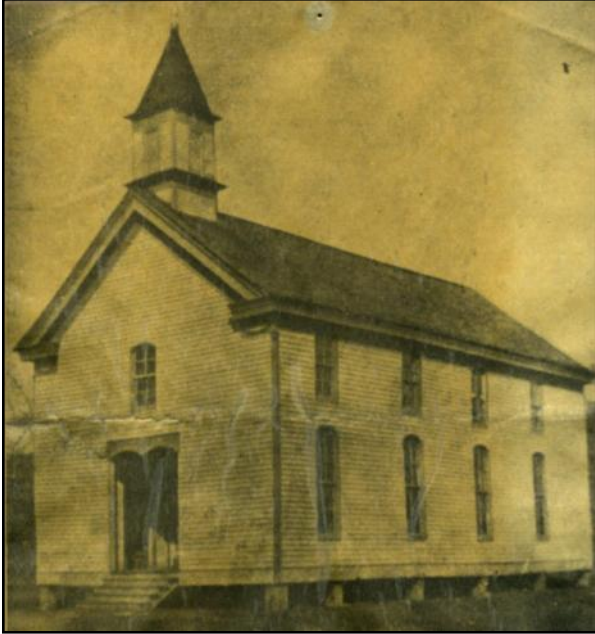


Letter from Edith Huddleston who md Jerry Richmond  
Memories of Rock Springs School,  
Rock Springs, Putnam Co., TN  
11 March 2003



Picture of the Rock Springs Schoolhouse

Dear Audrey,

Some of my best childhood memories are associated with the Rock Springs community. I attended a one room schoolhouse in the Rock Springs community. When I was in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade there was 5 students including myself. I remember Mae Surran Amonette, Leonard Leftwich, Henry L. Huddleston, & Nan Denny.

Our teacher was Mrs. Clara Jared (Mr. Walter Wirt Jared's daughter in law. Walter Wirt Jared Jr. was in the 4<sup>th</sup> grad. They lived a few yards from the Rock Springs one room schoolhouse.

I (Edith Huddleston Richmond) was related to Mrs. Stella Huddleston although she married a Huddleston – “Alf” she moved down there from Algood, TN to teach school many years before. They had three children: Henry L. Anna Pearl and Frank Huddleston. This entire family has been buried at the Rock Springs Church Cemetery.

Uncle Alfs parents, Henry, and possibly their daughter, Helen are buried at the Huddleston homeplace.

One of their nearest neighbors was a Denny and further up the road was Nan Denny's family. Other neighbors were the Maddox family and some younger Denny members as well.

I regret I do not have photos since I did soon after that become and remain a camera, photo collector.

The building of the school still remains an imprint in my memory but is the school is now gone. The Rock Springs Church, across the street from where the school used to be is still there much the same as it was years ago. Mrs. Clara (Gill) Jared lives within a stones' throw, or did the last time I asked at the Welcome Station on Interstate I 40. The Welcome Station is almost a copy of the Huddleston house where my Aunt, Stella Huddleston lived.

We wish you much success as you explore your family history.

Yours,

Edith Huddleston Richmond

**Rock Springs School:** Built in the 1870's, the Rock Springs School in Buffalo Valley is gone today but once served a variety of functions for the community. The structure has housed a boarding school, a school of music, and the upper level was once used as a Masonic Lodge. It later became a public school but closed its doors in 1956 when attendance had dropped and it became a one teacher school with Clara Jared, who later taught at Upperman High School in Baxter serving as the last teacher there. The building and the land on which it sat was sold to former county judge Luke Medley and the structure was later torn down. It was located on the Amonette Road in Buffalo Valley near the Rock Springs Methodist Church. The church is called Faith Chapel as of 2004.

*(I Audrey J. Denny Lambert research the names and families of people related to this letter and the Rock Springs community and came up with the following list).*

Luke Allen Jared: b. 30 May 1915 – md Clara Gill – *School Teacher, Rock Springs, TN.*

Walter Wirt Jared (Jr.): b. 28 March (1925?) - md Bettie Farley

Farley Walter Jared (Sr.) – b. 3 November 1886 – d. 2 January 1955  
Stockraiser & Farmer of Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN  
s/o Christopher Columbus Jared & Montecello Lemiza "Sis" Braswell Jared  
md 23 March 1913 – Altie/Alta/Althea Wyatt – b. 23  
March 1885 – d. 18 April 1977  
Both buried: John and Ann Carr Jared Cemetery, located  
east of Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN

Children of Walter Jared & Alta Wyatt: Lived a few yards from the Rock Springs School.

