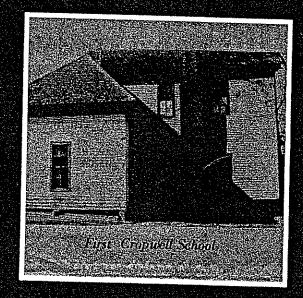
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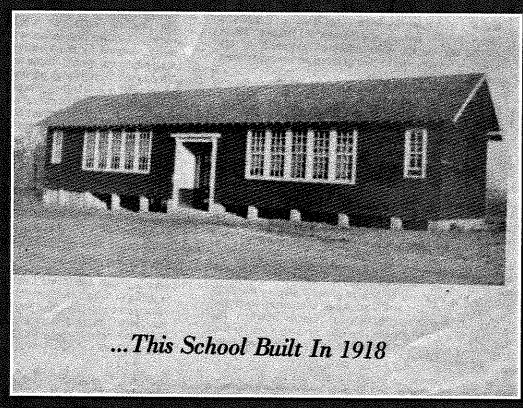
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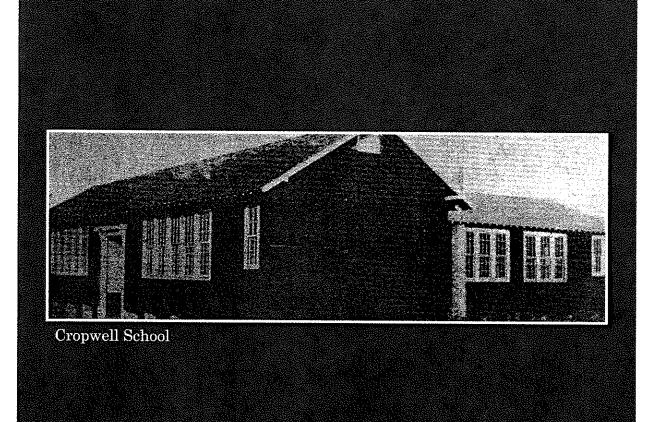


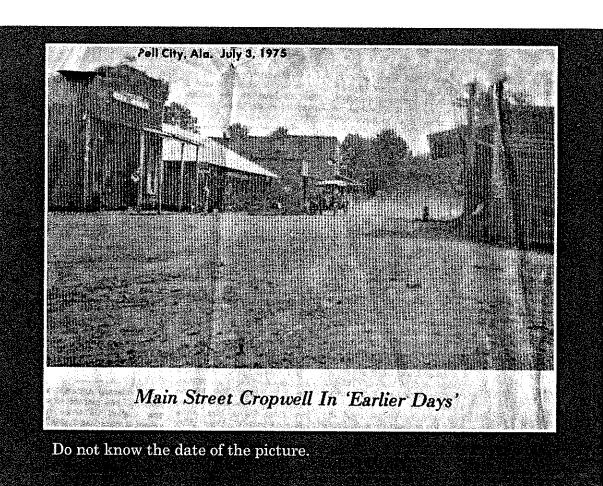
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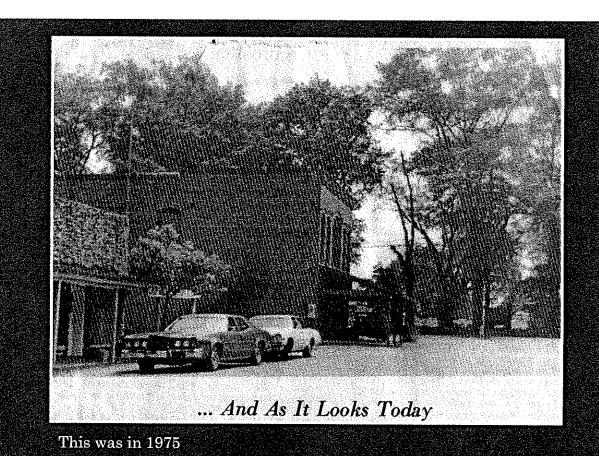
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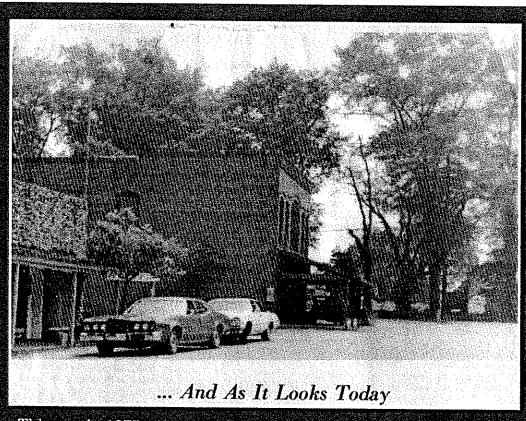




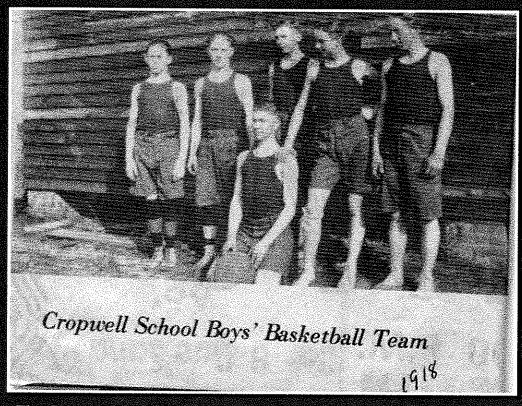


Main Street Cropwell In 'Earlier Days'

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This was in 1975



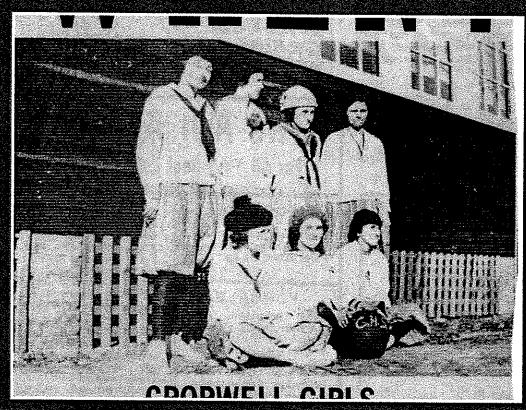
The Cropwell Men's Hoopsters in 1918. Can you name them?



... Girls' Team With Coach Roy Gibson

1918

The Girls Basketball Team in 1918



Remember When in 1920's for Cropwell Girls Basketball Team. Do you know who they are?



## Down Memory Lane . . .

The Cropwell High School die Scott, Gray, Coach and Girls Basket Ball Team their teacher Mr Roy Gibson, Coach and Tecaher of the 20's. Back row from left to right;

Front row from left to right; Annie Clyde Donaway, Lucie Elizabeth Knight Scott, Mary Kate Hardwick Scott, and Bula Mays, Sallie Boley Goodwin Ad. Hall.

We are proud to present this picture to the New-Aegis and let you see us in our nice suits, white blooses and bloomers. What a difference from to-

The Girls Basketball Team in 1920

Cropwell Teacher Ruby Bryant 1944 - 1945 Cropwell Teacher Carrie

Drummond

1948 - 1949



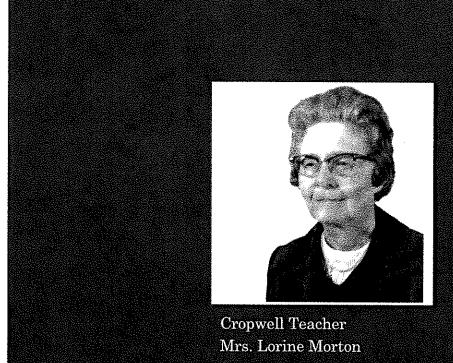


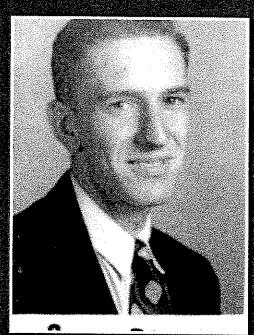




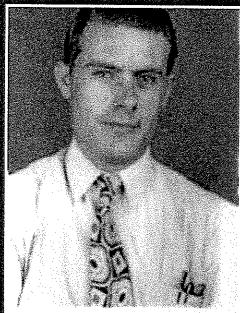


Cropwell Teacher Mrs. Riker 1950 - 1951





Cropwell Teacher Mr. Riker 1950 - 1951



Cropwell Teacher Mr. Keel 1951 - 1952



Cropwell Students 1956



Cropwell Students in front of Cropwell School do not know date of picture



Cropwell Class 1958



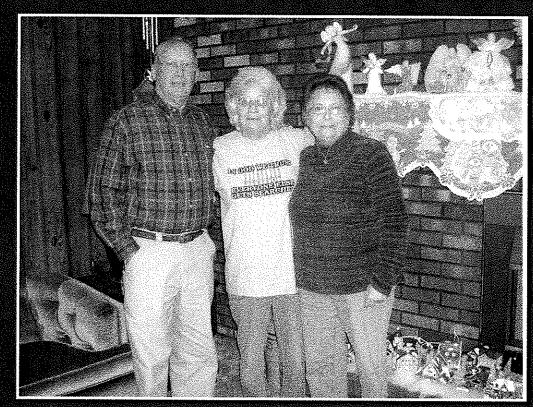
Cropwell 4H Club Baking Contest. Gail Hannah won. Carolyn Bishop, Jean Abercrombe, Carol Richardson, Louise Goss. Mrs. Puckett is teacher



