

VADEN SCHOOL 1890-1958 #184

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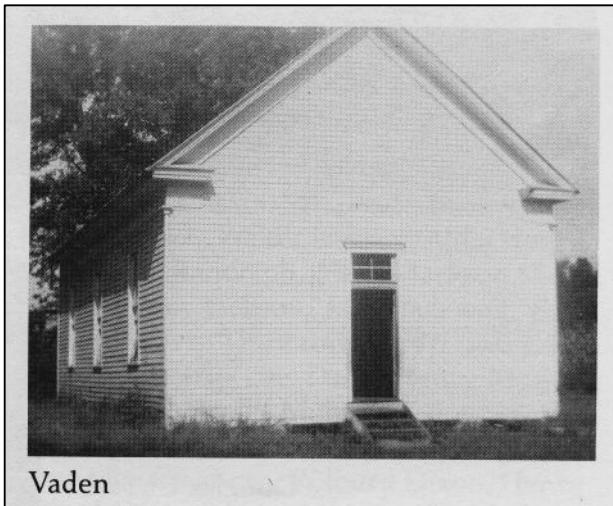
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Vaden School located on Little Indian Creek Road, Buffalo Valley, TN, was erected in 1890. It was a one-room frame building with a pot-belly stove in the center of the room. It had three windows on each side and two windows on the built-up stage opposite 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

*See Schoolyard Tales at:
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