

# Morgan Schools

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## Morgan Township (School fund)

1835 May	4	Pliny Cutler	District No 1.	15	\$	16	19 3/4	1834 June	5	By School tax due on settlement
								1835 January	25	By School tax collected for 1834
								March	4	By apportionment of V. M. School
		Total Amt paid			\$	16	19 3/4			Total Amt received
										Total Amt paid
								1835 June	3	Balance due Morgan Township
								1836 Feb	12	By Nett Amt collected for 1835
								"	"	By do. do. paid into State Treasury
								"	"	By do. do of Snow License
								"	"	By do. do of Virginia Military fund
								1836 June		Total Amt due Morgan Township
June								1837		To nett amount collected for 1836
1837 Dec	7	To Thos Morgan T. & S. No 3		45		38	105 3/4			Total Amt paid
1838 Feb	27	To Pliny Cutler T. & S. No 1		68		62	118 3/4	1838 Jan	21	By School Tax collected

# Cuttler Station

The name is Pliny Cuttler

The date is 1934

District No 1 was Bear Creek

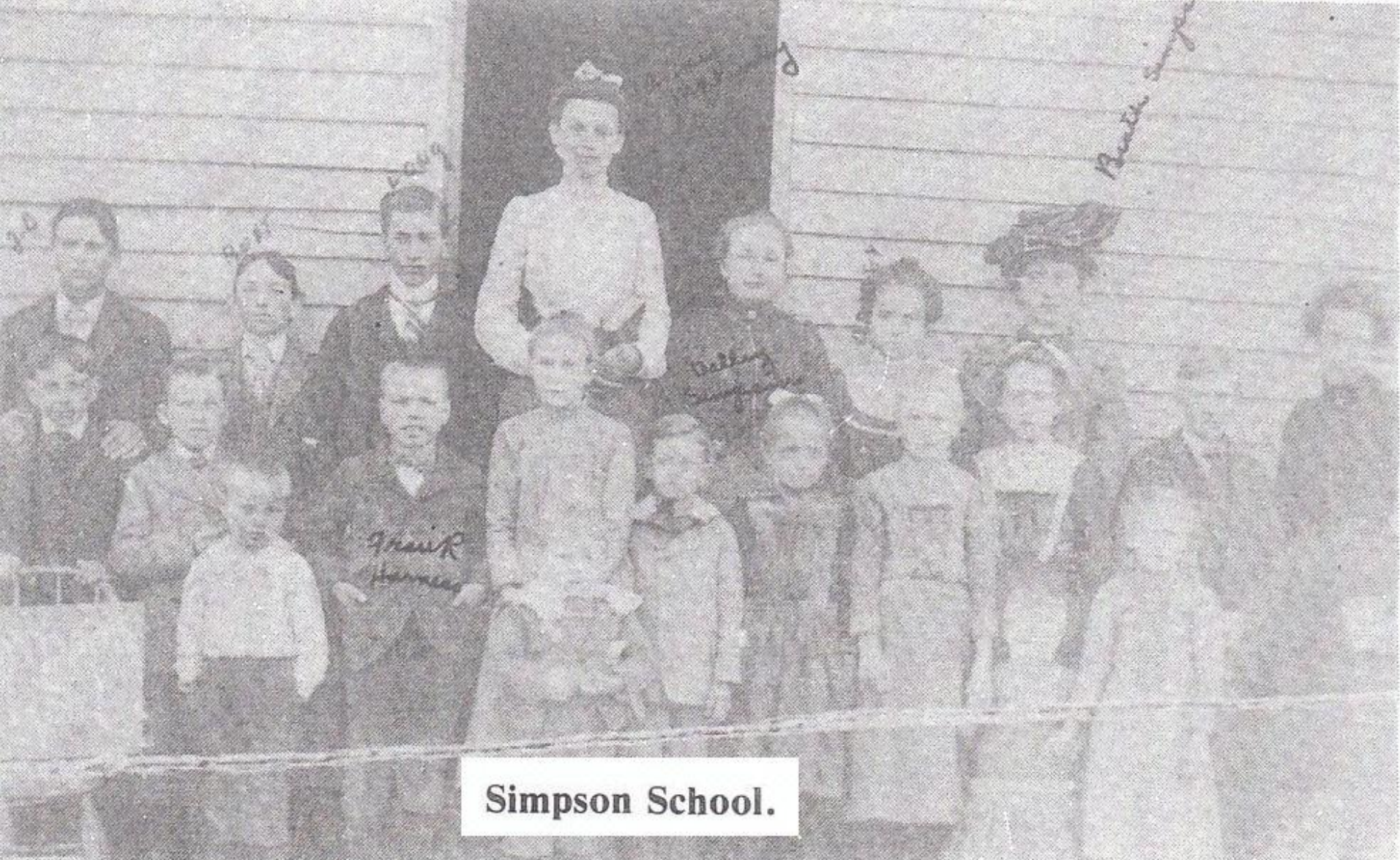
Total Amount is \$19.34

North of Bear Creek but still in Scioto  
County was a settlement (on the canal)  
called Cuttler Station.

# Simpson School

This map of Morgan Township is dated 1875. Just north of Slate Run, on the west side of SR 104, is the location of a school. The land was owned by Elias Simpson. The white house was not the school but it identifies the approximate location of the school.