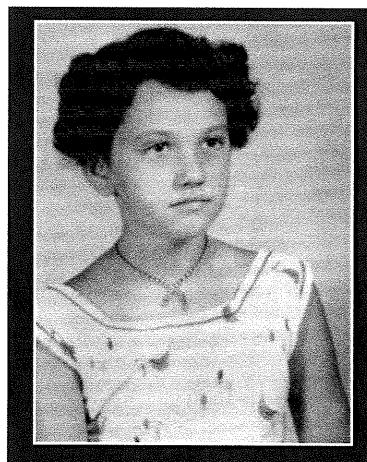
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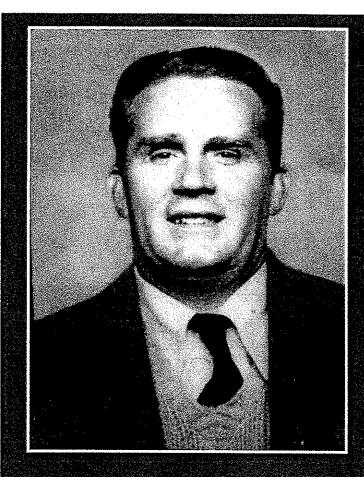
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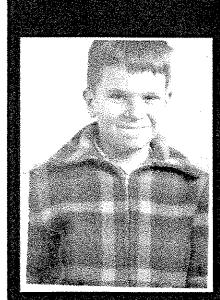
Mack, Charlotte and Jean Abercrombe



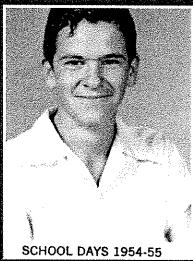
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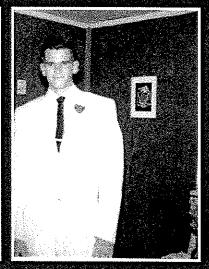
Henry Stephens "Steve" Alexander 1927



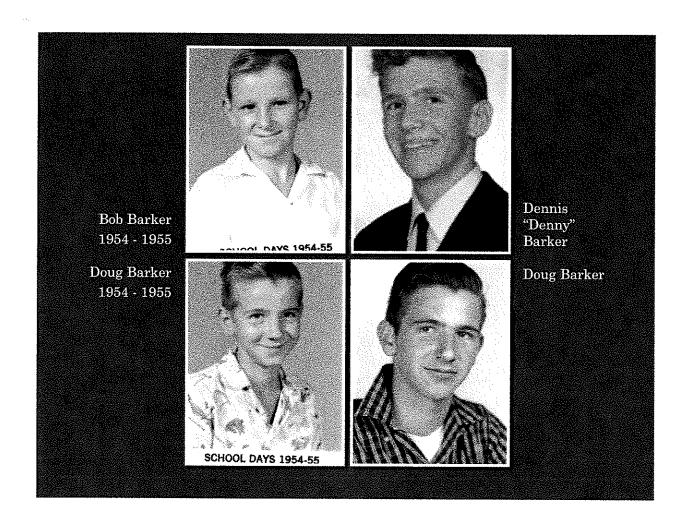
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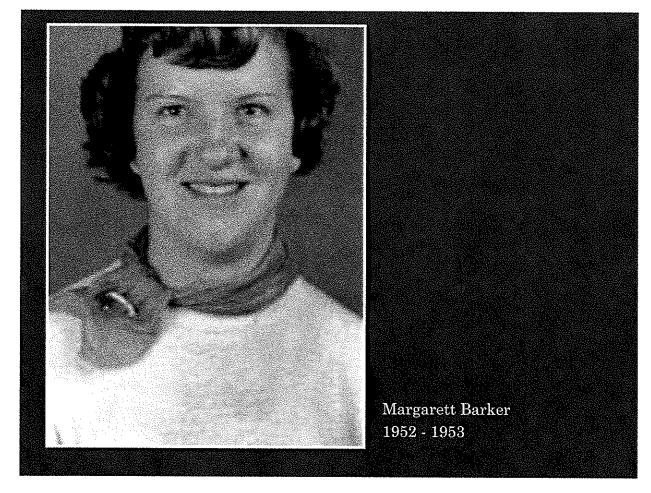


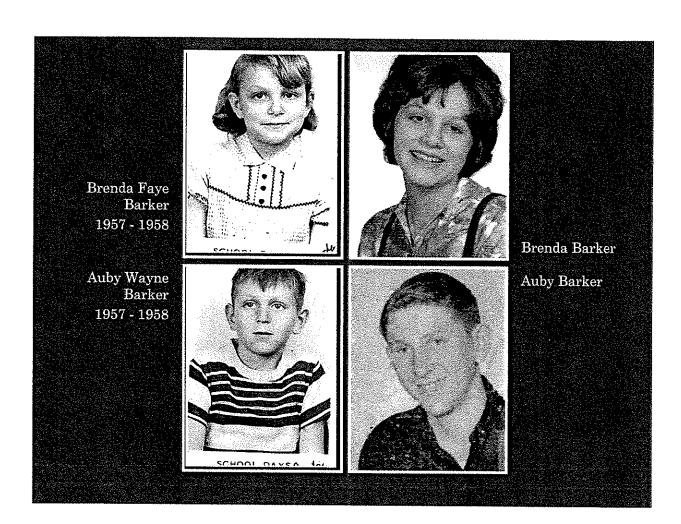
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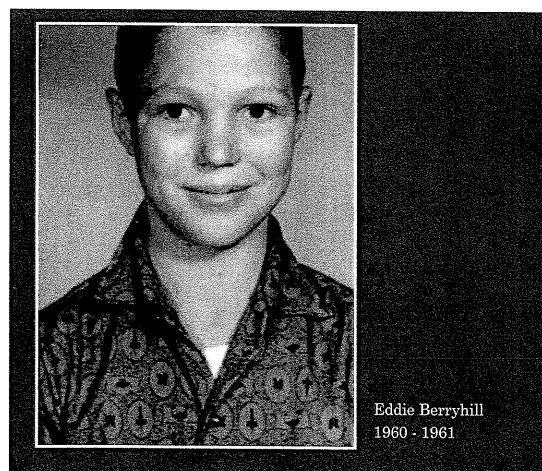


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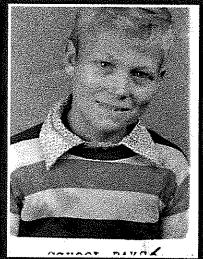








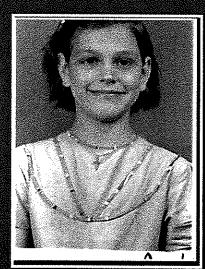
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Jimmy R. Bishop 1952 - 1953



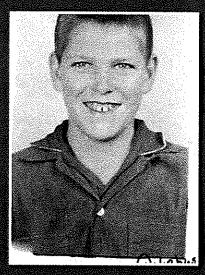
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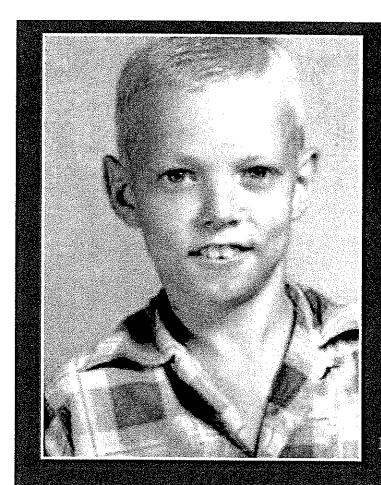
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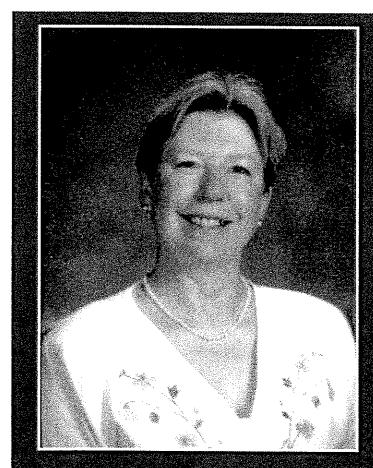
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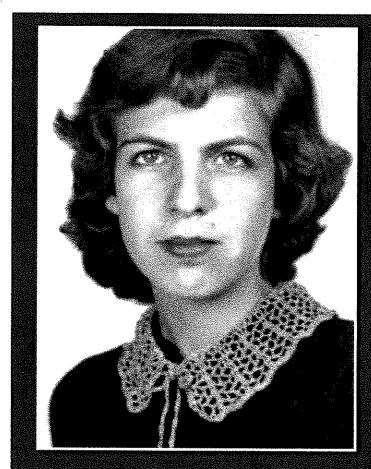
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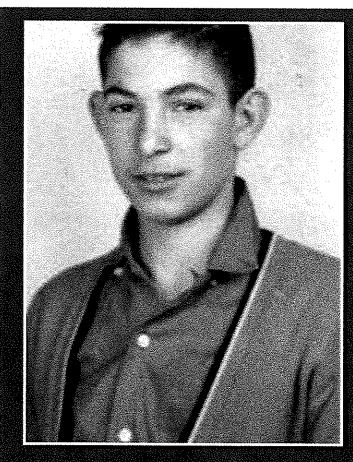
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Linda Bynum Myers



