

This is said to be Buckhead School and if so, then perhaps it was the first school built in 1894 or so. It appears to have two rooms as did the first school, while we know the second school was only a one-room structure. (Photo courtesy of Harreld K. Howell.)



First Buckhead School

In the agreement at left, dated August 13, 1898, J. D. and Matilda Douglas deeded land to Buckhead School District 68. The one-acre tract was in the SW/corner of the NW/40 acres of the NE/4 Section 35-6N-1E (see map).

Cousins Bessie (Upchurch) Starbuck, 96, and Oliver Skinner, 91, each gave detailed directions as to where the first school was located:

Between 180th and 192nd was a half-section-road off what is now Edge of the Earth Road. The school house was quarter mile or so south down that half-section road. Neither could remember whether or not that road had a name.

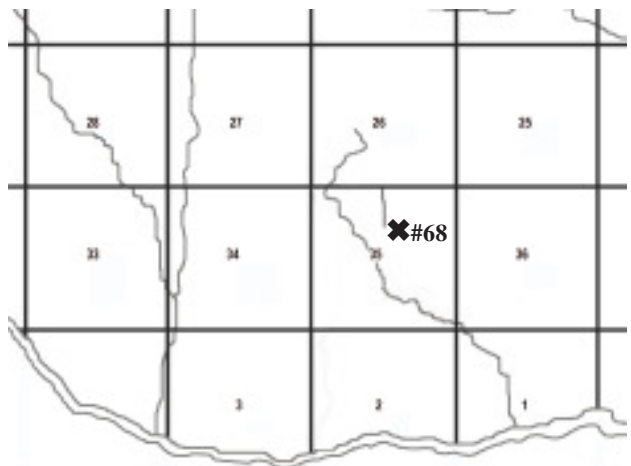
One article reported:

... *C.W. Upchurch was president of the first school organized here more than sixteen years ago.*¹

Charles W. Upchurch was my great-Grandfather.

Details are quite vague about the first school other than it was a two-room frame structure built about 1894 or 1895, using *hewed logs*. Children from all over the area attended classes in the little schoolhouse and were taught from *McGuffey Readers* and *Blue Back Spellers*.²

One relative told of her father attending this school and that they sat on logs at that time. However, by the time she attended classes here, they did have seats with an attached desk.



¹ *Lexington Leader*; April 16, 1909; Lexington, Oklahoma; see full article in the last section of this book.

² From a story compiled by Georgia Dyke Skinner, taken from conversations between her and Thomas Harmon Skinner in the 1960s. Harmon told about moving in 1892 to Oklahoma Territory.

Buckhead Area Taxpayers¹

1896

Adkins, J. R.	Hopkins, G. W.	Morris, G. W.	Slavin, James
Brummett, N. A.	Lewelling, Thos	Morrison, Geo.	Slavin, Joseph
Clark, Jno	Luke, T. K. H.	Myers, J. E.	Thompson, John
Clark, Luman	Luke, Wm	Peery, J. A.	Tilley, E. D.
Dobbs, A. L.	McKeand, James	Pelsey, Mrs. Annis	Tully, J. H.
Dobbs, Mrs. N. A.	Menasco, J. A.	(Anna)	Upchurch, C. W.
Douglas, D. V.	Millsaps, E. J.	Peltier, A. B.	Upchurch, Robt
Eades, T. J.	Millsaps, Elizabeth	Rogers, G. B.	Upchurch, W. A.
Farley, J. W.	Millsaps, I. E.	Rogers, S. G.	Walker, S. B.
Farley, Mary (MJ)	Millsaps, J. H.	Rogers, W. G.	Wells, J. T.
Harper, Jno	Millsaps, J. T.	Singleterry, J. R	Williams, H. W.
Holder, Jno	Millsaps, R. M.	Skinner, T. J.	Williams, I. E. M.
Holder, Mrs. M. E.	Monasco, J. A.	Skinner, W. O.	Williams, J. W. B.
			Wright, E. W.

1897

Bertrand, L. J.	Holt, P. B.	Myers, H. L	Skinner, W. O.
Brummett, N. A.	Hopkins, G. W.	Myers, J. E.	Slavin, James
Clark, Jno	Hughes, T. R.	Oats, L. G.	Slavin, Joseph
Clark, W. H.	Luke, T. K. H.	Pelsey, Mrs. Annis	Thompson, John
Cossey, John A.	Luke, Wm	(Anna)	Tilley, E. D.
Dobbs, A. L.	Mason, J. H.	Peltier, A. B.	Tully, J. H.
Douglas, D. V.	Menasco, J. A.	Rogers J. Z.	Upchurch, C. W.
Douglas, J. D.	Millsaps, E. J.	Rogers, A. K.	Upchurch, Robt
Dragoo, W. E. D	Millsaps, Elizabeth	Rogers, E.	Upchurch, W. A.
Eades, T. J.	Millsaps, I. E.	Rogers, G. B.	Walker, S. B.
Farley, J. W.	Millsaps, J. H.	Rogers, J. H.	Wells, J. T.
Farley, Mary (MJ)	Millsaps, J. T.	Rogers, S. G.	Williams, I. E. M.
Futtrell, Jno A.	Millsaps, N. B.	Singleterry, J. R	Williams, J. W. B.
Harper, Jno	Millsaps, R. M.	Skinner, Marion	Wright, E. W.
	Morris, G. W.	Skinner, T. J.	

1898

Beamer, Edward	Farley, J. W.	Millsaps, Robt	Smithy, J. W.
Beatty, J. A.	Farley, Mary (MJ)	Morris, G. W.	Thompson, John
Bertrand, L. J.	Futtrell, Jno A.	Myers, H. L	Tilley, E. D.
Bradley, J. A.	Harper, Jno	Nichols, H. P.	Tully, J. H.
Brummett, N. A.	Holt, P. B.	Oats, L. G.	Upchurch, C. W.
Bumis, Edward	Hopkins, G. W.	Peery, J. A.	Upchurch, Robt
Burt, W. J.	Hughes, T. R.	Pelsey, Mrs. Annis	Upchurch, W. A.
Clark, W. H.	Luke, T. K. H.	(Anna)	Walker, R. M.
Cossey, John A.	Mason, J. H.	Reyes, D. R.	Walker, Robt
Depew, A. W.	McClure, C. W.	Rogers, G. B.	Walker, S. B.
Dobbs, A. L.	McKinney, R. J.	Rogers, J. H.	Wells, J. T.
Douglas, J. D.	Millsaps, I. E.	Skinner, Marion	Williams, H. W.
Dragoo, W. E. D	Millsaps, J. H.	Skinner, T. J.	Williams, I. E. M.
Durham, J. R.	Millsaps, J. T.	Skinner, W. O.	Williams, J. W. B.
Eades, T. J.	Millsaps, N. B.	Slavin, James	Wright, E. W.
	Millsaps, R. M.	Slavin, Joseph	York, J. C.
			Young, I. G.

¹ Cleveland County Tax Records, archived at the Cleveland County Genealogical Society in Norman, Oklahoma.