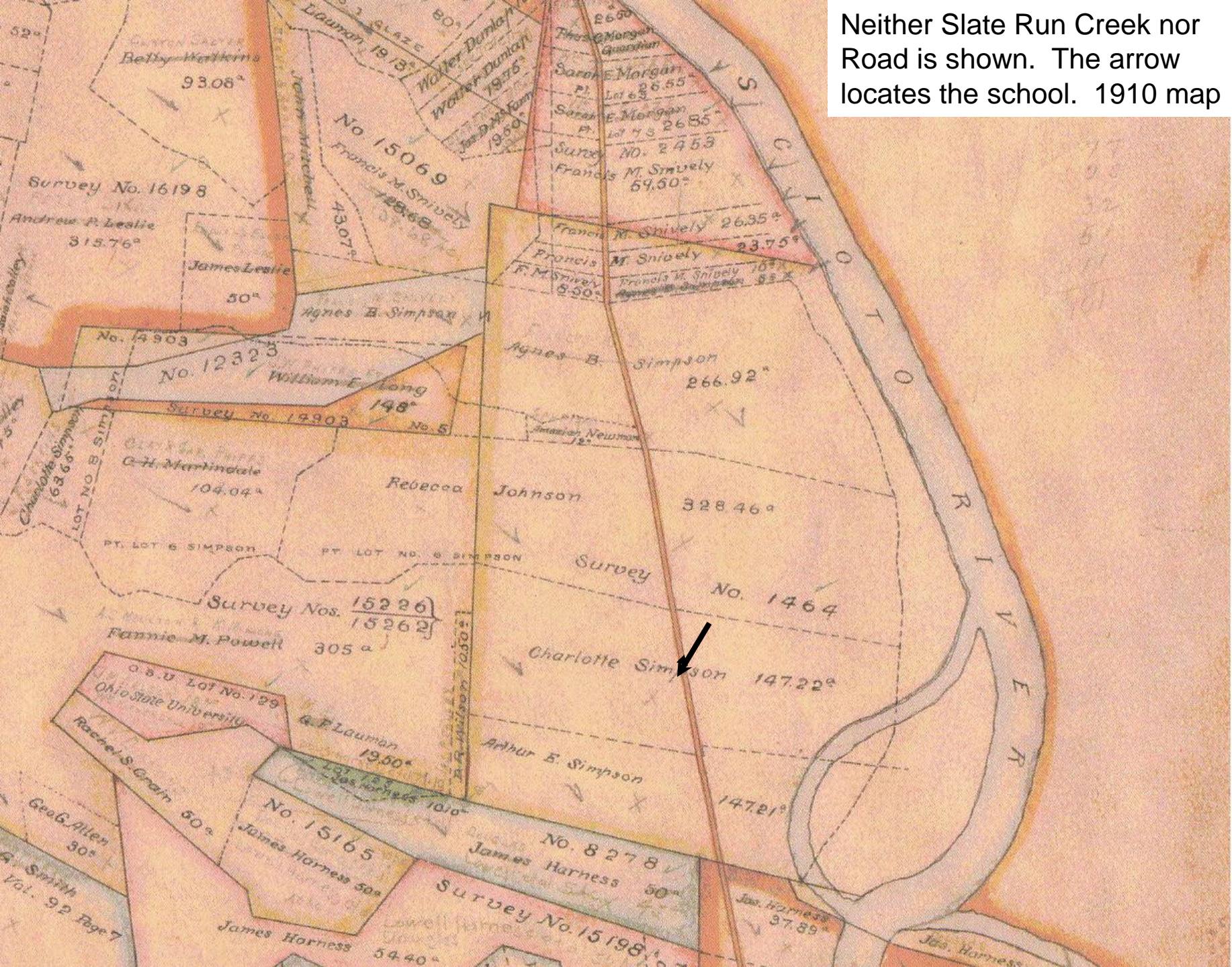




**This map is dated 1875**



Neither Slate Run Creek nor Road is shown. The arrow locates the school. 1910 map







