

On the first day of school my father carried us to school. He got a list of all the school books we needed. He went to Nashville to get our books. School books were in the Superintendent's office in the courthouse. Mr. S.J. Baker was county school superintendent. All books were in his office. Parents had to buy our books. Court was in session. My father was called on the jury (I don't remember the year) so he could not go home. The bailiff ordered Uncle Lewis Keeffe to go tell Mama & get Daddy three changings of clothes. The jury was put up at night at the hotel. I do not know what the case was about. However, we were late getting our books. All students were supposed to get their books by the second day of school. Mr. Baker seldom ever had enough books for all the students in the county. So all parents wanted to get their children books early. Some students did not get books saying their parents did not have the money to buy books. So other students would have to share their books with these students. Buses and free books had not been heard of at that time.

All students carried their lunch to school. So we had lunch buckets. Lots used syrup buckets. We all had dinner buckets. We had biscuits, sweetpotatoes, cornbread. Light bread [WHO: wheat bread leavened with yeast] was not available to make sandwiches. We would have a little bottle of syrup in our dinner buckets. Ham, sausage, eggs etc were put in the biscuit. Mama made mayonnaise to put on our biscuits she made.

Not too many groceries were bought at the store. Usually, sugar, flour or similar items. We always had cookies or cake in our lunch.

As little as you might think we would put a hole in our biscuit with our finger & pour syrup in the hole—with sausage or ham to go with the biscuit. Children would raid the kitchen as soon as they got home. Change our school clothes into our work clothes to do our errands around the farm.