WAS BURNED. The fire started in the in the storehouse be
belonging to the sarepta mercantile co., the stbblefield
building owned by w. t. zinn-, the store owned by green t. Leachm
, the store by mr. poyner. the sarepta mercantile co was the
worst losers and was owned by w.t.lamar and mr buy carter
there was no insurance on the buildings.

the schools were one of the best. at one time mr. Mr. J.E
powell PASSED OUT AN APPEAL TO THE COMMUNITY ABOUT DONATIONS
FOR A NEW BUILDING SINCE THE OLD ONE WAS CONDEMMED..

XXXXXXXXXX AT ONE TIME THEY TAUGHT Latin, english, greek
, math, history preparatory to get into college. TUITION: PRIMARY
\$1.50-Intermediate \$2.75 Collegiate \$3.,00 BOARD 6.00 to 8.00
This was in the year 1906-7-8.

in 1926 -Honor roll was: Velma Yancey-Ila Glenn-
Shirley Powell-Dudley Houpt-Bernice Long-james Harrison-Woodrow
Harris-Pauline James--The principle for 1927-28 was Jess Yancey, S

The year 1906 & 7 it was a graded school and taught Latin, English, Greek Math & history preparatory to advanced entrance in college. Tuition: Primary \$1.50---Intermediate \$2.75-- to \$2.50---Collegiate \$3.00. Board \$6.00 to \$8.00 per month. Lucius Martin-Principle.

1907-08---

Tuition, Room & Board is the same as last year. UNSURPASSED BY ANY OTHER TOWN IN CALHOUN COUNTY, Sarepta has not a case of slow or typhoid fever in years, due to ~~the~~ the excellent water to be had here. There will be ten first grade teachers for this school year. No other school in the county can make such a showing. PRINCIPLE: J.R Strain

1914-15

This school year will be for seven months. , We guarantee good school and solicit your support. There will be no tuition except for the high school work. The school promises to be the best for several years.

PRINCIPLE- W. C. Henry

SCHOOL RALLY DAY AT SAREPTA, DECEMBER 5, 1924

This day is for the purpose of creating a better school spirit and to discuss the proposal of enlarging the territory of the school Prof. Jack Bridges, who has charge of the school this session is a live wire and is stimulating the interest of the school as well as raising its standards and course of study.

1926--- They put on this play Prairie Rose and asked that you be on time for the house is small and if you come in late it will cause confusion. The ones who made the honor roll for November were: Velma Yancy---Ila Glenn---Shirley Powell---Dudley Houpt---Nall Houpt---Bernice Long---James Harrison---Woodrow Harris---Pauline James--, This was by the Reporter

The teachers for the year 1927-28 are: Mrs. Velma Yancy-Mamie Edwards and the principle is Jess Yancy. These will also be teachers for the next year.

Had a large Honor Roll: Velma Yancy-Ila--Glenn--Alsie Edwards--Ruby Phillips--Nina Phillips--Idell Houpt-- Noel & Dudley Houpt--Hubert Glenn-Garlon Ivy--Freddie Card--Atrice Card-- Troy Barefie Bernice Long--Annie Mae Yancy--Margie Edwards-Shirley Powell-Doyle Hipp--Dovie & Sylvia Gray--Hubert Freeman--Bryan Long--Louise Williford--Lonnie Massey--Topha Jenkins--Jim Howell--Elaine Ray-Delaine Poyner-Erma Yancy--Mauldin Marie-Walter Glenn Walter Cooper--Rayburn Zinn--James Harrison