Simpson School  
Copied from  
The Lucasville  
Sesquicentennial Book



**Char Simpson's House  
Next to the USDA Office on SR 104**

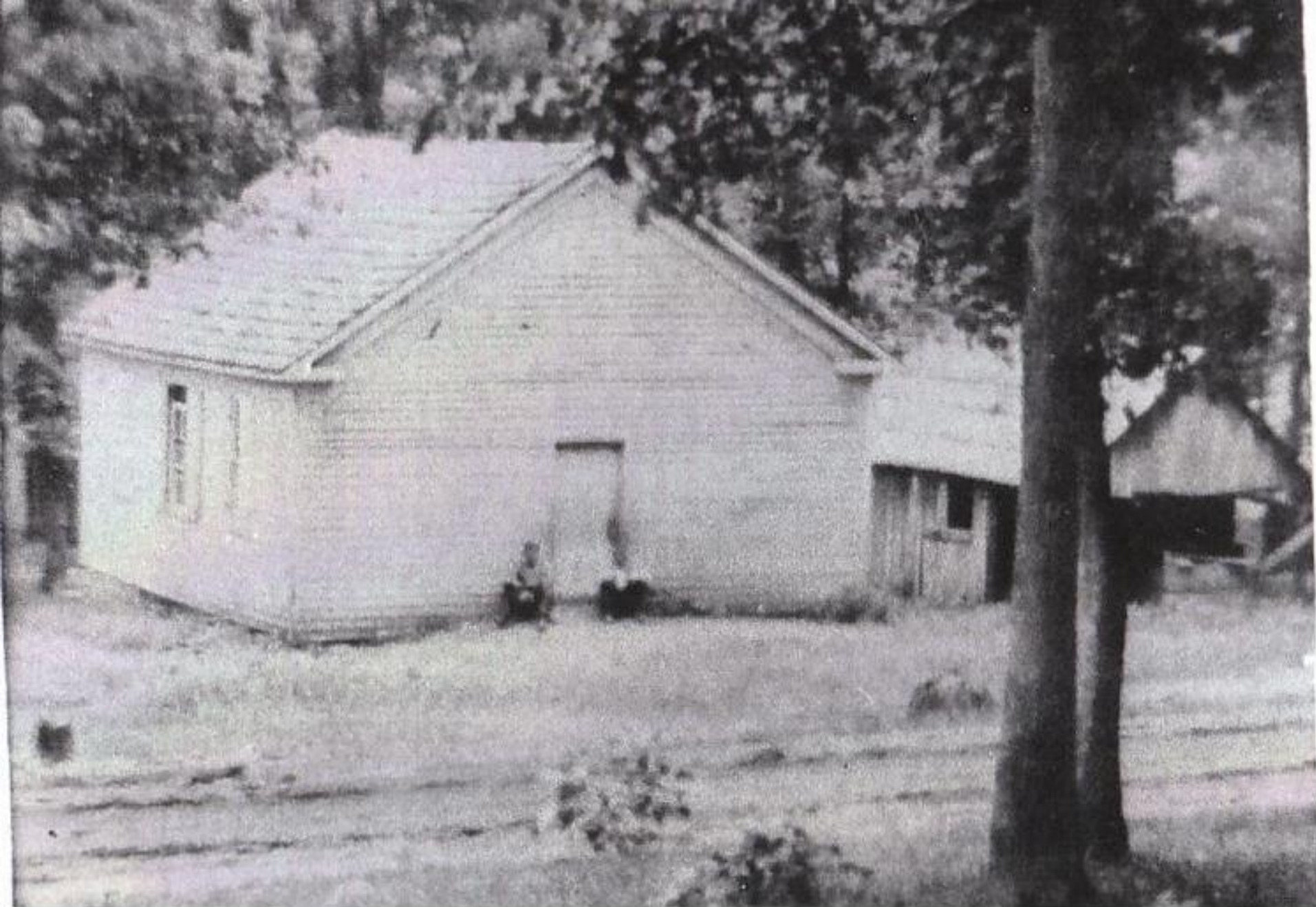
# Sedan

The Sedan School was on Big Bear Creek Road directly across from 5259 Big Bear Creek Road. There is a big beech tree in a field that helps locate the building. The corner of the building was 15 or 20 feet west and south of the tree. The building still stands on the Harness Farm on Sedan Crabtree Road.





From Helen Christian



A Church that was west of the school



# About this Picture

- Helen Christian says it's the school
- Tom Harness – Looks like the church at Sedan – the one that's gone
- Virginia Harness – Maybe it's that church but I don't remember that building next to it – but I've only been here sixty years. It blew down in a storm right after I moved here.
- Kathryn Gregory – It's not the school
- Rosemary Crabtree – It looks like the church I remember



Sedan School – 1933-1934

# Sedan School 1933-1934

Ray Blanton	David McGunkin
John Radgh	Eugene Hunter
Edward Bobo -	Ervin McGunkin
Paul Gregory	John Cox
Alma Crabtree	Roy Mecklin
Margaret M <sup>c</sup> Call	Roy McGunkin
Thomas Wilson -	Carnest Crabtree
Mary Bots	Clyde Hardy
John Double	Marvin Double
Fred M <sup>c</sup> Junken	John Hughes
Herbert Mecklin -	Elmer Hardy
Joe Crabtree	Junior Hardy
Raymond M <sup>c</sup> Call	Clyde Crabtree
James Leslie -	Eugene McGunkin
Margaret Hardy -	
Faye M <sup>c</sup> Junken	
Kathryn Moore	
Faye Gregory	
Ruth M <sup>c</sup> Junken	
Pauline Cox	
Beatrice Hardy	
Katherine Schmitz	
Doshie Leslie -	
Mildred Double -	
Thelma Bots	
John Double	
Zelma Mecklin	
Mary Ellen Cox	
Mildred Hardy	
Mary Hughes	
Vera Leslie	Elma M <sup>c</sup> Call
John Double	

CARD

ADDRESS

PLACE A STAMP HERE

# Sedan School 1933-1934

R.B. McChesney

Ray Blanton, Jeanne Ralph, Edward Bobo, Paul Gregory, Alma Crabtree, Margaret McCall, Thomas Wilson, Mary Bobo, Doris Double, Fred McJunkin, Herbert Mechlin, Joe Crabtree, Raymond McCall, -- -- --  
-- , James Leslie, Margaret Hardy, Faye McJunkin, Kathryn Moore, Faye Gregory, Ruth McJunkin, Pauline Cox, Beatrice Hardy, Katherine Schnitzius, Doshie Leslie, Mildred Double, Thelma Bobo, Helen Double, Zelma Mechlin, Mary Ellen Cox, Mildred Hardy, Mary Hughes, Vera Leslie, Emma Double, Elma McCall, Evangeline Hunter, David McJunkin, Eugene Hunter, Irvin McJunkin, John Cox, Ray Mechlin, Earnest Crabtree, Clyde Hardy, Marvin Double, T.J. Hughes, Elmer Hardy, Junior Bond, Clyde Crabtree, Eugene McJunkin,









# Sedan

There was a store at the intersection of Big Bear Creek Road and Sedan Crabtree Road. This store was operated by Daniel Bondurant. Area residents would go to the store to “see Dan” which gives the settlement and the road its name of Sedan.





**Daniel Bondurant**

# **New owner of the School**

The store at Sedan was later owned by Clyde Mercer. He also owned a blacksmith shop and butcher shop. When the school was closed in 1935 he bought it and moved it to his farm on Sedan Crabtree Road.

# Moving the school

Jimmy McCall was about 14 at the time the school was moved and he recalls that many sycamore trees were cut and dressed to make rollers. The school was raised from its foundation, the rollers slid under the building, the foundation removed and the building moved across the field on the rollers to its present location. Jimmy's job was to tend the mule which turned a capstan which pulled the ropes which moved the school.







This building is 24 feet wide by 38 feet long  
The front right corner is on three courses of block.