Charles Columbus Jared: b. ca. 1913 – d. in infancy  
Luke Allen Jared: b. 30 May 1915 – md Clara Gill – *teacher, Rock Springs School.*  
John Talmadge Jared: b. 16 January 1917 – md Kyleen Sullivan  
Ann Wilson Jared: b. 31 May 1920 – md Thomas H. King  
Monte Mary Jared: d. in infancy  
Walter Wirt Jared (Jr.): b. 28 March (1925?) - md Bettie Farley

Children of Walter Wirt Jared & Bettie Farley:  
Deborah "Debbie" Joe Jared – b. 30 September 1947 - d. 1 January 1955  
Buried: John and Ann Carr Jared Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN  
Marsha Jared -  
Michael Jared –

Walter Clarence Huddleston – b. 3 October 1893 – d. 7 November 1965 –  
TN Pvt. Co B 167 Inf. WWI

md Bertha Swallows – b. 24 March 1894 – d. 27 August 1934

Both Buried: Algood Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN

...Edith Huddleston – md Jerry Richmond - 91 Trotwood Mews, Brentwood, TN 37027

Edith's Aunt was Stella – who md Alfred "Alf" Huddleston

Stella A. – b. 5 February 1900 – *School Teacher.*

md Alfred Dillard "Alf" Huddleston– b. 12 August 1893 – d. 29 August 1936

s/o Henry Carr Huddleston & – Lucinda Tennessee "Tennie" Sexton

Lived in the 11 Civil Dist. of Putnam Co., TN in 1900 - *\*See Chapter 8.*

Both Buried: Rock Springs Cemetery, Rock Springs, TN

...Henry L. Huddleston

...Anna Pearl Huddleston – b. 29 June 1927 – d. 8 October 1961 – md Mr. Randolph

Buried: Rock Springs Cemetery, Rock Springs, TN

...Frank Huddleston

Henry Carr Huddleston & Lucinda Tennessee "Tennie" Sexton -

Henry Carr Huddleston – b. 23 August 1856, TN – d. 3 May 1920

md Lucinda Tennessee "Tennie" Sexton – b. 5 March 1864, TN – d. 16 February 1948

Both Buried: Henry Huddleston Family Graveyard, Rock Springs homeplace,  
Putnam Co., TN

...Haskel Owings Huddleston – b. 15 April 1881, TN – d. 9 March 1971

md Minnie Cypert – b. 7 June 1880 – d. 8 September 1950

Both Buried: Rock Springs Cemetery, Rock Springs, Putnam Co., TN

...Martha Ann Huddleston – b. 23 February 1884, TN – d. 27 March 1958

md Hugh Toi Denny – b. 16 May 1879, Rock Springs, TN

Both Buried: Rock Springs Cemetery, Rock Springs, Putnam Co., TN

...Jessey/Jesse B. Huddleston – b. 5 March 1886, TN – d. 3 June 1968 –

Jesse B. Buried: Rock Springs Cemetery, Rock Springs, TN

md I.A. Huddleston Jr. -

...Helon/Helen P. Huddleston – b. 3 December 1887, TN – d. 17 October 1964

*Helen buried:* Rock Springs Cemetery, Rock Springs, Putnam Co., TN –

...Florence M. Huddleston – b. December 1891, TN – md A.W. Elrod

...Alford/Alfred Dillard Huddleston – b. 12 August 1893, TN – d. 29 August 1936

md Stella A. – b. 5 February 1900

Both Buried: Rock Springs Cemetery, Rock Springs, TN

...Floyd/Flويد H. Huddleston – b. 4 March 1899, Buffalo Valley, TN – d. 7 October  
1980, on a Tuesday, Murfreesboro, TN

Buried: Crest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo Valley Rd., Putnam Co., TN

...Ethel Elizabeth Bettie "Betty" Huddleston – b. 2 October 1899 – d. 28 May 1920

Henry Huddleston Family Graveyard, Rock Springs homeplace, Putnam Co., TN

Henry Carr Huddleston lived in the 11<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist. of Putnam Co., TN in 1910. Near  
them lived John Rankin Denny md to Ada Scruggs and his family, *s/o John Smith Denny*;  
William T. Denny md to Mary Belle Welch.; *residing close to his father John Smith*

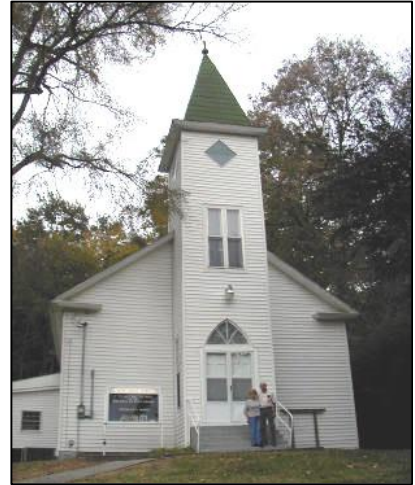
*Denny*. Same 11<sup>th</sup> Dist. further away was Virgil Timothy Denny, his mother, Elizabeth Hettie Paul Denny – (*grandfather and great grandmother of Audrey June Denny Lambert*).



Original family home of Henry Carr Huddleston & His wife, Lucinda Tennessee “Tennie” Sexton. Later his son, Alfred Dillard “Alf” Huddleston & his wife, Stella A. Huddleston lived there.

Picture courtesy of Jerry Richmond & his wife, Edith Huddleston Richmond.

Rock Springs Church – Rock Springs Cemetery next to the church.



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