

MERRITT SCHOOL - 1893



Judge John H. Bradley presented this priceless picture of the Merritt School to the Senath branch of the Dunklin County Library. It was taken in the spring of 1893.

Merritt School was located at a point south of the Joe Small home and east of the Raines Oil Co. office. [The exact location was "near the northeast corner of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 11, Township 17, Range 8".]

The teacher was Della Landreth; the students - [bottom row right to left] Park Thompson, Fuke Wells, Will Fisher, Jim Lanier, Sam Fisher, Mott Douglass, Tom Douglass, Lucy Douglass, Callie Smith, Minnie Buie, Minnie Lanier, Ruth Piles, Dessie Bishop; [middle row] Gar Bishop, John Bradley, Bart Parker, Wesley Norris, Henry Bohannon, Tennie Palmer, Martha Palmer, Ava Fisher, Cap Landreth, Ruth Derryberry, Belle Derryberry, Lizzie Douglass, Lina Fisher; [top row] Frank Wilson, Rolly Bishop, Jeff Bohannon, Alex Douglass, Milt Bradley, Kate Fisher, Sarah Scott.

This poem by Nola Osburn was for Mrs. Emma Smith on her 85th birthday.

DEDICATED TO OLD MERRITT SCHOOL

How well do I remember my childhood happy hours,
When on the road to school each morn I would pick the wildwood flowers.
I would take them to my teacher, her name was Miss Vallie Revelle,
She taught me to read and write and also how to spell.

Chorus:

Oh, that little log school by the side of the road,
Surrounded by trees and wildflowers where the black haws grow.
And the grape vine swing, too, is where I spent many happy hours.

I had different teachers there Whom I liked very well,
But to me my favorite teacher was Miss Vallie Revelle.

And as the years passed by I attended different schools more modern in
every way;

But to me the little log school is the sweetest memory to this day.