Mary Carrol



Billie King Drummond 1958 - 1959



Bertie Lee Dunnaway 1958 - 1959



Laura Funderburg 1950 - 1951



Vivian Funderburg 1950 - 1951



Patsy Funderburg 1948 - 1949



School Days 1950-51

Patsy Funderburg 1950 - 1951



Patsy Funderburg



Judy Funderburg 1954 - 1955



Miriam Funderburg



Miriam Funderburg 1956 - 1957



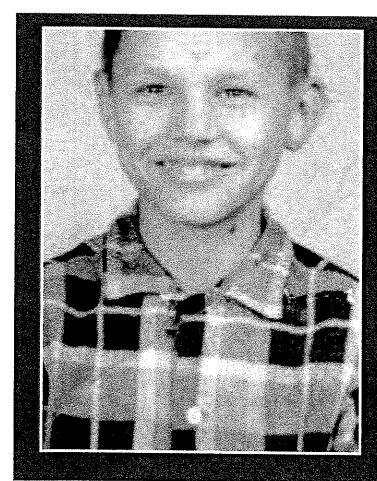
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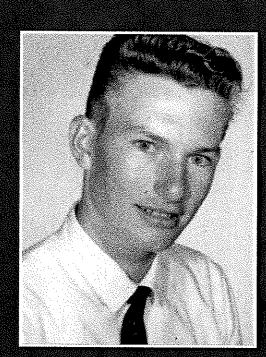
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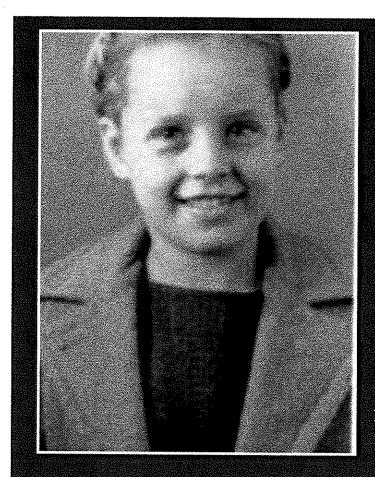
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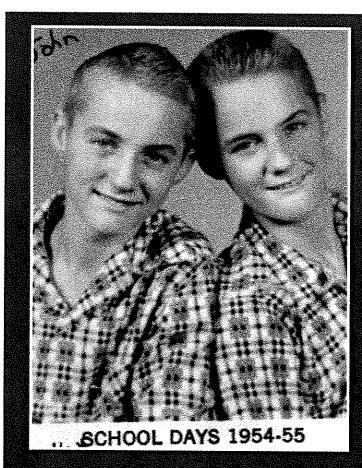
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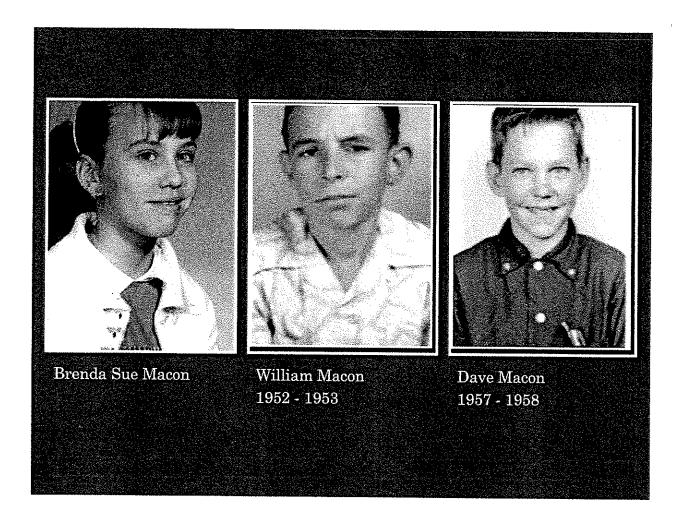
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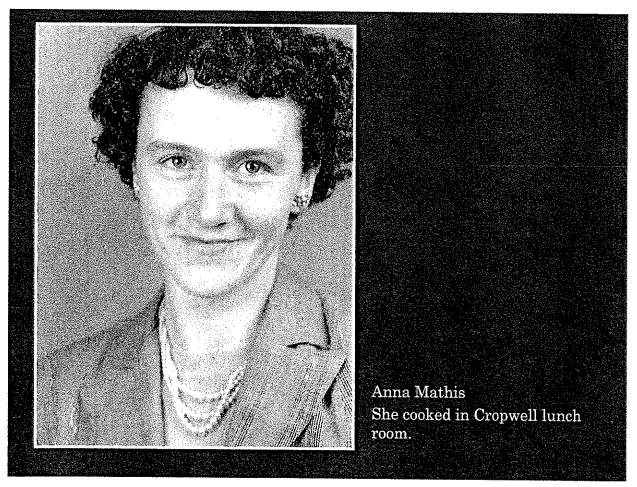


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John and Tom Luker 1954 - 55

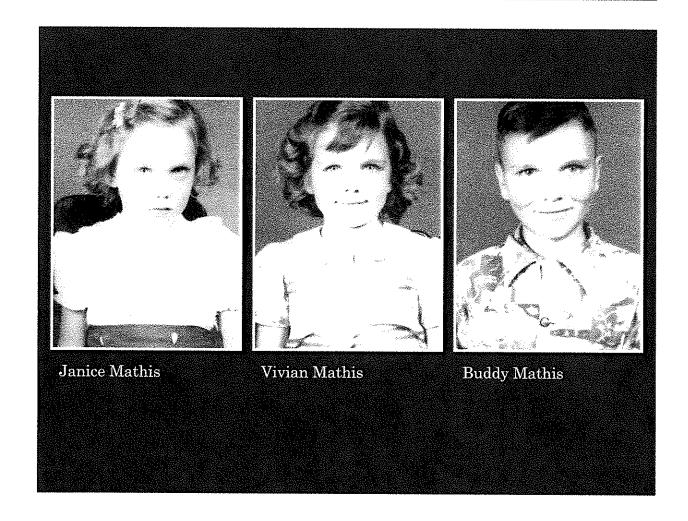


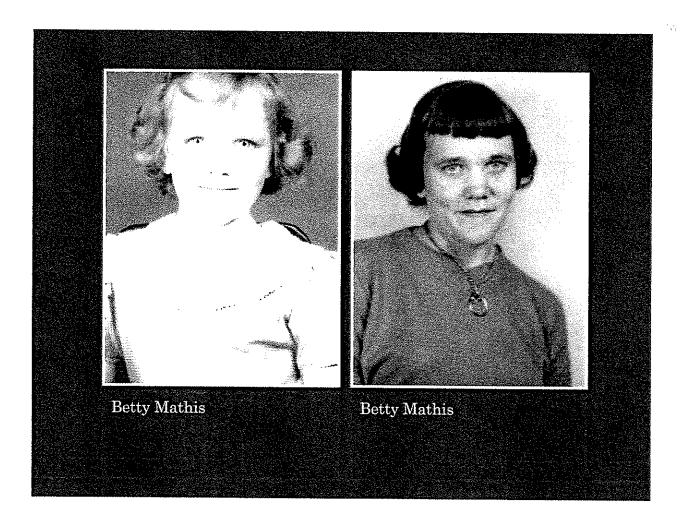


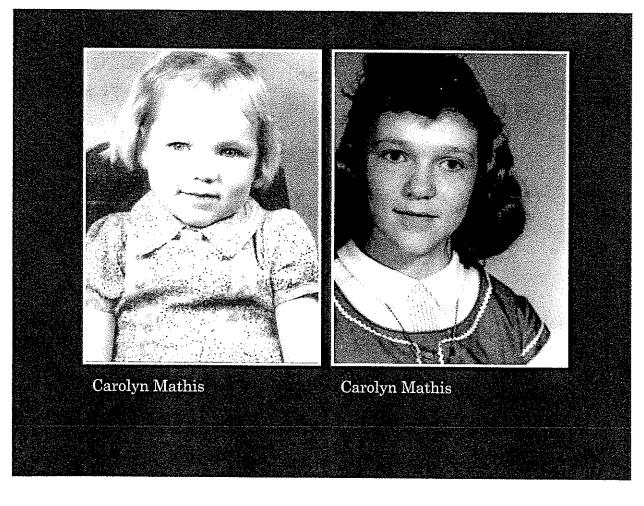
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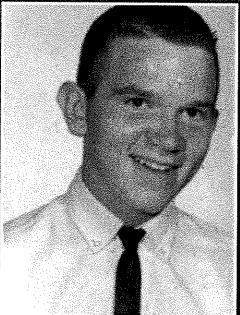




