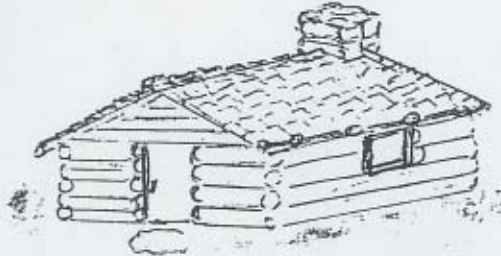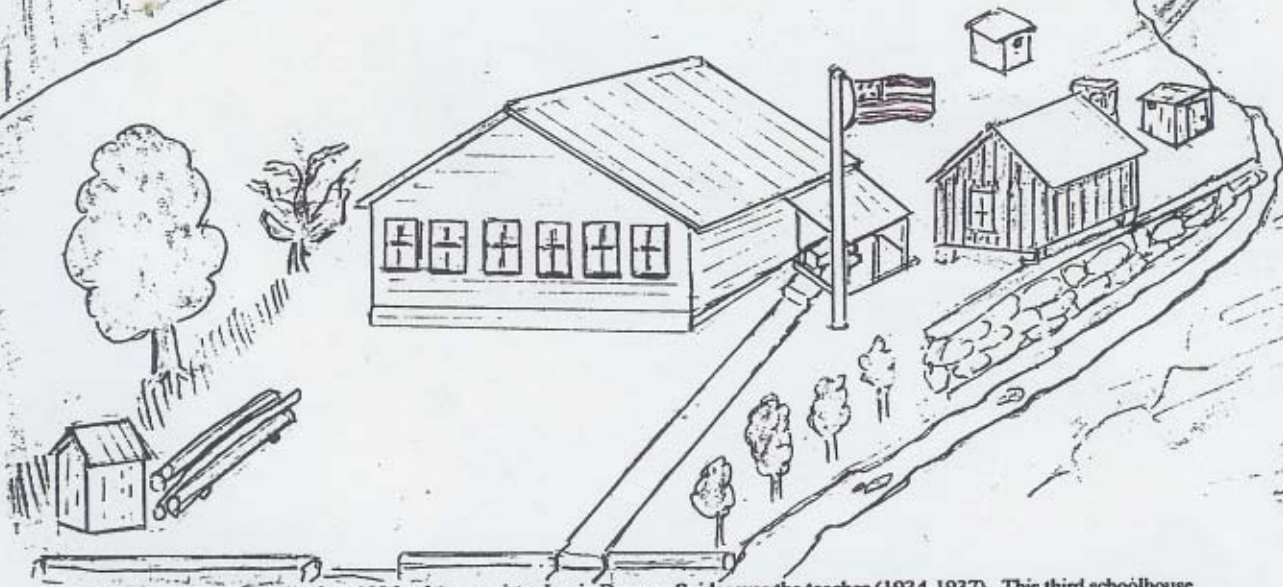# Three Mile School

Located along Three Mile Run near Freed, Calhoun County, West Virginia

The first school was built circa 1855 and made of logs. It was on the farm of the founder and first teacher Joab Wolverton.

The second school was built circa 1890, and sat beside the roadway that ran up Three Mile Run. Early photos did not have a porch, but later school pictures did.

The third school was built circa 1936, when my sister Louie Dawson Snider was the teacher (1934-1937). This third schoolhouse was the one I attended. The cabin had been built about a year before I started to school. This school was sold at auction by the Calhoun County Board of Education in the late summer of 1957. Tony Elliott was the high bidder, and dismantled the building soon after the sale. The lumber was hauled to the lot adjoining the Strait Creek Baptist Church in Hartley where Robert Elliott intended to build himself a home. The house was never built and the lumber disappeared, one board at a time.   GW
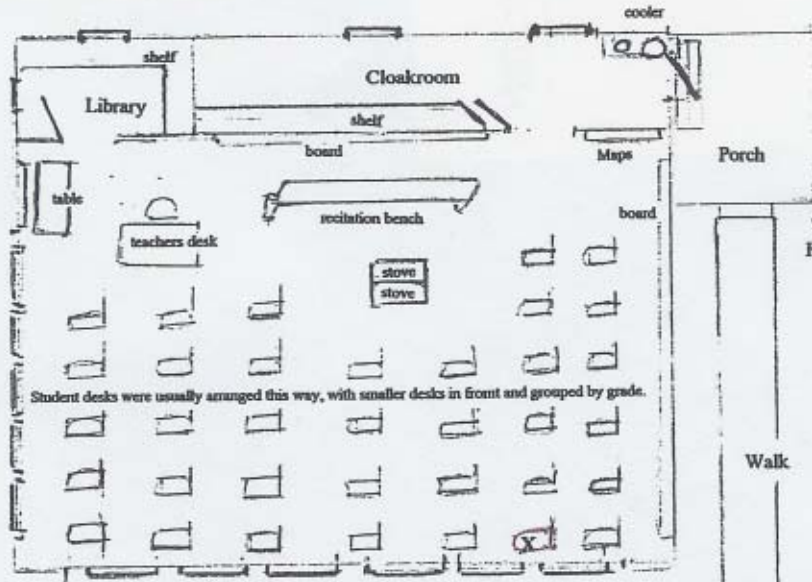
East   Schoolhouse Hollow

Boys Toilet

Girls Toilet

chimney

stove   shelf

counter

Cabin

table

General Layout
of
Three Mile School #3
Not Drawn To Any Scale

Hickory   cut c.1937

Stream

cooler

Rock Wall

shelf

Cloakroom

Library

shelf

board

Maps   Porch

table

Flag Pole

teachers desk

recitation bench   board

South Hill

stove
stove

Student desks were usually arranged this way, with smaller desks in front and grouped by grade.

Walk

Pine

Maple Tree

X When I sat in this desk, I could see through the
cloakroom door and the high window, up the
hillside of the Schoolhouse Hollow. Sunshine
came in the classroom at the start of classes.

Maple Tree

Oak

Maple Tree

Log Pile

Maple Tree

Sulfur Well

access to oil well in Schoolhouse Hollow

Rock Wall   Rock Wall

Well Road

Mud Holes

Roadway up Three Mile Run

Parking

Not drawn to any scale. This shows general
placement only in relation to other things,
during the years I was in school here.
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Oil Well

West