

FORGOTTEN CROSSROADS: BLANTON COMMUNITY

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PUTNAM COUNTY - In their search for “Almost Forgotten Crossroads” of Putnam County, the Putnam County Archives has been collecting information from local residents about the Blanton community. This community is located at the intersection of Ditty Road and Bunker Hill Road in White County, near the Putnam County line. According to the Archives, George Washington Lafever owned and operated a country store at this intersection. His house was located 150 feet behind the store, according to his grandson, Carl Lafever. Also bonded as the postmaster on Nov. 13, 1901, according to the original certificate from the United Postal Service. Lafever was known as “Blanton George” to not confuse him with another George Lafever who lived nearby. The post office was located in his general store – a popular community gathering spot – from Nov.



1, 1901, until June 21, 1905, when the postal service was moved to Baxter.

“Area school children from the Blanton Community went to Eller’s Ridge

School, which was located in Putnam County and near the White County line,” Putnam County Archivist Glenn Jones said. “The school was run by the Putnam County School Board. The Archives has a copy of the land deed for Eller’s Ridge School, dated January 1891.”

(Pictured at the sign marking the Blanton community are, from left, Glenn Jones, Putnam county Archivist; Carl Lafever, Dot Spivey, Joe Lafever, Nita Wilson Geraldine Pollard, White County archivist; and Betty Stark, archives volunteer; Chris Goss (back) and Carol Bradford, Putnam County archives staff).

Anyone with more information about the Blanton community or who is interested in purchasing a community sign for another unincorporated town, can contact the Putnam County Archives at (931) 520-0042.

Read more about “Forgotten Crossroads at: <http://www.ajlambert.com>