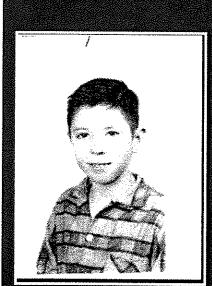




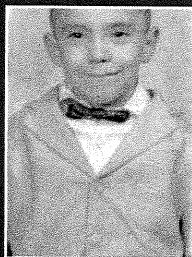
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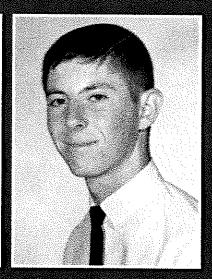
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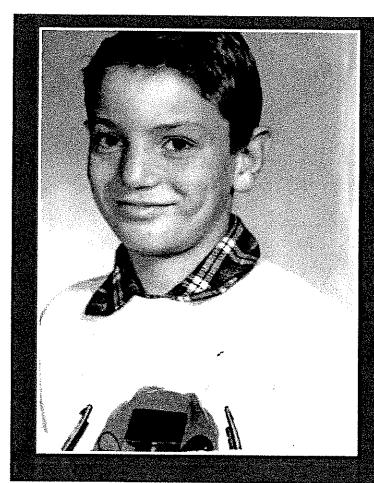
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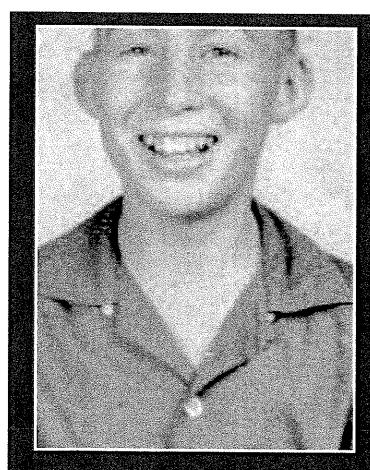
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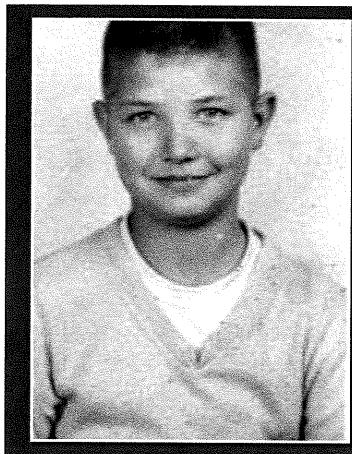


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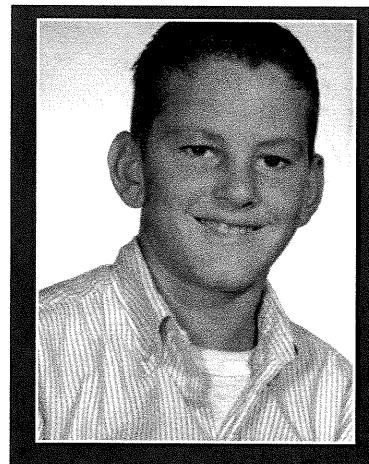


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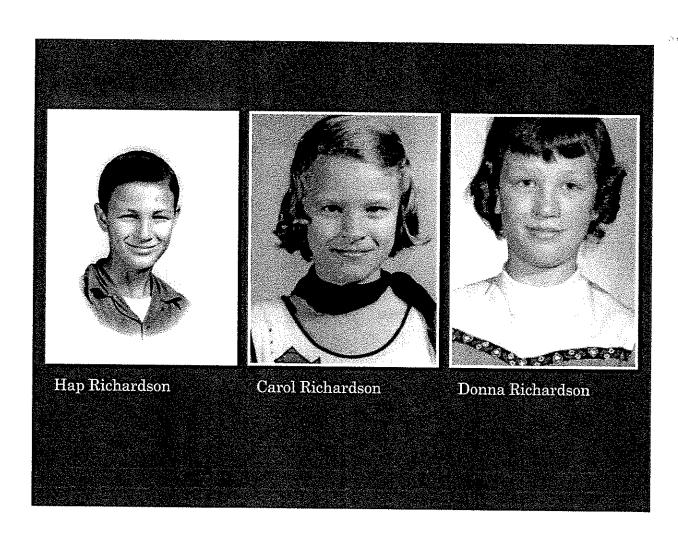




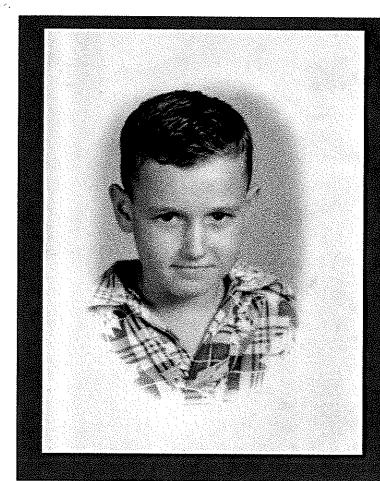
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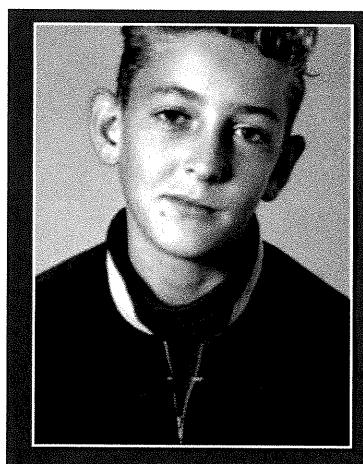
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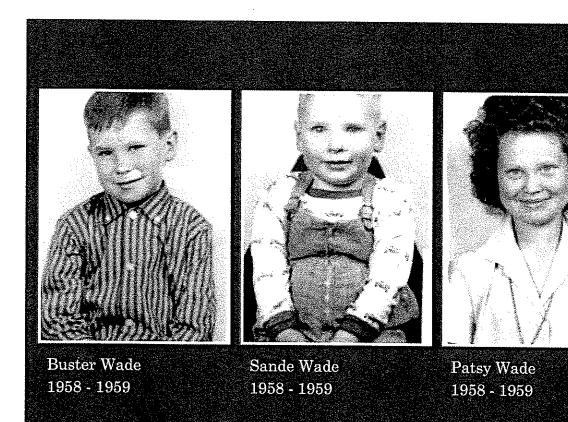
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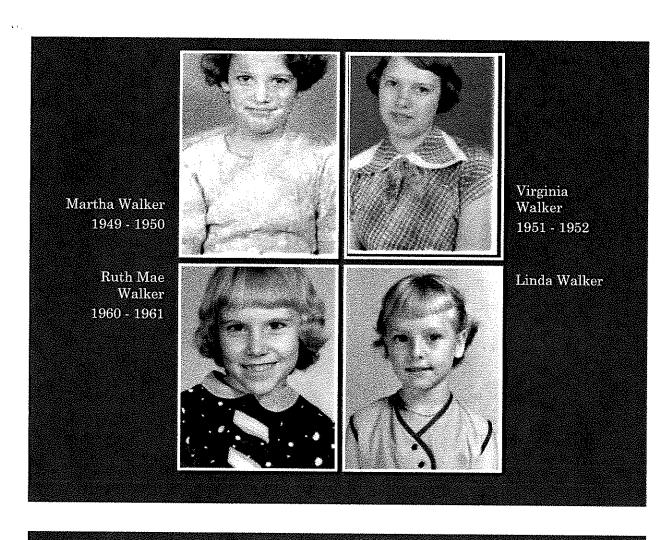


