

LENTNER SCHOOL

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Lentner #58



On Nov. 1, 1868, John and Rhoda Byrum deeded one-half acre of land on the northwest corner of their farm, Section 29, Township 57, Range 11, for \$15 to the Lentner School Board. The first Directors of District #3 were John Byrum, James G. Glenn, and Isaac H. Wailes. The school, located one mile southwest of Lentner, was named for John Lentner Lathrop who owned more than two complete sections of land in the area. The one-room wood building was sometimes referred to as the Byrum School in the early days. When districts were renumbered by order of the Coun-

ty Court, District #3 became District #58. At the annual school meeting in April, 1912, the District voted to erect a new school and directed the Board composed of W. B. Todd, J. H. Melson, and J. S. Tenney to choose the new location. Three quarters of an acre of land, Section 28, Township 57, Range 11, was purchased June 7, 1912 from Jacob Hardacre for \$1 and other considerations. The Board of James H. Melson, W. B. Todd, and Thomas W. Noel sold the original site back to John Byrum for \$25 on Sept. 13, 1913. George Stone bought the old building and moved it one mile south of Lentner to his forty acres to use as a dwelling. Later used as a granary, it was torn down in 1967 by the landowner, Mrs. Eunice Schaffer Hayes.

The new frame school, located one block south of the railroad track in Lentner, was used from 1913 until the consolidation into Shelby County R-IV School District. Directors at that time were Thomas Todd, Adolphus Leftridge, and Curtis May. School closed at Lentner for the last time May 21, 1965. At the sale of rural schools on Wed., June 16, 1965, the building and the land each sold for \$100 and both were bought by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gorby. When the autumn of 1965 arrived, children of the community boarded school busses to attend Elementary and Junior High School in Clarence or Shelbina.

The school building is now used for storage and is in good condition, enabling former pupils that pass by to recall pleasant memories of carefree, happy days spent at the little white one-room country school in a quiet village.

Lentner School - 1896



The married names of the girls appear in parentheses after their names.

Left to Right

Front Row: Archie O'Bryan, Bertha Tenney (Collins), Clara Gunby (Willey), Pexie Wood (Smith), Irene Wood (Smith), Jennie Maupin (Lucas), Nannie Carroll (Noel), Vest O'Bryan, Gus Clay, Raymond Melson, Roy Tenney, Buddy Hogan, Walter Callison.

Second Row: (Two girls seated at right end of second row) Vivian Rice (Fox), Edna Callison (Seth).

Third Row: Walter O'Bryan, Fred Kuhne, Gertrude Carroll, Annie Kuhne (Quinley), Maudie Maupin (Clay), Pearl Melson (Boling), Rosie Tenney (Moser), Cora Rufener (Bethards), Margaret Rice, Lillie Clay (Chinn), Annie Hogan, Tony Hogan

Back Row: Jimmie Lee O'Bryan, Arthur Maupin, Minnie Kuhne (Ritter), Gertrude Wood, Lillie Gunby (Brown), MISS NETTIE LIVINGSTON (TEACHER), Tom Wood Clay, Harry Tenney, Harry Byrum.



LENTNER SCHOOL - 1900

Lentner School--1900



Above is pictured Lentner School, 1900 Summer Term. T. W. Noel was the teacher. The married names of the girls follow in parentheses after their names: First row, left to right: Amos Hall, Clarence Rash, Mable Maupin (Williamson), Giles Rice, Willie Grubb, Dallas Hall, Unknown, Claude Melson, Frankie Dankard. Second row: Morris Byrum (in white suit), John Hall (seated), Zelia Garrett (Hollander), Roscoe Johnson, Maggie Rice, Tony Timbrook, Nannie Carroll (Noel), Herbert Moore, Pearl Melson (Boling), Tommie Wingate (standing). Third row: Charles Rash, Enoch Timbrook, Albert Timbrook, Archie O'Bryan, Raymond Melson, Chester Grubb, Unknown, John Maupin, Merton Moore, Frank Timbrook, Clem Tenney, Roy Tenney, Gertrude Johnson, Edith Hall (Payne). Fourth row: Vest O'Bryan, Mertie Garrett (Brown), Grover Grubb, Jennie Maupin (Lucas), Lawrence Dankard, Rosie Tenney (Moser), Gus Clay. Back row: Bertha Tenney (Collins), Pexie Wood (Smith), Lillie Clay (Chinn), Harry Byrum, Irene Wood (Smith).



LENTNER SCHOOL - 1903