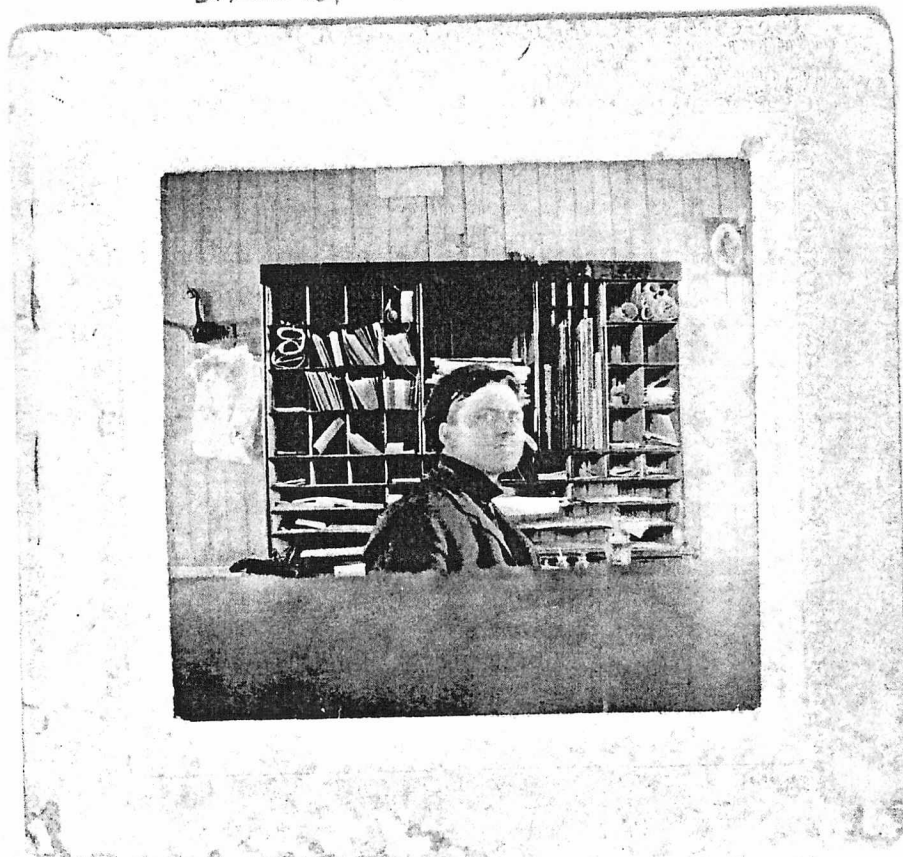


208 OFF TO WORLD'S FAIR
IN ST. LOUIS, 1904
AT SPRINKLE RR DEPOT



207 Eugene V. Giles
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SPRINKLE, TX (1905 OR 1906)



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NAME : ADA BAKER CLARK

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school; Sprinkle (African-American school?)

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This was a one room, one teacher school of grades 1st - 9th. After the 9th grade, the children went to ANDERSON HIGH SCHOOL. (Some kind of way) The teacher was Mrs. Elnora Ates. Mrs. Ates left in the early 40's. I am not sure what happened to the school, I think it was closed because we moved to Austin, Texas.

The school was a long narrow building like an army barrack.. It had a lot of windows which was great because it would get very hot inside. We had no fans, so those big windows kept us more comfortable. When it was cold, it was really cold. The school had electricity. The big pot-bellied stove helped to keep the building warm.

The students were well-behaved. This was an expectation of every student and every parent. If one child caused trouble, word would get back to the parent and this could create double trouble. Rarely did a student get in trouble.

When we first went to school, there was a stove to cook on. The stove was later removed and then we had to carry our lunches in lunch pails. Sometimes, there would be five lunch pails for one family.

Our exercise activity was recess. We would divide into teams and play teams...baseball, races, relays and any kind of games where we could run.

We did a lot of competition : spelling bees, looking words up in the dictionary, debating

~~We all~~ We all loved school and got a lot out of school. It was expected that we attend school as much as possible.

We enjoyed the school picnics which came in the spring and at the close of the school year.

VIEW OF SPRINKLE SCHOOL FROM
BARR HOUSE