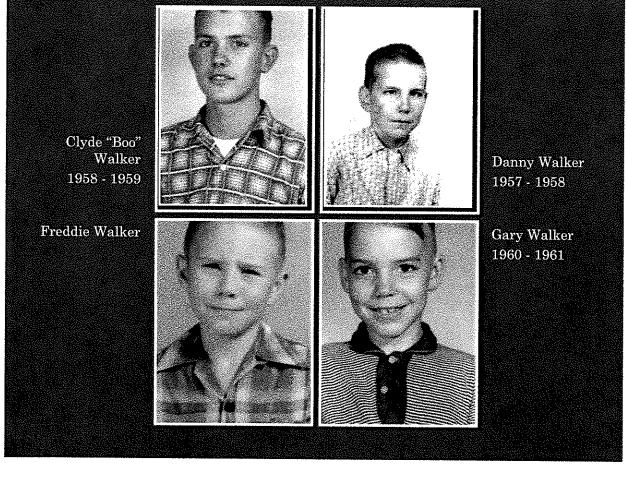
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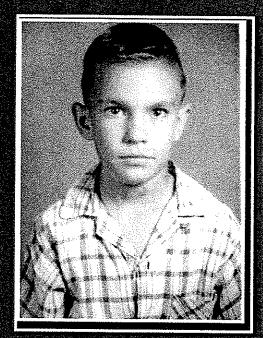


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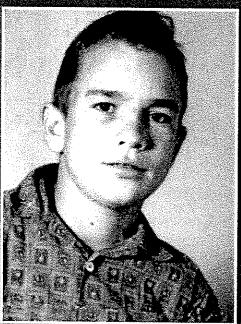








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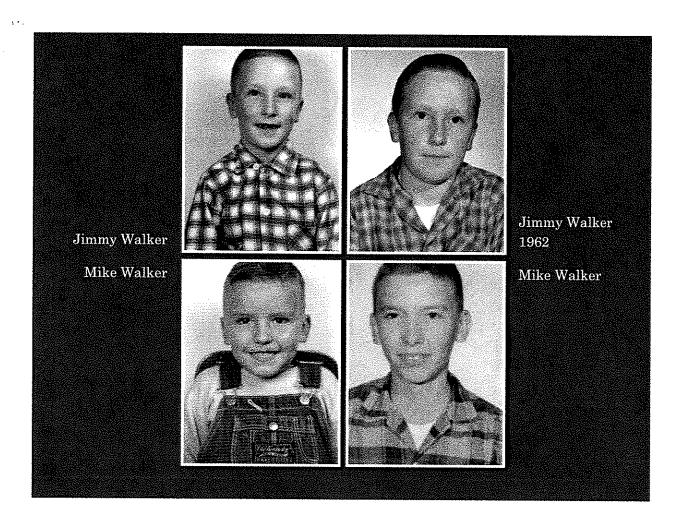
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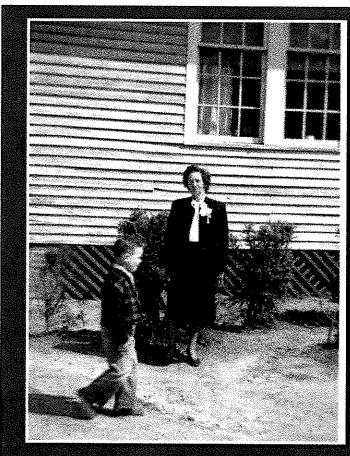


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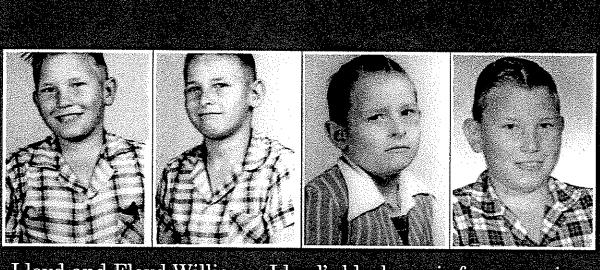


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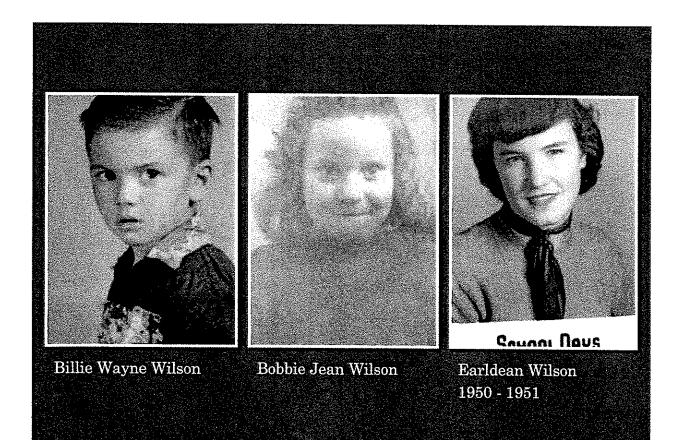


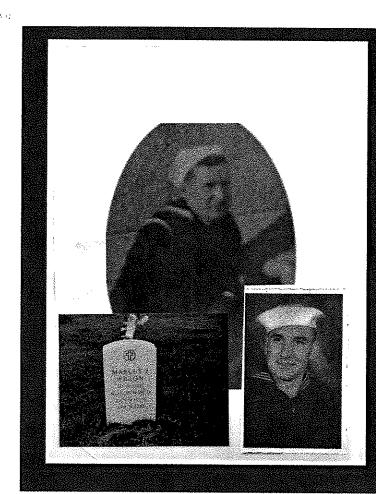


Marchal Webster with Carrie Drummond in front of Cropwell School 1951

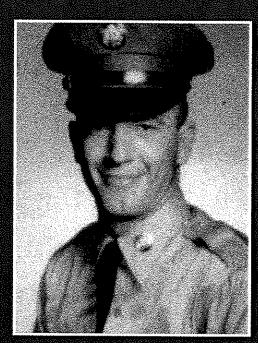


Lloyd and Floyd Williams. Lloyd's black eye is from running into barbwire at school.





Marcus James Wilson



Tully Wilson



David Wilson



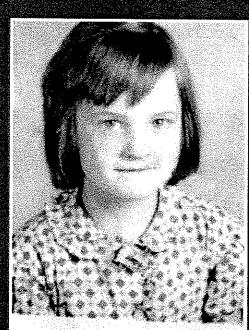
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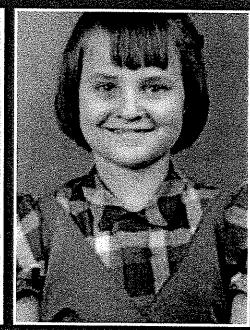
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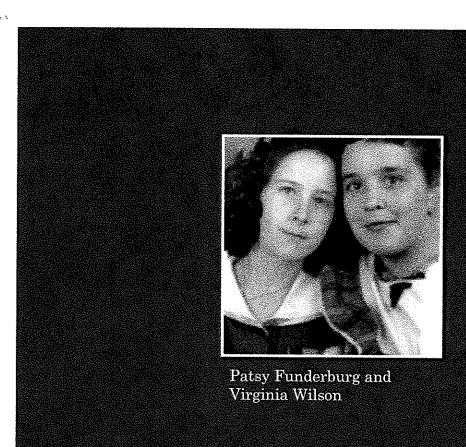
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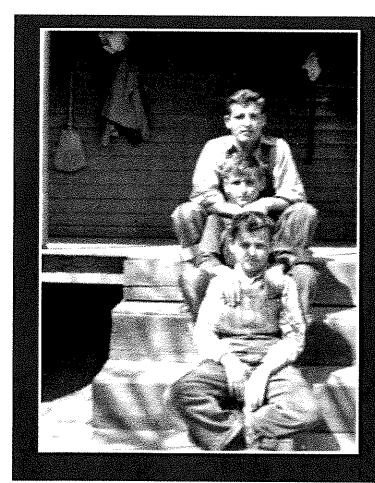


Sadie Wilson 1950 - 1951



Sadie Wilson 1952 - 1953

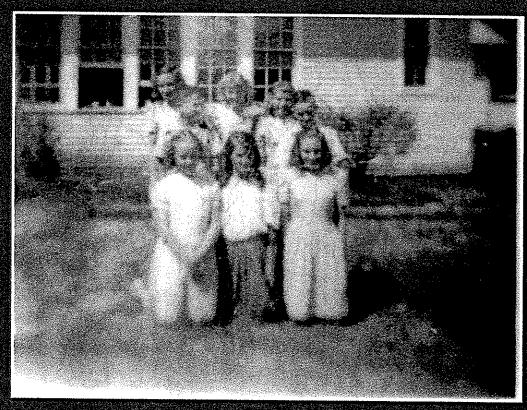




Raymond, Jimmy and Charlie Staples



Luverne Newson, Laura Funderburg, Patsy Lucker, Lucy Scot 1951



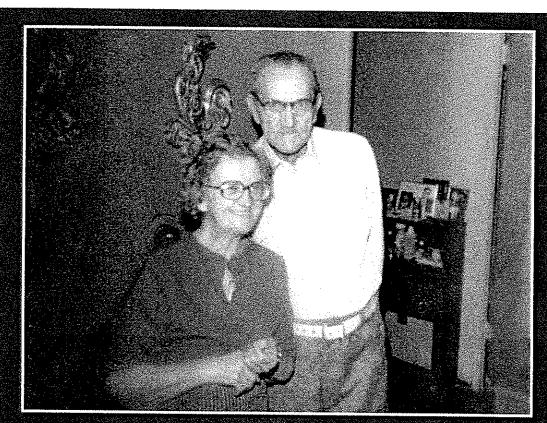
Lucy Scott, Laura Funderburg, Mary Mays, Pete Funderburg, James 'Busta' Funderburg, Clara Mays, Patsy Luker, Virginia Walker at Cropwell School



Judy Dorough's 1<sup>st</sup> bus ride to Cropwell School in 1952 from Buchanan Ferry Road currently known as "Mays Bend" Road. Judy attended Cropwell 1951, 1952, 1953.



