

Kittrell Notes Cont'd.

Lula Avery

Nannie Jordan Ferebee - Norfolk - taught after Mom and Pop left but while Lula Avery was there - Mr. J. A. Wilson, an African, taught there-after that he went to Suffolk to boarding school. Was a fine teacher.

Prof. Joe Williams, from Raleigh, also taught. C. G. O'Kelly taught Bible.

Travel: Seaboard RR stopped at Kittrell 1 mile from school. Main line between - write Myers ref RR line - student^{N.Y. roadwork →} walked to school. Faculty lived in dormitories. President had horse and buggy. Corinna Fountain came to school in two horse covered wagon ^{driven her} by the father Griffin Fountain from Roxboro. The girls would look up and say "there comes Griffin with Corinna. Wade left school and went to Durham to work and so Leah quit Kittrell and went home to Durham from where she wrote a letter to Mom in Jan. 1897 which letter Mom still has. Mr. Fitzgerald never approved the marriage "He was just a musician." He left and joined Army as Bandmaster. Made a career of same - now in Phoenix, Arizona. Never had children.

Lula Avery at Kittrell 1893 to 1896. Graduated. Was classmate of Beulah Harris 3 years. Lula Avery stayed 2 additional years in the college and taught geography and English on side. Lula was room mate for 1 year. John Avery went to Kittrell (what year?) Graduated (what year?) He and Pop took a job, worked a year going to school at nite. Mrs. Lula says Sanford who came from Raleigh doesn't remember what happened to him thereafter. Mom says he came to Norfolk in World War I as an officer. Faculty Folks: Lovey Mayo was the lady principal in charge of dormitory. She also taught classes. Came from Raleigh. Educated at Hampton. Stayed at Kittrell to age of retirement and taken care of in retirement by Hampton contacts. Adella Ruffin - from

Norfolk, also a teacher, taught etymology. Lula Norris - from Norfolk who went to school in Alabama with Ira Bryant(ask Vivian) She taught music. Mr. J. L. Wheeler of Atlanta, a Wilberforcean, was president for a year or so. Worked for N. C. Mutual later in Durham and Atlanta. Now in Atlanta, age 87. C. G. O'Kelly - main music teacher and English, from Raleigh. Later taught in Winston Salem then at Durham National Training School. John R. Howkins President from Warrenton, N. C. Taught history. Esther, his daughter and son John were born at Kittrell. Esther lives now at Boston. C. H. Johnson taught art and graduated from Art Institute, Chicago.

DESCRIPTION OF KITTRELL

Lula Avery said it was down in a valley, near a ravine. A mineral spring was near to which students walked on Sunday. The spring was on Kittrell property. There were other mineral springs known as Kittrell Springs where whites had boarding houses and a hotel where they came for their health. There was a small R R station. Seaboard Airline. The waiting room was small and often students had to stand outside while larger white waiting room was vacant. There was a Negro postmaster, Mr. Henry Thorpe. Kittrell was 26 miles from Raleigh. Franklinton, N. C. - a small town 12 miles from Kittrell enroute to Raleigh. There was a colored boarding school at Franklinton. Henderson was on Seaboard in other direction toward Durham, 8 miles from Kittrell where Henderson Normal School, Presbyterian School was located. Kittrell expanded up on the hillsides toward the highway. Buildings were South Hall - Boys Dorm, Allen Hall - Girls' Dorm, O'Neil Cottage, Pres. Home, Classroom, chapel, etc in ~~seheel~~ ^{little} another building named Dixon Hall. There was a/dairy for school, also horses, cows, hogs, little farm raised vegetable, especially by work students. Students also had painting, art, sewing, cooking for girls. Boys shoe making, tailoring.