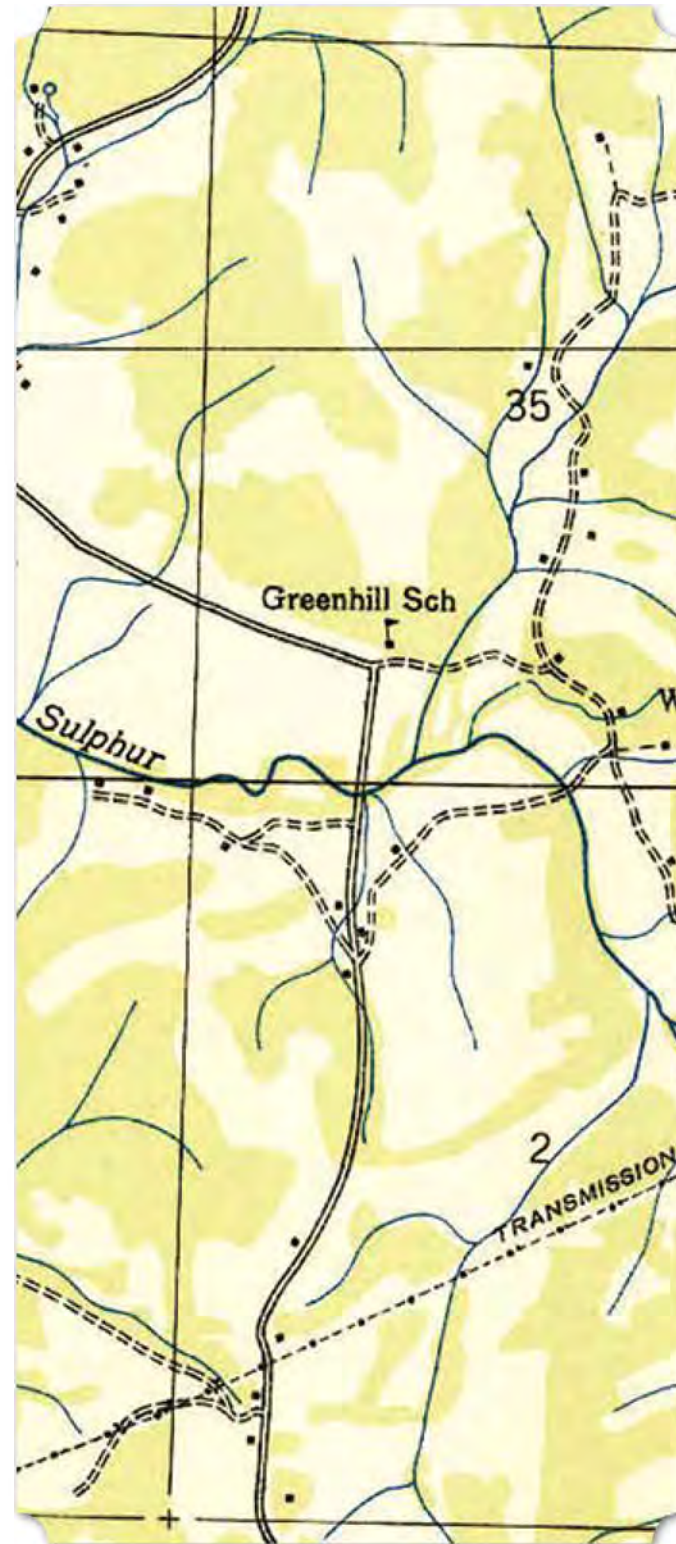


The school started in 1896 at the Methodist Church with only one teacher. The community is known to have been very poor and the salaries of the teachers were supplemented by help from the community and each other.

At first classes were only offered for two months and were increased to three and then five months as enrollment grew. Eventually another teacher was added. In 1947, the teachers were Ms. E. B. Mason, principal, Ms. A. Porter, and Mrs. L. Grigsby. Trustees were Rev. W. E. Owens, Mrs. R. Houston, Mr. E. Betts, Mr. W. P. Fletcher, and Mr. C. Parham.

18 ■ Greenhill School

Greenhill School was started in the community called Vaughn's Hollow, southwest of Elkmont and east of a bend in the Elk River, in 1910. Classes were initially taught in a church until the number of students called for more space and a two-room schoolhouse was built. The first classes in this building included 60 to 65 students and two teachers. Teachers included Mrs. Clara Raines and Mrs. Margaret Malone Smith. Trustees included Mr. Bruce Townsend, Mr. Felix Jones, and Mr. Buster Horton. Mrs. Dora Horton was the PTA president in 1947.



(Above) 1936 USGS Topographic Map Showing Greenhill School (Left) Image of Class in Front of Greenhill School, Date Unknown (Retro Glances)

19 ■ Hatchett and Malone Cemeteries

The school building is one of the few early 20th century schools for children of color that still stands. Today it is a private residence.

The Hatchett Cemetery, sometimes incorrectly marked on maps as "Hackett" Cemetery, is located along Goode Road where it meets Hatchett Ridge Road west of Beulahland. This African American cemetery has at least 168 graves and, according to the sign at the entrance, was established in 1930. Oddly enough, there are no known members of the Hatchett family buried here. The earliest known interment is that of Mattie Stokes (1886-1924).

The Hatchett Cemetery contains 25 members of the Malone family and 11 members of the Townsend family. It is also the final resting place for several members of Col. Walker's family, including: his mother, Mrs. Lizzie M. Walker (190-1981), his grandmother, Ida Walker (1878-1959), his grandfather and one of the earliest interments, Matt Walker (1873-1930), and his uncle, William P. Walker (1915-1935).

The Malone Cemetery is northeast of the Hatchett Cemetery and southwest of the intersection of Lindsay and Settle roads. Also known as Sowell Cemetery, this burial ground contains 35 graves, seven of which are Malones. Other surnames include Bass, Gray, and Steele. The earliest known burial is that of Malissa Elizabeth Malone (1845-1914). Her husband Jessie is also buried here. According to his headstone, Jessie Malone (1842-1925) was in the 2nd Regiment Iowa Infantry, Company H during the Civil War.

(Right) 1936 USGS/TVA Topographic Map of Hatchett (Hackett) Cemetery, Stewart Cross Roads, Alabama Quadrangle