Mary Bynum with Linda, Charles and Ricky



Ruth Walker with husband



Carol Richardson and Bertha Graham



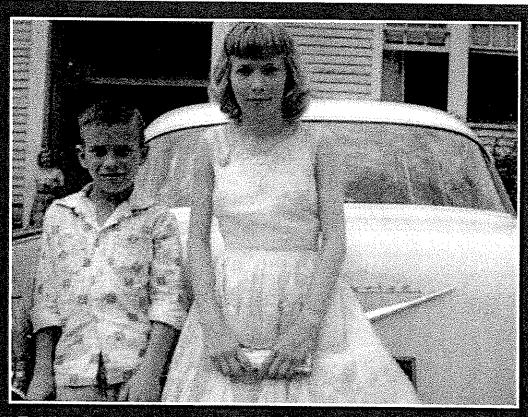
Betty Mathis, Sadie Wilson, Carol Richardson, Jean Abercrombe



Louise Goss, Jean Abercrombe, Carol Richardson



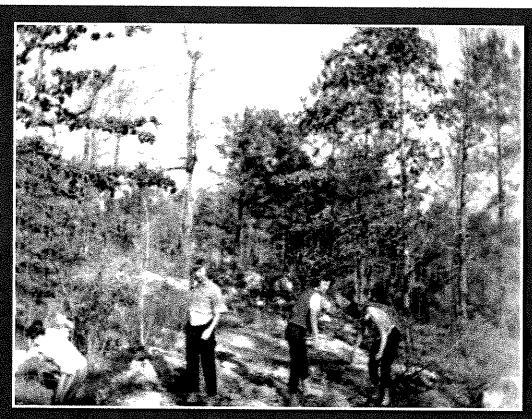
Betty Mathis, Mary Carrol, Martha Walker in front of Cropwell School



Frank Walker and Jean Abercrombe in from of Cropwell School



June Bug Pike and Jean Abercrombe



Judy Dorough, Jean Abercrombe, Carol Richardson, Carolyn Funderburg



Here is a couple pictures of found. my name now is: Carelyn Due Trigo

Rodney Stephens, Born Sept. 10th 1941. Passed away April 22, 2008.

Wife Judy Stephens, No children.

Worked at 3M 9 ½ yrs. Went to work for General Motors in 1975, retired 2002

He enjoyed riding motorcycle, being on the river. He mostly enjoyed being on our little farm in Pell City until he got sick and we sold it and moved back to North ALA. We lived there until he passed away. I am not sure what years he went to Cropwell. I am looking forward to meeting y'all. Thanks for putting reunion together. Judy



#### Kids Stuge 'Contest's

# There She Goes... Little Miss Cropwell America

fakr a fionsh of inlagicative computers and s eathy day and you relight has head that was the case with a group of bods in Comparti last Étiday aflermosas

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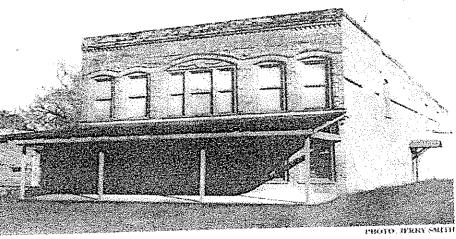
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and flest runner up flerky Harman, Back and thefft last year's garen, Bourder Useman, and arrand ennarrop Amy Water



HOW MANY DO YOU RECOGNIZE?

Civiltain meeting in 1940



te town of Cropwell, AL began in the early 1830s at Roberson's Ferry on the Coosa River, in an area later known as Truss's Ferry. Before finally becoming Cropwell, the settlement was also known as Coosa, Diona, and Crosswell. Cropwell had a post office as early as A lot of its earliest settlers were from Laurens and Abbeville Counties in South Carolina id decided to settle there after the Buttle of Horseshoe Bend broke the power of the Creek

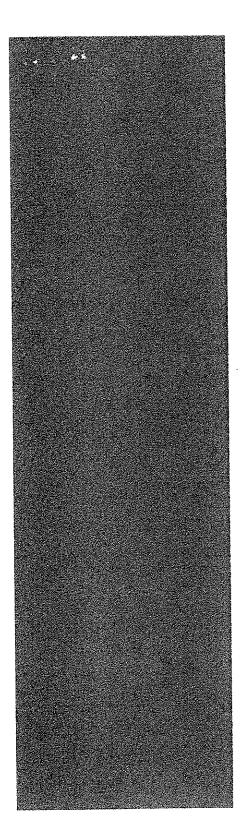
large trading post dealing in hardware, groweries and medicines was later established by n I Smith, a lew years before the Civil War.—Smith had arrived in 1849 in age five and scared at Cropwell School. When Company I of the Tenth Ambarna Infanty, was enganged meet in 1860. Smith enlisted, believing his day to serve abe Converted by notice eighted his scincrests. He reached the rank of Colonel fait open returning home. Somith then moved non-extract. He quickly toback his empire to include turning and a saskingly then moved.

in the reasonable business that thrived in the lang 1800s was Roberson-Jone's General Store, building still stands at the junction of AL34 and Bantwick Road. Stanted by John W. Jones I, the business eventually involved his son-in-law James Roberson in 1883, and was still in ion as J. Fall Roberson & Sons as late as 1953. Now occupied by David Frais Antiques, the rout is hule-changed inside or our except for various additions toward the rear. A visit there

a step track moreone, represents with names of local note. J D Truss was a Captain in the war, fighting repwell's history teems with names of local note. J D Truss was a Captain in the Alabama House, same outfli as Smith. Jones Full Roberson was also a representative in the Alabama House, or in fertilizer, owned a cotton gin and warehouse, and was a deligate to nominate Alabama sentative Oscar Underwood as a Democratic candidate for President of the LS in 1924. James son's son Pat became president of Union State Bank.

i the face 1866's, the Talladega & Coosa Vailey Radicald can from Rentree through Cropwell i the Southern line in Pell City. It was used mainly for handing from ore for the humans to teps, and humber, but was also the most convenient way to get from Talladega to most any-

Then a trestle collapsed at Stemley, this train felt into the Cooka. A black porter named leading that became a local hero when he dove into the water, polled out all possengers trapped in ode tith the help of the conductor, graded them to safety atop the submerged rail cans.



Some of the pioneer families of Cropwell were Coleman, Collins, Roberson, Truss, Buchanan, Walker, Alex ander, Turner, Har dwick, Braden, Murchis on, Willingham, and Roland.

Cropwell citizens were the first to vote for the three mill tax used in the public schools. Out of this tax revenue, the people of Cropwell built the School we are now using. At that time Mr. Roy Gibson was the principal of Cropwell School. He remained principal for many years after the new school building at the present site, and under his successful leadership. Cropwell probably had the best organized and well-disciplined school. He later became Superintendent of St. Clair County Schools. Mr. Gibson served the schools well and has worked toward having better schools and has provided the schools with good teachers and equipment.

Cropwell now has three general merchandise stores in which the Roberson's store is the most successful. Fall Roberson also owns a cotton gin and a cotton warehouse and is a dealer in fertilizer.

Cropwell is a small village having three stores, a grist mill and a cotton gin. Cropwell has a Baptist church. In 1901 Cropwell had a drug store, but now the building is being used for the post office. For the past few years and at the present time, Amanda Funderbu rg is the post master.

There are natural resources in Cropwell. Limestone, sandstone and shale can be found in the area. Cropwell itself is located in dolomite and boulders of chert can be found also. Iron ore is also found in the area.

#### **CROPWELL NOTES**

(These notes were on the reverse of the title page.)

The first Masonic Lodge in St. Clair County was at Cropwell. 1.

The first trading post in St. Clair County was at Cropwell before 1865. 2.

William T. Smith came to St. Clair County in 1849 with his parents. Smith was a successful businessman at Cropwell when the war came on. He entisted in Co. F. 5th [sic] Ala. Infantry Regiment. Smith was promoted to Colonel by the end of the war. He served in Ala, Legislature 1886-88.

