

Many people thought their children should not miss a day at school. During my eleven years going to school I missed 2 days with measles\*. Lucile, Herbert & I were all in bed with measles at the same time. Sam had measles while we were out of school for Thanksgiving Holidays. Lucile & Herbert were very sick and could not stand the odor of food. We had beds up in what we called the fireroom, had a large fireplace, our only source of heat. Lucile & I were on our bed and Herbert on the other. At mealtime I had to go to the backroom, which was Lucile & my bedroom. Mama would take my food in there. It was cold so it would not take long to eat. It was in December it was raining and very cold. Daddy went to town bought ginger ale for us to drink. Older people thought ginger ale would make the measles break out.

Our school was Deep Ditch named for the deep ditch right back of the school. Maybe I should tell you our school term was 5 months long.

\*One day Beaver Dam was frozen over and Grandpa's mule (Molly) would not go across. We turned around & went back home. Only eleven went to school that [day] and they all lived near the school and were sent home at lunch it was so cold.