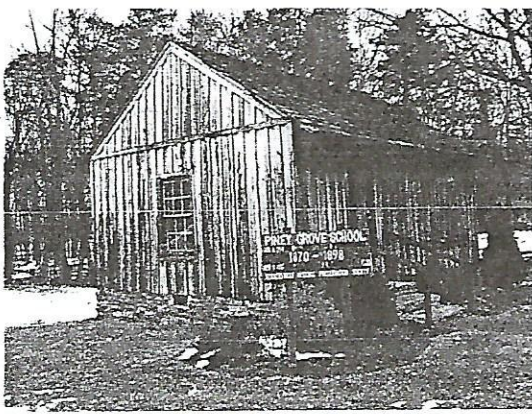


## School Rules of the 1880's



**Piney Grove School House #1  
1870-1898**

THIS one room schoolhouse (16' by 21') was built in 1870 on an acre tract of land by the men of the Piney Grove community. By 1898, a larger building was needed. At that time John Lewis Motsinger owned 145 acres surrounding the school & agreed to exchange an acre-and-a-half on the northwest of his farm for the original site & the building. He paid the county \$40 for the school house & site & used it to store cured tobacco. His son, Lewis, continued to use it & then his grandson, Wesley, used it for storing Irish potatoes & lumber.

In Sept 1988, Wesley Motsinger, decided to give it to the Town of K'ville in the hope that it could be of value to the community as well as preserving a bit of local history.

The Board of Alderman requested that the K'ville Historic Preservation Society assume the responsibility of moving & restoring the school & supervising its use for public & educational purposes, which they did thru a state grant between 1988-1991. After its move to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Park, students from the Career Center made the desks & the Buccaneer Inn donated the stove.

Recently, KHPS member Ivey Redmon, along with the Town of K'ville, has built a well house & woodshed behind the school to enhance educational programs.

Students are greeted at door by teacher with ringing bell.

Girls enter room 1st, curtsy & say, "Good morning" to the teacher.

Boys enter next, bow & say "good morning" to the teacher.

Girls sit on left side of room, boys on right.

Youngest children sit in front.

Remain standing until the Pledge of Allegiance has been said.

Be prompt & do all assignments.

"Mind your manners" at all times

Do not touch or do anything without 1st being told to do so.

You are expected to sit straight with your hands in your lap.

Disciplinary action includes sitting on the Dunce Stool while wearing the Dunce Cap.

Each student will have a 'housekeeping' assignment for the week, such as:

- Get flag ready for Pledge
- Wash blackboard & write date on board before school begins
- Clap the erasers at end of day.
- Sweep the floor before school begins
- Bring firewood in & start fire in the stove before school begins
- Fill bucket with water from the well.

Each student will house the teacher in their home for 2 months.

Lessons everyday are reading, writing, & arithmetic.

Methods of learning are listening, discussion, memorization & helping others.

Slates are used to write current spelling words. They are kept clean.