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## Early Schools in Greene



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EARLY SCHOOLS IN GREENE \*

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In the Virginia Report of Schools<sup>1</sup> for August 1, 1886 to July 31, 1887 the Superintendent of Schools for Greene County for the year was George B. Jennings<sup>2</sup> of Ruckersville. The only other school officials noted were nine trustees who were not named. In his annual report, Mr. Jennings indicates the board of trustees "met only as business required."<sup>3</sup>

The report records 899 white students and 265 colored students for a total of 1164<sup>4</sup> enrolled during 1886-87. Of the school age population, only 62 per cent of white children and 35 per cent of colored children were enrolled. The average monthly enrollment per teacher for Greene County was 30 pupils.

The total number of schools for Greene County was 31, 25 white schools and 6 colored. Thirteen male teachers and eighteen female teachers were listed for the school year of 1886-87. The average monthly salary for male teachers was \$21.52 and for female teachers \$22.21.

A Virginia Public School Register covering the years 1886-96 records the session of a school or schools in Stanardsville District #9 and offers insight into the duration of sessions and the families represented in the student population. Efforts to locate the site of Public School #9 have been unsuccessful although it is believed to have stood at some distance north of Stanardsville near South River.

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1. Seventeenth Annual Report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction of the State of Virginia. Richmond. 1887.

2. Ibid., page 10.

3. Ibid., page 92.

4. Ibid., page 4 of tables.

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Like most, if not all, other schools in Greene County at this time, school #9 was undoubtedly a one-room school. An 1891 inventory of school furniture lists one axe, a bucket and dipper, a stove, and seven desks.

Edith McMullan kept the school in the year 1887. She was born on 13 February 1868 and died 10 June 1950, her entire life being spent in Greene County. She was a daughter of Hiram A. and Alberta Melone McMullan and married Marcellus Walker Runkle.

The following is a transcription of the original school register for the year 1887 from January until June. The list consists of student names, ages and number of days attended as recorded by the teacher, Edith McMullan.

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Daily record of Edith McMullan School No. 9, for the school month beginning Jan. 10th, 1887, and ending Feb. 7th, 1887.

(Month No. 1)

Edith P. McMullan, Teacher

No.	Pupils' Names	Age	Days Present
1	Meadows, John	6	15
2	Meadows, Rubin	11	18
3	Meadows, Ervin	9	18
4	Taylor, Buddie	12	19
5	Taylor, Preston	11	18
6	Shiflet, Wesley	6	8
7	Wood, Richard	14	17
8	Wood, Efram	12	17
9	Wood, Tom	5	9
10	Meadows, Rose	12	14
11	Meadows, Sis	11	18
12	Meadows, Mary	8	16

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No	Pupils' Names	Age	Days Present
13	Meadows, Lee	7	18
14	Meadows, Lulah	13	18
15	Meadows, Lizzie	8	17
16	Meadows, Cora	15	10
17	Taylor, Hutokey	18	13
18	Taylor, Ella	15	20
19	Taylor, Levey	7	20
20	Taylor, Nannie	6	20
21	Wood, Bell	11	18
22	Wood, Sarah	8	18

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Daily Record of Edith P. McMullen School No. 9, for the school month beginning Feb. 8th. 1887, and ending March 7th. 1887.

(Month No. 2.)

Edith P. McMullan, Teacher

No.	Pupils' Names	Age	* Days Present
1	Meadows, John	6	11
2	Meadows, Reuben	11	20
3	Meadows, Ervin	9	20
4	Taylor, Buddie	12	20
5	Taylor, Preston	11	17
6	Shiflet, Wesley	6	0
7	Wood, Richard	14	1
8	Wood, Efram	12	4
9	Wood, Tom	5	6
10	Meadows, Rose	12	15
11	Meadows, Sis	11	11
12	Meadows, Mary	8	8
13	Meadows, Lee	7	8
14	Meadows, Lulah	13	18
15	Meadows, Lizzie	8	17
16	Meadows, Cora	15	2

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No.	Pupils' Names	Age	Days Present
17	Taylor, Hutokey	18	12
18	Taylor, Ella	15	18
19	Taylor, Levey	7	20
20	Taylor, Nannie	6	18
21	Wood, Bell	11	7
22	Wood, Sarah	8	7

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Daily Record of Edith McMullan School No. 9, for the school month beginning March 8th. 1887, and ending April 6th. 1887.

(Month No. 3)

Edith P. McMullan, Teacher

No.	Pupils' Names	Age	Days Present
1	Meadows, John Paul	6	14
2	Meadows, Reubin	11	16
3	Meadows, Ervin	9	19
4	Taylor, Buddie	12	17
5	Taylor, Preston	11	20
6	Wood, Tom	5	3
7	Dean, ( )	10	2
1	Meadows, Rose	12	15
2	Meadows, Sis	11	16
3	Meadows, Mary	8	10
4	Meadows, Lee	7	16
5	Meadows, Lulah	13	19
6	Meadows, Lizzie	8	18
7	Taylor, Hutokey	18	12
8	Taylor, Ella	15	20
9	Taylor, Levey	7	20
10	Taylor, Nannie	6	20
11	Wood, Bell	11	10

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No.	Pupils' Names	Age	Days Present
12	Wood, Sarah	8	6
13	Marques [Marks], Rose	7	4
14	Marques [Marks], Josie	6	4
15	Smith, Bell	12	1

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Daily Record of Edith McMullan School, No. 9, for the school month beginning April 7th. 1887, and ending May 3rd. 1887

(Month No. 4)

Edith P. McMullan, Teacher

No.	Pupils' Names	Age	Days Present
1	Meadows, John Paul	6	13
2	Meadows, Reubin	11	8
3	Meadows, Ervin	9	19
4	Taylor, Buddie	12	12
5	Taylor, Preston	11	11
1	Meadows, Rose	12	6
2	Meadows, Sis	11	16
3	Meadows, Mary	8	11
4	Meadows, Lee	7	7
5	Meadows, Lulah	13	4
6	Meadows, Lizzie	8	19
7	Smith, Bell	12	1
8	Taylor, Hutokey	18	2
9	Taylor, Ella	15	6
10	Taylor, Levey	7	19
11	Taylor, Nannie	6	18
12	Wood, Bell	11	19
13	Wood, Sarah	8	19
14	Marks, Rose	7	19
15	Marks, Josie	6	17

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Daily Record of Edith McMullen School No. 9, for the school month beginning May 4th. 1887, and ending June 1st. 1887.

(Month No. 5)

Edith P. McMullan, Teacher

No.	Pupils' Names	Age	Days Present
1	Meadows, John Paul	6	14
2	Meadows, Reubin	11	8
3	Meadows, Ervin	9	11
4	Taylor, Buddie	12	3
5	Taylor, Preston	11	7
6	Wood, Tom	5	14
1	Marks, Josie	6	15
2	Marks, Rose	7	16
3	Meadows, Rose	12	8
4	Meadows, Sis	11	8
5	Meadows, Mary	8	16
6	Meadows, Lee	7	19
7	Meadows, Lizzie	8	12
8	Taylor, Levey	7	19
9	Taylor, Nannie	6	15
10	Wood, Bell	11	19
11	Wood, Sarah	8	18

You will note throughout the article that McMullan is spelled sometimes as McMullen. The school register was transcribed exactly as it was written.