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Sherwood School

Includes a list of Sherwood Students, an excerpt of “A Sense of Place in Southern Georgia,” and an image of students.

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SHERWOOD SCHOOL STUDENTS

1916-1917 **Betty Ashler**

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1916

- was given photo of old school titled "Ye Olde District Schoole" in Grady County. She thinks the school house was located around Meridian Rd. would like more information on where the school was located, the name of the school district, and any information we can find.

Photo was described as: Teacher (Mrs. Mable Dickey, looked to be in her late 20's - early 30's) with students (36 total students ranging in ages, names were listed on photo of all students), in front of ~~a~~ one room school house. It was a close up of school building.

A Sence of Place in Southern GA. by: Robert J. Rubanowice

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Sherwood School Students Listed by 13 Family Groups

Atkinson: Jessie (11)

Brown: Marguerite (1), Isabel (18), Holmer (36)

Dickey: Martha M. (9), Inez (22), Arthur Chandler, Jr. (37)
Mrs. Mabel Dickey (16) - teacher

Cobb: Joe T. (33)

Collins: Zeke (34), Linton (35)

Gainey: Viola (2), Ellen (5), Hettie Mae (12), Inez (19), J.W (31)

Gwaltney: Lottie (3), Susie (6), Frankie (10), Jewell (20)

Jackson: Robert (29), Berry (30)

Johnson: Pearl (13), Erline (21), Olga (24), Vera (25)

Kelly: Ellen (17), Paul (26), Fred (32)

McTyere: Effie (4), Lucy Mae (14), Hilton (27)

Miller: Thelma (23), Onzella (28)

Slater: Bertie Mae (7), Mattie (8), Lottie Lee (15)

Ye Olde District Schoole

Sherwood School: 1916 - 1917

Opened 1916 on Sherwood Plantation

1. Marguerite Brown
2. Viola Gainey
3. Lottie Gwaltney
4. Effie McTyere
5. Ellen Gainey
6. Susie Gwaltney
7. Bertie Mae Slater
8. Mattie Slater
9. Martha M. Dickey
10. Frankie Gwaltney
11. Jessie Atkinson
12. Hettie Mae Gainey
13. Pearl Johnson
14. Lucy Mae McTyere
15. Lottie Lee Slater
16. Mrs. Mabel Dickey [Eddie Dickey's wife, according to Arthur Chandler, Jr.]
17. Ellen Kelly
18. Isabel Brown
19. Inez Gainey
20. Jewell Gwaltney
21. Erline Johnson
22. Inez Dickey
23. Thelma Miller
24. Olga Johnson
25. Vewra Johnson
26. Paul Kelly
27. Hilton McTyere
28. Onzelo Miller
29. Robert Jackson
30. Berry Jackson
31. J.W. Gainey
32. Fred Kelly
33. Joe T. Cobb
34. Zeke Collins
35. Linton Collins
36. Holmer Brown
37. Arthur Chandler Dickey, Jr.

A SENSE OF PLACE
IN SOUTHERN GEORGIA:
BIRDSONG PLANTATION,
FARM, AND NATURE CENTER

ROBERT JOSEPH RUBANOWICE

Chp. 5- Arthur Chandler Dickey, Jr.

Sherwood School

In 1916, Mr. L. S. Thompson built a new school for the community. And since it was his money and on his place, we named it Sherwood School.⁶⁸ That was before L. S. Thompson gave Sherwood Plantation to Herbert L. Stoddard, Sr., when he still owned it himself. For goodness sakes, names are cheap. It doesn't cost

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anything to call a school something. For a couple of months, we actually had school in the house across Meridian Road, where Sonny Stoddard lives, while they were building the new school. There's probably some paper wads up in the attic of his house even now. That's where we used to dispose of our waste paper. We'd just throw it up in the attic. At Sherwood, Mabel Dickey was my teacher, Eddie Dickey's wife. Before the year was out, we got another teacher to help her, two teachers in a one-room school-house.⁶⁹

I helped haul bricks for the foundation at Sherwood School, in the summer of 1916. After I had missed a bunch of years, I went to school there one year, the seventh grade, from 1916 through the Spring of 1917. I then started school there in the Fall of 1917, but we still didn't have anybody to run the farm. I had been out of school for three or four years just before that, but I went to school that year. But the war was not over yet. Who ran the farm when I was in school? Sometimes I wonder. I think I ran it in my spare time. I know one thing, I went to school as late as I could go in the morning, I got home as soon as I could in the afternoon, and we kept the farm going.

In the Fall of 1917, I started school for an unprecedented second straight year, but went only a month, then dropped out to run the farm full time. So after that one year of school in the seventh grade, and just one month in the eighth, I missed two more straight years before I went off to school at Sparks. In 1918 and 1919, I didn't go to school at all. I didn't start off to high school in 1920 till I was sixteen-and-a-half. I couldn't. My older brothers were either off at school, or in the army, and while they were away, I had to work the farm. I don't regret it, it was good for me. Then I made up for it, I made use of my time.

37. Arthur Chandler Hester Jr.

Marquette Brown
Mola Gainer
Lottie Gwaltney
Effie Mc Lyne
Ellen Gainer
Susie Gwaltney
Bertie Mae Slater
Mattie Slater
Martha M. Dickey
Frankie Gwaltney
Jessie Atkinson
Hettie Mae Gainer
Pearl Johnson
Lucy Mae Mc Lyne
Lottie Lee Slater
Mrs. Inabel Dickey
Ellen Kelly
Isabel Brown



2nd Old District School

19. Inez Gainer
20. Jewell Gwaltney
21. Erlene Johnson
22. Inez Kiskey
23. Thelma Miller
24. Olga Johnson
25. Vera Johnson
26. Paul Kelly
27. Hilton Mc Lyne
28. Onzelo Miller
29. Robert Jackson
30. Bessie Jackson

31. F.W. Gainer
32. Fred Kelly
33. Joe J. Cobb
34. Zuke Collins
35. Finton Collins
36. Holman Brown