# Sedan in 2002

The school is now owned by Virginia Harness. Her daughter Shirley married John McClay and their son David uses the building as a chicken coop.

# Lower Bear Creek

Lower Bear Creek is on John Johnson's property on Big Bear Creek Road. The original school was where his house is now. John and his father kept one wall of the school and added to it to build the remainder of the house. The lumber from the school was used to build an outbuilding which still stands on the property.





**Camp Fire Girls at Bear Creek School.**





*John Johnson's home on Big Bear Creek Road*



*John Johnson home*



*The lumber from the school was used here*









Tom Harness  
attended  
Lower Bear Creek  
for  
three years

# Upper Bear Creek

Upper Bear Creek was on Cramer Road where Mike and Tammy (Hamilton) Miller now live. Their home is built on the school foundation.



# Old Big Run

The original Big Run School was on the hill where Irvin Jenkins home is now located.

The road was up on the hill also.

When the road was moved to the bottom of the hill, to school was also moved.

On the 1918 topographic map it is listed as School No. 6





**Irvin Jenkins' Home**





The pick-up is parked in the middle of the old road





Under the fallen tree





Irvin says the school was under the fallen branches





Irvin Jenkins





From the east

# Big Run

Alonzo Montgomery lives where the Big Run school was. The Noel house – next door to Montgomery's down the road was a store at one time and a school was behind it. No pictures! Help!





*Alonzo Montgomery's Home*





Alonzo says this was the ball field





*The Noel House*





Noel House from the west



# Story Time

Corbett Jenkins grew up on Big Run but he went to school at Lower Bear Creek. The bus picked up the children who lived downstream of the bridge and took them to Bear Creek. The children who lived upstream had to walk to school on Big Run.

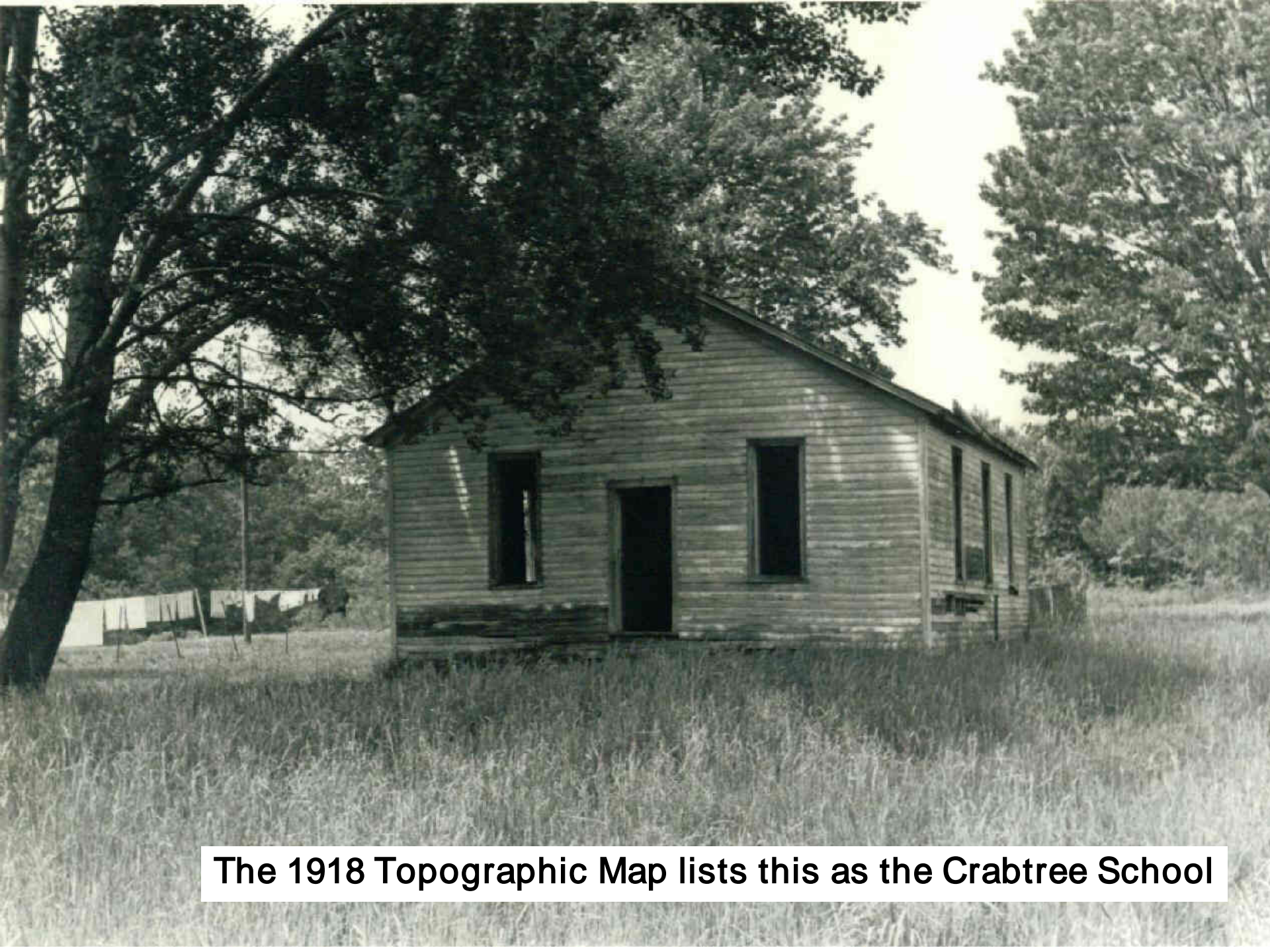
The bus did not cross the bridge because:

1. There was no bridge
2. The bus was too heavy for the bridge
3. The road was often impassable for the bus

# Mt. Summit

Those who live there call it Freejack. It's at the intersection of Rockwell McCorkle Road (Wildcat Hollow) and Sedan Crabtree Road. The building was razed in 1984.