Natural resources

limestone

shale

sand

iron ore

5. Pioneer families

> Coleman Collins Roberson

Hardwick Willingham

Braden

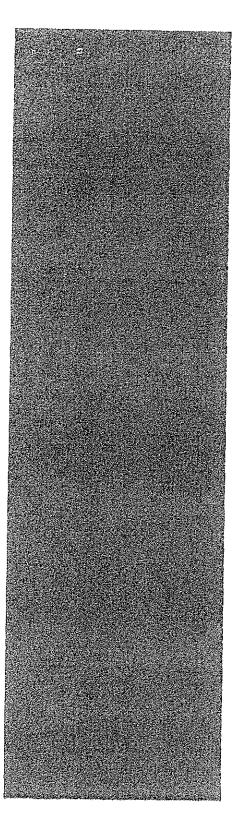
Turner

Truss

Buchanan Walker

Murchison

Roland



HISTORY OF CROPWELL By Charles E. Keel April 28, 1953

(This was typed from a handwritten manuscript by Charles E. K. eel. The copy was found among the papers of Mrs. D. J. Bartlet t, a teacher for many years at Odenville.)

Cropwell dates back to 1834, probably founded in the early thirties. According to the old deeds and records, Cropwell postoffice was established in 1837. I don't know the exact date, but Mr. Pat Roberson has a letter that came through the post office in 1837. The date is stamped on the envelope.

The early white settlers moved in the Cropwell area as the Indians moved out. The early white settlers came from Georgia and South Carolina. Most of the early white settlers were Scotch-Irish and Welsh.

The first post master of Cropwell was J. D. Bennett.

Cropwell was first located at Roberson's Ferry on the Coosa River, which was later known as Truss's Ferry. Cropwell was also called Coosa and then later called Diana. On the old deeds and records, Cropwell was listed as "Crosswell," which was a misprint; the double "s" being a script for a "p."

The first Masonic Lodge in St. Clair County was organized in Cropwell.

Before the Civil War, one of the first and best trading posts was established at Cropwell. William T. Smit h founded this trading post in Cropwell, having a good line of goods such as hardware, groceries, and medicines.

In 1861 Company F of the Tenth Alabama Infantry Regiment, the Wilcox Brigade was organized in Cropwell. Company F was engaged in the following battles during the Civil War: Dansville, York Town, Williamsburg, Sandy Pines, Harper's Ferry, Sharpberg, Fredericksberg, Chancellorsville, Salem Church, Gettysburg, Those are the major battles that Company F was engaged in. The Cropwell boys were in the battle of Harpers Ferry. General (Stone Wall) Jackson taken 5.000 men and left General Lee's forces in Maryland and captured Harper's Ferry and a garrison of 10.000 Yankees.

One of the outstanding men of Cropwell that was in the Confederate Army was William T. Smit h. He was born June 4, 1844, at Petersburg, Virginia. When he was five years of age, he came to St. Clair County along with his parents. He received a common education at Cropwell School.

When the War between the States broke out, he had just established a mercantile business at Cropwell, having bought most of his goods on the credit. Smith, believing it was his duty to serve his country in such a conflict, left his business with his clerk and enlisted in Company F, Tenth Alabama Infantry Regiment. (Another outstanding citizen of Cropwell was J. D. Truss. He also enlisted in Company F, 10th Ala. Inf. Reg., accepting the rank of Captain of Company F.) At the end of the war, Smith received many promotions, his rank was Col. of the 10th Ala.

When Smith returned from the Army, his business had dwindled to nothing, but with fortitude and determination of the men who had served the Confederate States of America ©. S. of A.) through the War, he reopened his business, and in a short time added farming and a sawmill to his operations. In all these he was successful.

In 1871, Smith moved to Wilsonville where he established a lumber business. William T. Smith was elected to the State Legislature from Shelby County in the sessions of 1886-88. He was a Baptist, Mason and a Democrat.

John W. Jone's started a mercantile business at Cropwell in 1841. Jones Fall Roberson and Pat Roberson Grandfather, and the business is still operated under the name of J. Fall Roberson & Sons.

Jones Fall Roberson is a descendant of one of the earliest Southern families. J. Fall Roberson has devoted his entire business career to activities in a most successful merchandise business, and has served in the Alabama House of Representatives. While J. Fall Roberson was serving the State Legislature, he was a delegate to nominate Under wood for President of the United States in 1924. He was born December 21, 1876, at Cropwell, son of James Russell Roberson and Addie Jones Roberson. Pat Roberson is president of the Union State Bank, located at Pell City, Alabama.

Mack and I came to Cropwell from
Easonville so Mack could play basketball
with Charlie Staples and Wayne
Dunaway. I remember I came into Mrs.
Drummond's room and made friends tha
have lasted a life time. I worked in the
lunch room there and after 30 years of
service to the Pell City School System I'r
still working in the lunch room but at th
end of the school year I am happy to say
I will be retiring and doing some things
have been wanting to do for a long time.

Mack Abercrombie

Charlie Staples and I were the janitors at Cropwell School. We had a key to the school and would arrive early to start the heat. We were supposed to put water in gallon buckets for the heat. Instead of water we decided to urinate in the buckets. The teachers and principal Doc Bryant could not figure out what the terrible smell was at first. All the windows had to be opened in the winter time to get the smell out of the school. Principal Bryant finally figured it out and we got in trouble!!!

)ur Cropwell Junior High Football team eat the PCHS varsity team in my 9th

graide year.

don't know why but I decided to drive my Granddaddy Grady Donahoo's tractor through the double doors of the school which made the floor fall in. Granddaddy had to pay for repairs to the floor. At semester test time I did not study and knew I would fail if I took the test that day. I went out back of the school and set the sage brush on fire knowing that school would be let out. It was of course. I went home and studied and passed the test the next day.

Willie Frank Barker
I married Faye Nell Wright but divorced after several years. We had 3 children Kathy (Steve) Ramsey, Cindy (David) Cameron and Jeff (Crystal) Barker. I worked for the Corp of Engineer until 1982. After that I did brick work, worked for Wattsville water and retired from USCO Powers.

In 1995 I married Stella Bice Parsons. I have 2 step children. Suzy (Chad) Bean and Jason Parsons. We have together 14 grandchildren. One was killed in car wreck in 2002. We have 6 great grandchildren.

Lenjoy hunting and fishing.

Carolyn Bishop Tom Williams and I have been married 51 years. We have 2 children and 1 grandson.

Cropwell School left a deep lifetime impact on me that has been widened by the friendships reclaimed over the past year. Without realizing it my life has been greatly enhanced by regaining these friends.

Ramsey Funderburg (Evelyn)
3 children
Cathy Funderburg Parker
Mimi Funderburg Jones
Erskine Ramsey Funderburg Jr.
5 grandchildren 4 boys and 1 girl
3 great grandchildren 2 boys and 1 girl

Patsy Funderburg Teachers Ms Addie Gray, Ms Louise Riker, Ms Carrie Drummond. Principal Howard Keel

Fond memories of Cropwell School being on the basketball team and playing Easonville School. Dancing and singing on stage with Virginia Wilson to the Chattanooga Shoe Shine Boy. It wasn't fun seeing Ms Zacky come to school to give shots. The box suppers were fun. I graduated from Pell City High in 1959, married Harold Edge, have 1 daughter, 1 son and 4 wonderful grandchildren. I received a degree in Cosmetology.

Miriam Funderburg

I went to Cropwell school through 5th grade then I went to IOLA Roberts and I graduated in 1963 from Pell City High School.

I worked in Mountain Brook for an orthodontist and then in Pell City for Peoples Bank. I married Frank Finch in 1967. We have one daughter (40) and raising 2 grandsons 12 and 7 named Bryan and Brady.

My 1st grade teacher was my great aunt Addie Gray. I also had Mrs. Morton and Mrs. Drummonds.

I remember going home a lot in 1st grade since I did not like school and as some thought I did not want to leave my mama. I was the baby of our family.

I remember the outdoor toilets, walking across the road to play baseball where the park is now. I remember going to the auditorium and Mrs. Drummonds playing the piano and we would all sing. One song I remember well is "Come to the Church in the Wildwood". I can still picture the auditorium because it slanted down. I remember a play we did and I recited "Mary, Mary quite Contrary How does Your Garden Grow". I remember the teacher making a big deal because I wouldn't drink my milk at lunch and my Mom would have to come up. Then they decided to get me Chocolate Milk. I remember the games we played – "Red Rover", "Red light, Green light". We jumped rope a lot. One memory that stands out is the box supers we had to raise money. I chose a pretty box and when opened it had a baked sweet potato in it. I think everyone knew who brought it.

