

In the late 1930's, Chaney School was consolidated with Madison High School. Chaney was located in the Chaney community just south of Madison Pike near Elko Switch. In 1926, Mr. M.G. Chaney donated his land for a school.

The building was a two-room frame construction heated by two big heaters fired with coal. The rooms were furnished with modern wood desks and a table for a teacher's desk. Outside restrooms were used. There were two teachers for the first six grades.

In early 1940, Mr. Chaney sold his farm to the government and the county board sold Chaney School building. Some of the Chaney teachers included Mr. Addie Hinds, Miss Mattie Bell Chaney, Miss Leotra Esslinger, Mr. Cecil Teal, Mr. A. S. Hodges and Mr. Louie Morris.

Church. Bernice said she went to church in the two-room schoolhouse. She said in addition to going on Sundays, they went to meetings after they got done working in the fields about two or three nights a week. The night meetings consisted of preaching and singing. Bernice said her religious denomination was Church of Christ. She could not remember the denomination of the preacher who came to preach at services held at the Chaney School. She said it didn't matter about the denomination because that was the only place to go to church in that area.

Store. Bernice could not recall a store within the vicinity of M.G. Chaney's property. Before she married Frank, her parents had lived not very far from M.G. Chaney, and she remembered a store there. She said that "at Uncle Mabren's" she remembers buying from the rolling store.

PARCEL B-61: WALTER F. CHANEY

The Move to "Pappa Chaney's Place"

Bernice and Frank moved to the property further to the south, down by Indian Creek, to land owned by W.F. Chaney, which is shown as parcel B-61 on the Army Real Estate Map. Bernice always called Frank's father, Walter F. Chaney, "Pappa Chaney." His wife was Nora Louise Baker from Owens Crossroads. Walter and Nora had a number of sons and a daughter Pearl. One daughter, Cornelia, died at birth. His children were Frank (the oldest), Mac, Barney, Merrill who died in the battle for Saipan on June 22, 1944, Pearl, Lawrence, and Hosea.

Bernice recalled two houses were on the parcel owned by Walter Chaney. It seemed probable the two houses would represent the historic components of 1Ma786 and 1Ma787, the two archaeological sites recorded on the parcel. In studying the map, the researcher realized the area seemed to be the same location she had been documenting