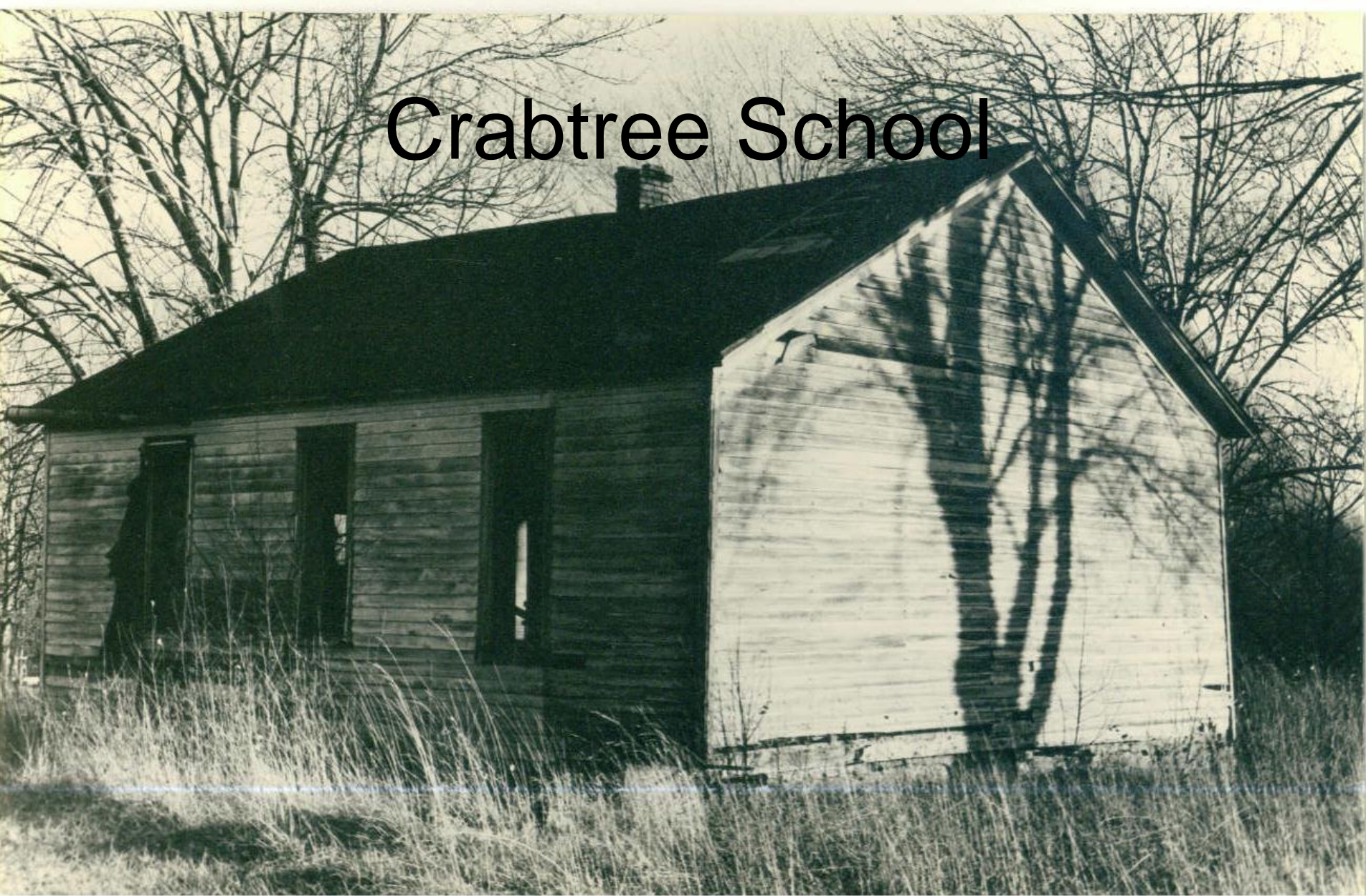




**The 1918 Topographic Map lists this as the Crabtree School**



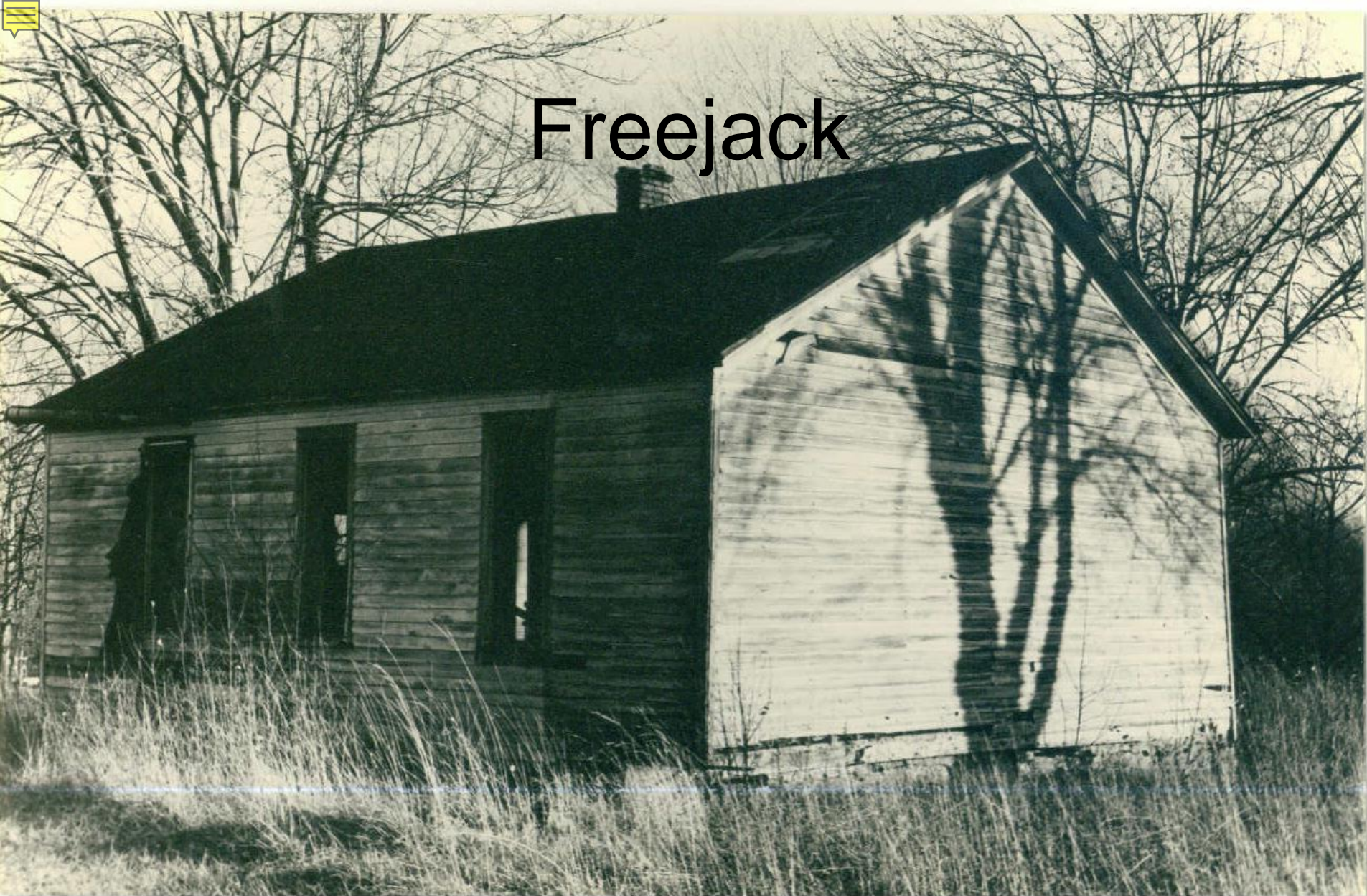
# Crabtree School



Mt Summit in 1983 – from the rear – one year before it was razed.



# Freejack



**Mount Summit School - Top of FreeJack Hill - Bea Long began her teaching career here. Toni Hartman took the picture in 1983. She is the daughter of Howard Benner. Pat Rockwell Altenburg is her aunt. Bea Long is her great-aunt**





**Beatrice Long Erwin, teacher for many years at Morgan Townships schools.**

# What's there now

This building, which was the home of Tom Pete Altman, still stands on the Freejack Hill property. It was not the school.

# Tom Pete Altman





# Not the School



# Pleasant Valley

Pleasant Valley was at the corner of Big Run Road and Sedan Crabtree Road. Randy Mosley and family live there now.

The building burned in January 1935. Some say it was arson. At any rate the children finished the school year at the Pleasant Valley Church. They didn't miss a day of school. Morgan opened the next year. The class pictures show the building in the background.





*We are standing in Billy Platzer's driveway*



*The school was about in the same place as the house*





*View from Big Run Road*



Pleasant Valley School – Sept 23, 1913

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL, CRABTREE, OHIO

Back Row: Mary McManaway, Eva Throckmorton, Winifred Crowe, Rose McManaway, Mabel Sailor, teacher- R.B. McChesney, Bertha Altman, Forest Crabtree, Bert Altman, Edgar Throckmorton, Perry Hilt.

2nd Row: Winifred Hilt, Veronica McManaway, Victorine Crowe,  
Anna McManaway Emmons  
Mabel Hilt, Hulda Throckmorton, Della Hilt, Rena Emons, Garnet Sailor, Nellie Altman, Hazel Altman, Catherine Altman, Zella Altman.  
Garnet Cooper

Front Row: Jessie Crabtree, Floyd Crabtree, Clarence Stiffler, Ollie Hilt, Clarence McManaway, Pearl Criswell, Tom Altman, Edd Criswell, Norman Pollock.

