

Schools

Charles and Julina's felt education was important and made sure their children went to school every place where they lived. First, in Arkansas, then in southeast Cleveland County.

After Charles and Julina moved their family to Clinton, Oklahoma, the children attended Chapel Hill School, probably in the mid- to late-1890s. They were in Clinton only a short time before returning to the Box area in Cleveland County where the children attended Buckhead school. The family lived just south of Buckhead Corner and the school was just east of that corner.

Charles: A Christian and Man of Integrity

Charles seemed to be a pillar of his community and a man of high integrity. He wanted his children to be educated; however, this was before statehood and there were few schools. Undaunted, Charles helped organize Buckhead School in 1893, and served as its president. One aunt thought she remembered that he may have taught at the school just as his father had been a teacher back in Arkansas.

Charles was a dedicated Christian and active in the Mt. Zion Methodist Church just a couple miles from their farm. The article at top gives a glimpse of Charles' life and provides details of his church and school affiliations.

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Easter Sunday was celebrated at Mt. Zion with a sermon in the morning by Rev. Hamm and in the afternoon the Ever Green Sunday school celebrated its tenth anniversary. The first part of the session was devoted to reminiscences of the early days of the Sunday school, and the crowd was interested with the talk of C. W. Upchurch, who was president of the first school organized here, more than sixteen years ago.

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C. W. Upchurch and son, Rutherford, are in the Cheyenne country at the bedside of Bowman Upchurch, who is very sick.

Julina and Charles on porch of their home near Buckhead ^{R03018}