Louise Goss
I came from Easonville school to
Cropwell in the 6th grade. Mrs. Carrie
Drummond was my teacher.
We had the 4-H club leader come visit
our school once a month.
My 3 brothers Jim, Richard and Johnny
went to Cropwell School also.
There was a lot of jump roping and soft
oall games. We played hide and seek.
I was in a play directed by David Bryant.
I was a lot of fun.

Some of the Things I Remember About My Years at Cropwell School from September, 1947 – May, 1957

### Benny (Buddy) Mathis

May 5, 2013

Mrs. Addie Gray was my 1<sup>st</sup> grade and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher. She taught low first and high first grade. Mrs. Ricker was my 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, and Mr. Ricker was my principal. Then during my 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade years, Mrs. Carrie Drummonds was the teacher. When they first started the WFHK Radio Station, a gentleman from the WFHK Radio Station came down and interviewed the class. Mr. Kell was the principal during my 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade years, and I saw him on occasions getting a hickory off of a tree and tan two older boys hide for not playing soft ball. Mr. David Bryant was the principal and my 9<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. I've seen Mr. Bryant on two different occasions take his belt off and whip a 9<sup>th</sup> grade boy for cussing. When I first started school, we had outdoor toilets on each end of the school in the back, one for the boys and one for the girls. But later indoor bathrooms were built.

In later years, a lunch room was built. During my high school years my mother ran the lunch room at Cropwell School. The lunch room now serves as a Boy Scout meeting place.

We had a softball field across the road in the area that is now part of the Lakeside Park Walking Track.

I remember the time when I was in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade that we went over to Jonesboro and played basketball. I was on the team and Mr. David Bryant was our coach. We rode over in his car to play ball. My mother had planned to meet me at the school upon our return that night. But she ended up having to take my aunt to the hospital to give birth to one of my cousins and didn't make it to pick me up. We lived over in the Mays Bend area, so it was a long five mile walk back to home for me. Since it was dark and I was frightened, I probably set a record for running that five miles.

Berry Mathis

Widowed, I have 8 children, 4 of my own and 4 step children that I raised. I have 20 grandchildren and 9 great grands. I have a lot of special memories about Cropwell school, the feeling of being so close to everyone there. The special teachers that we had. Mrs. Addie Gray was my teacher in 1st and 2nd grade. Mrs. Mary Lloyd taught 3rd and 4th. Mrs. Drummonds taught 5th and 6th. David Bryant taught 7th, 8th and 9th grades. I remember the walk to eat lunch and working in the lunch room. My Mom cooked there.

Virgil H. "Hap" Richardson
I started school at Cropwell in the 8th
grade. We moved to Cropwell from
Avondale Mill school. We played
basketball. Mr. Keel was the principal at
the time. He was always sending me and
couple other guys to get donations for the
banquet we had each year for the 8th
and 9th graders. My buddies were
Herschel Walker, Hubert Graham. There
were others but slip my thoughts.

Carolyn Richardson I came to Cropwell school in 1954, Mrs. Lloyd was my teacher, Mrs. Morton and Mrs. Drummonds, Mr. Bryant was the principal. I remember the outdoor toilets. Years later we got indoor plumbing. I remember the time Carolyn Bishop was told to get the chewing gum out of her mouth. She tried to throw it in the coal stove and it stuck to the stove and her finger. She had it all over the room. We played jump rope. We got really good even with the double jump rope. I jumped so much I wore a pair of shoes out in 2 weeks. My parents bought me a pair of brow and white oxfords. I hated

them.

Donna Jane Richardson
I loved going to Cropwell School meeting
a few friends under the school house.
Mrs. Morton sent me home for fighting ir
school because Anita Lynn said Tommy
Cosby gave her a ring. I said no beeswax
because he was MY MAN and he still is.

Lucy Scott
1st and 2nd grade teacher Ruby Bryant
Principal Lester Bryant
3rd grade I went to different school
4th grade teacher Mrs. Addie Gray
5th grade teacher Mathasce Jones Bale
Other teachers Mrs. Carrie Drummond
Mr. Riker, Mr. Keel, I think Mrs. Henry
Eden.
I went to Pell City High in the 10th
grade

Amos Smith
I attended Cropwell 1946 – 1953.
Graduated Pell City High School 1955,
Served in US Navy 1955 – 1959.
Married 34 yrs. Divorced 1993.
Have 2 daughters, 4 grandsons.
Retired from Dept. of Defense 1992.
Lived in Ragland since 1993.

Jerry G. Smith
I attended Cropwell school grades 7th
through 9th in 1947 – 1949.
Mr. Bowles was the principal and Ms.
Gray was my teacher.

Charlie Staples I attended school at Cropwell for 8 years from 1948 but left 1 year and went to Easonville. The last year I was at Cropwell was 1957. My first grade teacher was Mrs. Gray, 2nd grade Mrs. Morton. Some other teachers I remember were Mr. Keel, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Riker and Mrs. Drummond. I remember a coal burning stove located in corner of building. At one point I was in charge of starting the stove and sweeping classroom each day. One day a student started a fire in a field behind the school. All 9th graders helped in putting it out.

Robert Wayne Thomason
School founded in 1889
School closed in 1963 – 1964 when the backwater came in.
I remember Mrs. Staples cooking some great food after the lunch room was built She always gave me extras.
Mr. Riker, Mr. Keel, Mr. Bryant principals
Teachers Mrs. Gray, Ms. Morton, Ms. Lloyd, Ms. Drummond
Married for 52 years
3 children and 2 grand kids

John Walker
John's class consisted of 6 girls and 2
boys. We made a trip to Vulcan Park. He
was always teasing the girls. He was a
lot of fun to be around.

## PAUL WALKER

MY WIFE (SANDRA) AND I HAVE BEEN MARRIED FOR (52) YEARS & HAVE TWO SONS, (PAUL JR.) & (CLINT). WE ALSO HAVE NINE GRAND CHILDREN & TWO GREAT GRAND CHILDREN. (WE GOT STARTED EARLY). WE MARRIED AT (15) & (18).

THE ONE THING I ALWAYS DID WAS OBEY ALL THE RULES. I REMEMBER MYSELF AS A MODEL STUDENT. (LORD KNOWS I WOULDN'T LIE.

MY FIRST & SECOND GRADE TEACHER WAS MRS. GRAY. MY
THIRD & FOURTH GRADE TEACHER WAS MRS. CURD & MRS.
LLOYD. MY FIFTH & SIXTH GRADE TEACHER WAS MRS. CAREY
DRUMMOND. MY SEVENTH GRADE TEACHER WAS CHARLES
KILL. MY EIGHTH & NINETH GRADE TEACHER WAS MR. DAVID
BRYANT WHO WAS ALSO THE PRINCIPAL.

I WORKED FOR ALABAMA POWER COMPANY FOR (40) YEARS, AND RETIRED IN 2004.

red Walker

WE HAVE A FARM IN ELMORE COUNTY, WHERE WE HAVE LIVED FOR THE LAST 39 YEARS. WE TRAVEL A LOT AND STAY AT OUR CONDO IN ORANGE BEACH MOSTLY IN THE WINTER MONTHS. Sadie Mae Wilson
It was a blessing when Carol Richardson,
Carolyn Bishop Jean Abercrombe and
myself got together for the first time at
the ARK after around 55 years.
Carolyn keeps telling some story about
something we did but I don't remember
all of that. ( Ha, Ha)

Billy Wilson My fondest memories are of my 1st grade teacher Mrs. Gray.

## NOTE TO LINDA WAR

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## ALKER FROM ADE TEACHER

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Class o

Fifteen of the 40 members of the 1933 graduating class of Pell City High School met at the Holiday Inn. Riverside. Sunday for their third annual reunion. Herman Donahoo of Birmingham presided over the luncheon meeting. Guests included wives and husbands of the class members present and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gibson. Class members present, seated from left, were Mary Rowland Funder burg of Birmingham, Nannie Smith Sims of Cropwell, Gursie Row

Pell City Class of 1933 includes fo



f 1933

Traywick of Montgomery, Myra Smith Ginn of Anniston, Nell Box Clem of Chattanooga, Tennessee, Oleane Beavers Braden and Lois Austin Moore of Pell City, Standing, from left, Solomon J. Zackie of Birmingham, William J. Vinson of Birmingham, Forrest (P.H.) Lewis of Byerville, Ohio, Doyle Sims of Vincent, Jimmie Hardwick of Pell City, James T. Funderburg and Robert Herman Donahoo of Birmingham.

rmer Cropwell School Students

ge 8-A-OBSERVER, Pell City, Ala. August 22, 1974



Cropwell Scho

ormer students of Cropwell school met for their fourth annual nion last Wednesday at the Big Bull Restaurant. Approximately former students and teachers attended the luncheon meeting.



## ol Reunion

Roy Gibson, principal of the first Cropwell School, and his were delighted with the attendance at the reunion which M Gibson arranges each year.