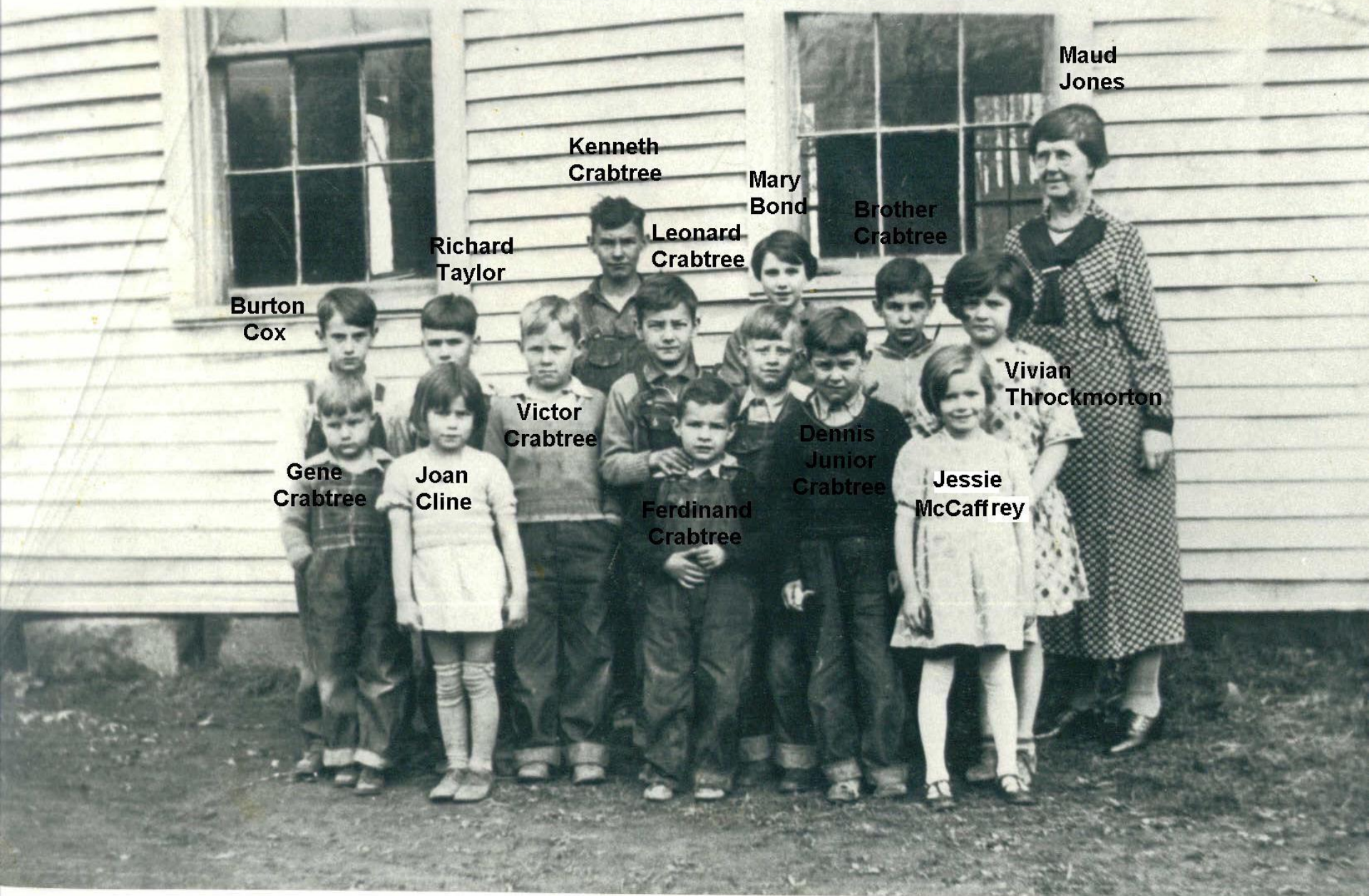


**Kenneth Crabtree wanted to appear to be bigger and older than the other children. He is standing on a rock.**





Rufus Altman between Leonard and Brother



Maud  
Jones

Kenneth  
Crabtree

Mary  
Bond

Brother  
Crabtree

Richard  
Taylor

Leonard  
Crabtree

Burton  
Cox

Vivian  
Throckmorton

Victor  
Crabtree

Dennis  
Junior  
Crabtree

Gene  
Crabtree

Joan  
Cline

Ferdinand  
Crabtree

Jessie  
McCaffrey

Left to right

Front row 1 Gene Crabtree

2 Joan Cline

3 Ferdinand Crabtree

4 Dennis M. (Junior) C.

5 Jesse M<sup>d</sup> Caffrey

Jessie McCaffrey

Spig?  
Second 1 Burton Cox

2 Richard Taylor

3 Victor Crabtree

4 Leonard C.

5 Rufus Aetman

6 (Brother) Wm. C.

7 Vivian Shrockmorton

Third row 1. Kenneth C on rock

2. Mary Bond Braden

Teacher - Maud Jones



# Pleasant Valley Names 1930

Row 1: Gene Crabtree, Joan Cline, Ferdinand Crabtree, Dennis (Junior) Crabtree, Jessie McCaffrey

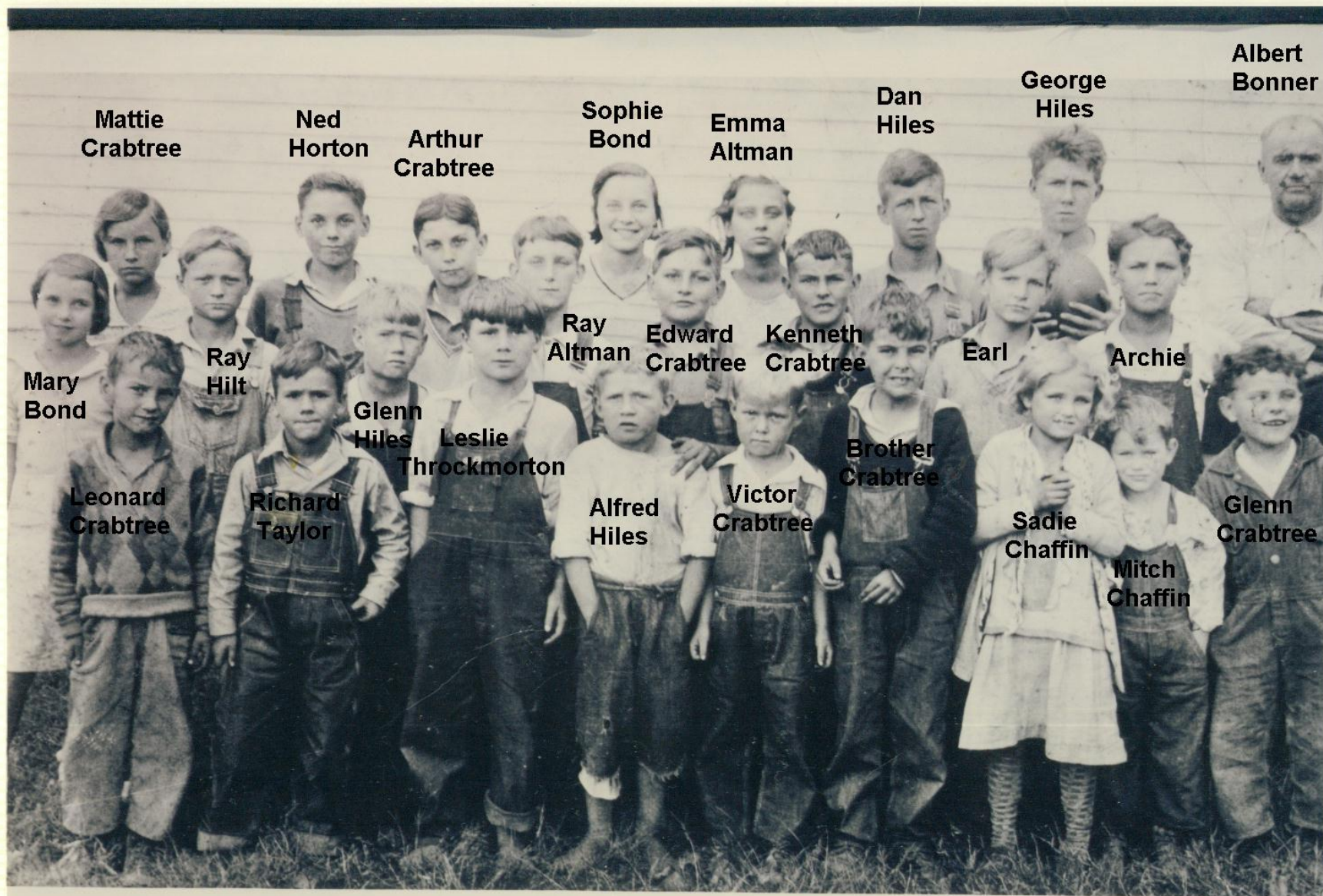
Row 2: Burton Cox, Richard Taylor, Victor Crabtree, Leonard Crabtree, Rufus Altman, Brother (William) Crabtree, Vivian Throckmorton

