

## **VADEN SCHOOL 1890-1958 #184**

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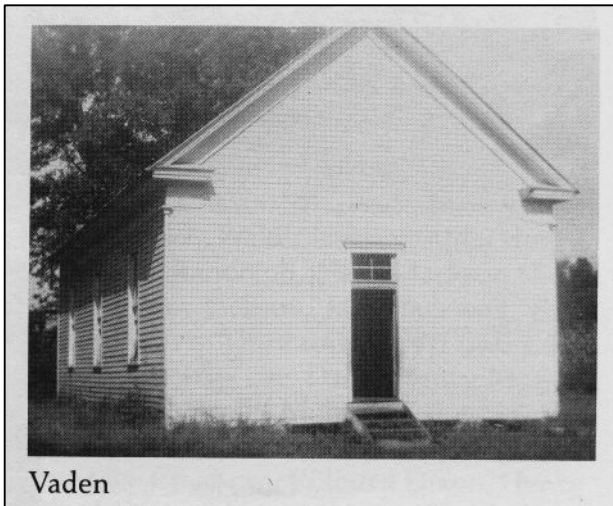
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Vaden School located on Little Indian Creek Road, Buffalo Valley, TN, was erected in 1890. It was a one-room frame building with a pot-belly stove in the center of the room. It had three windows on each side and two windows on the built-up stage opposite the front entrance. It faced East-West. Most of the desks were double where two people sat at the same desk. The drinking water came from a spring near by. There were two



Vaden

toilets. The boy's toilet was on the campus down by the creek and the girl's toilet was up on a hill across the road. The school site was about one-half acre of land. Across the campus in front of the building was a coal shed near a big black walnut tree. The only equipment furnished by the county was a coal skuttle, broom, water bucket and dipper. This description as of 1933035.

The first records available in the School Superintendent's office for Vaden School were dated July 22, 1922. School continued until 1958 when the

school officially closed in August. Attendance had dropped also the State of Tennessee was beginning to close one and two-teacher schools.

At some point-in-time after it ceased to be a school, the building was moved from its original location facing east-west to property near-by in a north-south position facing the road.

Vaden School is gone, but the owner of the land is preserving the location with upkeep and a sign that bears the name of the school.

Teachers that taught there were:

1922-23: Sarah Martha Turner

1923-24: No records found

1924-25: Ruby Montgomery

1925-27: Ocia Brown

1927-28: Nola Nabors

1928-29: Wilson Jared

1929-30: No records found

1930-31: Beatrice Palk  
1931-32: Lillard Pascal Smith  
1932-33: Haney Judd  
1933-35: Cleo Slinger  
1934-35, (5 months): Ray Leftwich  
1935-36: Eulene Carr  
1936-37: Mrs. N. C. Burton  
1937-38: Mrs. Virginia McDonald  
1938-39: Martha Sadler  
1939-40 and 1943-44: Virginia McDonald  
1941-42: Lois Herren  
1942-43: Estelle Williams  
1944-45: Willene Fitzpatrick  
1945-46: Emmaleen Billingsley  
1946-47: Mrs. L. D. Nichols  
1947-48: Kathleen Nichols  
1948-49: Elton Stout  
1949-52: Collie Jared  
1952-52: No records found  
1953-55: Vera Reynolds  
1955-56: Nannie Jo Maddux  
1956-58: Ogeal Jared (Mattie Burton)  
1958: Mabel Carter Stout – School Closed

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