

More about Deep Ditch School. Before school opened every year, the community had [a] working, cleaned school house, cleaned out well, cut & cleaned yards and around yard fence. Also cut a path to the girls' Johnnie north of the building & near the ditch, probably 50 feet away. Then the boys Johnnie was on the west side of the building. You could hardly see either one from the building for bushes & trees. The Deep Ditch was off limits to all students.

The people thought nothing about it a dipper hung on the post to the well & a shelf to set the bucket. One of the larger boys would draw a bucket of water and everybody would drink from the same dipper. Wonder if they were few diseases back then or if we were healthier.

We had a big pot Belly stove in each room for heat. Parent would see there was plenty of wood on the wood pile just a little to the right of the gate on the north side of the yard. No students except ones named by the teachers were suppose to go to the wood pile.