Row 3: Kenneth Crabtree (on rock), Mary Bond (Braden), Maud Jones (teacher)



**Pleasant Valley School 1929 or 1930 Big Run, Sedan Crabtree Road**





Mattie  
Crabtree

Ned  
Horton

Arthur  
Crabtree

Sophie  
Bond

Emma  
Altman

Dan  
Hiles

George  
Hiles

Albert  
Bonner

Mary  
Bond

Ray  
Hilt

Ray  
Altman

Edward  
Crabtree

Kenneth  
Crabtree

Earl

Archie

Leonard  
Crabtree

Richard  
Taylor

Glenn  
Hiles

Leslie  
Throckmorton

Alfred  
Hiles

Victor  
Crabtree

Brother  
Crabtree

Sadie  
Chaffin

Mitch  
Chaffin

Glenn  
Crabtree

131

over  
back

# Pleasant Valley 1929

Row 1: Leonard Crabtree, Richard Taylor, Leslie Throckmorton, Alfred Hiles, Victor Crabtree, Brother (William) Crabtree, Sadie Chaffin, Mitch Chaffin, Glenn Crabtree

Row 2: Mary Bond (Braden), Raymond Hilt, Glenn Hiles, Ray Altman, Edward Crabtree, Kenneth Crabtree, Earl (Babe) Throckmorton, Archie Throckmorton

Row 3: Mattie Crabtree, Ned Horton, Arthur Crabtree, Sophie Bond (Orin), Emma Altman, Dan Hiles, George Hiles, Albert Bonner (teacher)





*Laurabelle and Kenneth Crabtree- 2002*



Morgan Eighth Grade – 1961 – Franklyn Harness



- 1st row 1. Carl Helton  
 2. Everett Jackett  
 3. Frankie Magnatta  
 4. Jackie Howard  
 5. Rocky Howard  
 6. Sharon Chandler  
 7. Marilyn Montgomery  
 8. Carmela Magnatta

- 2nd row 1. Frank Newman  
 2. Emma Robertson  
 3. Frances Spencer  
 4. Ethel Lyons  
 5. Suzanne Montgomery  
 6. Linda Shaffer  
 7. Janet Hitchcock  
 8. Ronald Chandler  
 9. Betty Smith  
 10. Ribo Phipps

Taken in 1960

- 3rd row 1. Vickie Crabtree Principal.  
 2. Susan Jenkins Mrs. Harness  
 3. Linda Gregory Teacher.  
 4. Myra Penix Mr. Harness  
 5. Gloria Breech  
 6. Donna Staten 2 David Hilt  
 7. Betty Moore 3 Joe Garrison

- 4th row 1. Charles Breech 4 Killie Meade

# Class of 1965 in italics

1. Carl Helton, Everett Tackett, *Frank Magnatta*, Jackie Howard, Rocky Howard, *Sharon Chandler*, Marilyn Montgomery, Carmella Magnatta
2. *Frank Newman*, *Emma Robertson*, *Frances Spencer*, Ethel Lyons, Suzanne Montgomery, *Wanda Shaffer*, Janet Hitchcock, *Ronald Chandler*, *Reba Phipps*
3. Vickie Crabtree, Susan Jenkins, *Wanda Gregory*, Myra Penix, *Gloria Breech*, *Donna Staten*, *Betty Moore*
4. *Charles Breech*, *David Hilt*, Joe Garrison, Willie Meade

Taken in 1960 - Principal And Teacher – Franklyn Harness



# Close all of them

In 1936, all of the one room schools were closed and Morgan Elementary was opened. Some of the old schools became homes, some became barns, some were bought by churches, and maybe one of them burned.



*Morgan in 1980*





*Morgan Volunteer Fire Department  
And  
Community Center*

# Thanks For Watching!

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or something to add,  
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