



Aaron Palmer. Other teachers were Nick Counts and Henry Hart. Doc Moore also taught in this school preceding the organization of Senath School District in 1881. India Tankersley, Huldah Douglass, William Culberston, Virgil McKay and Walter Baird were other teachers who taught in Senath School before 1888. As we near the turn of the century, the teachers' names become more familiar - Huggins, Valle Revelle, Allen, Della Landreth Roper, John H. Bradley, James A. Bradley, Thomas Broderick. Mrs. Ruth Derryberry (Mrs. Avery Blankenship) taught the 1899 - 1900 term.

By 1901, Senath had outgrown the Merritt School and a new site was procured three blocks south of town. George Roper supervised the erection of a two-story building, 50 feet by 60 feet with eight rooms. It was completed in 1901. W. C. Biggs was the first principal of this school, assisted by Captola Landreth, Adah Rice (Mrs. Mott Douglass) and Ollie Milam.

The school was accredited as a one-year high school in 1902, and became a fully accredited high school in 1920.

Four rooms and a study hall were added to Senath School in 1913, and in 1921 the attic was floored and used as a gymnasium. This so weakened the structure that further use of the attic as a gymnasium was forbidden.

W. C. Biggs, W. C. Cowan, John H. Bradley, T. G. Douglass, F. T. Karnes, Charles B. Baker, Charles C. Scott, A. S. Reed served as superintendents. In 1927, consolidation with various small surrounding schools was begun. Ward, Austin, Nesbit, Octa, Europa, Caneer - all came into the district and by 1929 Senath had become a wealthy school system.

Despite the fact that there was no gymnasium for practice, Senath became a basketball power in the 1930's. The girls and boys teams were coached by Mrs. Erma Baughn and O. L. Hornbeck, respectively.