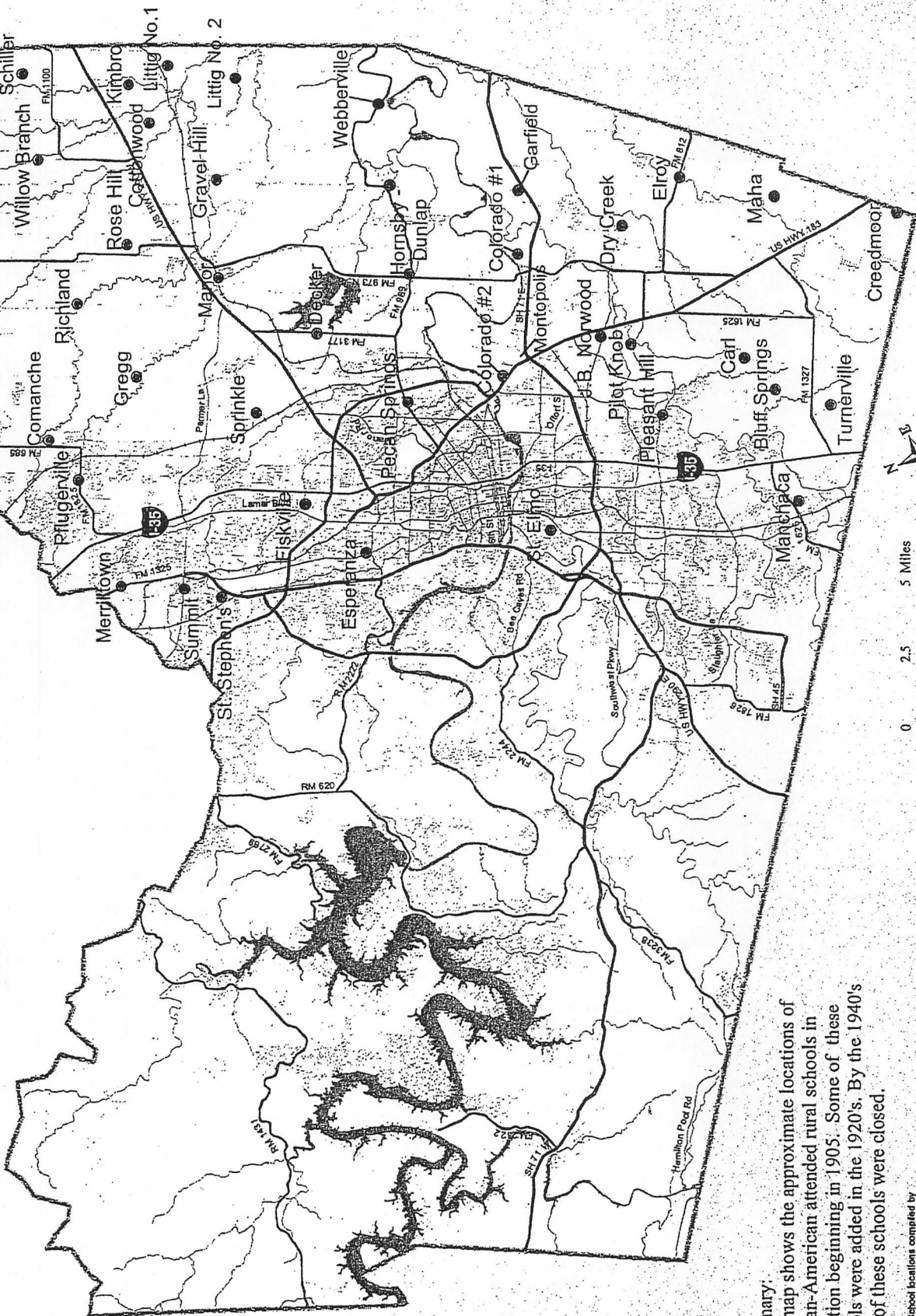


Historic African-American Rural Schools in Travis County



Summary:
 This map shows the approximate locations of African-American attended rural schools in operation beginning in 1905. Some of these schools were added in the 1920's. By the 1940's most of these schools were closed.

Data Source(s): School locations compiled by Margarine E. Beaman of the Travis County Historical Commission, 2003. This map is a work in progress and may be updated as further research reveals additional school locations.

Map Prepared by: Travis County, Dept. of Transportation & Natural Resources Data Center
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SPRINKLE SCHOOL
DISTRICT 17

In 1934-35 Sprinkle School had 61 students with an average daily attendance of 35 students. There was one teacher for 61 students. The cost per year was \$273 with an average of \$7.80 per student per year. The teacher taught seven grades for 118 days and got paid for six months.

TEACHER:

Mrs. Elnora Ates

LIST OF STUDENTS:

R 1 Manor	Alexander, Loncle (16f), Sarah (15), Cecil (14), Clark (10)
R 3 Austin	Axel, Frazier (15), Lena Mae (13), Obalyon (11f)
"	Eunice (8), Ulysses (6)
Sprinkle	Baker, Lonnie (16), Ora Lee (12), Floyd (9) Ada
R 3 Austin	Brown, Lillie Bee (16), C. G. (13), T. G. (13)
R 5 Manor	Brown, Rosie (16f), Richard (8), Masie (12m)
R 1 Manor	Coroder, Camo Deen (12m), Eddie Lee (9f)
R 3 Austin	Ford, jewel (10), Vivian (8)
R 1 Manor	Green, Dorsey (17m), Addie B. (11f)
R 5 Manor	Houston, Earley (11), Charley (9), LeRoy (6)
R 5 Manor	Marshall, Claburn (6)
R 1 Manor	McArther, Albert L. (14)
"	Munroe, Jesse (17), Lula May (15), Livos Parks (11)
R 3 Austin	Reed, Herbert (17)
"	Wheeler, Alice (12)
"	Wright, Arthur (6)
"	Wright, Calvin (17), Carlson (16f), George W. (14)
"	Caroline (11), Jennie V. (10), Melvin (8)

INTERVIEWS:

ADA BAKER CLARK: The Sprinkle School was a one-room, one-teacher school of grades one through nine. After the ninth grade, the children went to Anderson High School. The teacher was Mrs. Elnora Ates. Mrs. Ates left in the early 1940s. Ada Baker Clark is not sure what happened to the school. She thinks it was closed because they 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. They had no fans, so those big windows kept the students 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 expected of every student and every parent. If one child caused trouble, word would get back to the parents and this could create double trouble. Rarely did a student get in trouble.

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

The exercise activity was recess. They would divide into teams and play baseball, races, relays and any kind of games where they could run.

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

They all loved school and got a lot out of school. It was expected that they attend school as much as possible.

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

RICHARD C. BROWN attended Sprinkle School for seven years in the 1930s to 1938.

The subjects taken were reading, health, geography, spelling, arithmetic, and writing.

The students remembered are Otis C. Axel (now a cab driver), Walter Schuler and the Brakers.

The special memories of the school was that it was a large room with a lot of windows. The teacher Elnora Mae Ates was very strict and made us work hard during school

The school building has been torn down.

The classroom had a wood stove and desks with chairs attached.

Games that were played by most of the students was ball and marbles.

Many of the students brought their lunch to school in the Rex jelly bucket (a striped blue and silver grape jelly-bucket). School days have fond memories.

A picture of the Sprinkle School

