

WEBBS CREEK COMMUNITY (Includes Evans Chapel, Tunis, Soak Creek, Lindsey Towne, Fleeker, and Black Gum Gap)

The Webbs Creek community was made up of several individual localities, each one with a different locale and different families and with it's own church, stores, grist mills and school. These communities were: Tunis Branch, Evans Chapel, Lindsey Towne, Black Gum Gap, Fleeker, Balls Hollow and Clear Springs. Each community had a beautiful stream flowing into Webbs Creek at some point; flowing in and out of the Valley, finally emptying into the Little Pigeon River just below Pittman Center School.

At one time there was no way to cross Webbs Creek with horses or cars other than through water. There were footlogs for the walking traffic and some with handrails. From Pittman Center to Webbs Creek School there were approximately twenty crossings. As in most valleys, the road followed the stream. Inhabitants of the area built their homes near the road and stream for practical purposes.

It seems that the Reagans, Shultzs, McCarters, Morris, Huskeys, Ledfords, Proffitts, McGahas, Williams, Balls, Frees, Styles, Goforths, Whaleys, Wrights, Ramseys and Barnes, as well as many others not listed herein, settled this beautiful valley because they traveled through the valley to reach a destination. Webbs Creek and other communities are worthy of mention herein as indicated. Most families coming to the areas of Emerts Cove, Greenbrier, Laurel Branch, Indian Creek came from North Carolina traveling through this valley to reach their destination.

Life on Webbs Creek, as well as other communities, centered around the church and school. Webbs Creek was no exception. Lora Wright Huskey, in relating to life in these early days, said there were two churches built close together, one Baptist, one Methodist. It seemed one had morning services and one had afternoon services whereby everyone could attend both churches. It was said there were very few denominational squabbles. There was an active church at Evans Chapel and most every one I talked to from the area attended this church at one time or another. Mrs. Huskey remembers the services held all day with many arriving by buggy and wagon to attend these good spiritual meetings. This church was dissolved when the Great Smoky Mountains National Park purchased the land and the people were moved. Also purchased were land in Evans Chapel, Fleeker, Soak Creek and most of Tunis as well. there were many unhappy people as a result of the necessity to sell their beautiful property.

There were three or four schools in the area of Webbs Creek, Clear Springs and Fairview; however, when Pittman Center School was built, these schools were soon phased out.

The children from these communities were talented in singing, spelling and most were, indeed, very bright and quick to learn. A teacher, from Pittman Center School, was heard to say; "These children not only have beautiful voices but are good students, courteous, obedient and pleasant."For most mountain children, it was rewarding to be raised close to both church and school where most activities were centered.

Many talented people lived in the communities; there was Tom Lindsey, Isaac Trotter Huskey, Dr. R. G. Wright, Columbus Reagan, Sam McGaha, Carey Shultz, Bud McCarter, Joseph A. Shultz, Dave Morris, Johnny Proffitt, Mitch McCarter, Leonard Huskey, Homer Lindsey and others who lived in the area. Most of these men were leaders in the community owning country stores, grist mills, and blacksmith stores. Some were teachers, preachers and farmers.

When Pittman Center was built, and began operating, the leaders became advisors to the Methodist Churches at Webbs creek, Fair View and Shultz Grove, furnishing ministers and mission workers. One of whom was Annie Handlon. The Mission Board had sent her to Pittman Center to teach as well as to assist in any way she could in the work of the church. She taught at Pittman Center one year then was sent to Webbs Creek School to teach and assist Leonard Huskey and Martha McCarter in the school work.

In the Memoirs of Annie Handlon she had this to say about her experiences at Webbs Creek School. "It was a learning experience for me - coming from up north I had a lot to learn about the mountain way of doing things." She related, it was rewarding in many ways . . . different. She lived with one of the families in the community and was taught first hand what it was like to cope with life in the hills. Miss Handlon is still living and confined to a nursing home. Her heart is in the mountains she learned to love.

Another lady that gave lots of her time and talent to assist others in their work in the Webbs creek area, was Martha Henry McCarter; a teacher and mission worker of the Methodist Mission Board on Webbs Creek and the Black Gum Gap Area. She had a branch of the goodwill store in her home. She was a leader in the Webbs Creek Church and active in church work at the time the Mission Board built John Ringling Chapel at Black Gum Gap. With five children of her own, she still had time for others.

Homer Lindsey, son of Tom Lindsey, was a noteworthy person in the community after serving in World War II. He owned the first automobile and was helpful in the use of his car for transportation. Heretofore the mode of travel was walking, buggy riding, a jolt wagon or by horse back. Homer Lindsey was the owner of a country store.

Other owners of country stores were: Tom Lindsey, Mitch McCarter, Isaac Huskey, Wesley Lindsey, Ellis McCarter and possibly others not indicated herein.

In referring to people that contributed a great deal to their community, Uncle Joseph (Joe) Shultz should be mentioned. He was a methodist minister that dedicated the most of his life to the church as well as for the betterment of his community. Joseph Shultz was the son of Martin and Eliza Jane Shultz and was married to Mary McMahan daughter of James and Polly McMahan residing in Cocke County. Joe was a useful and highly respected citizen. He became blind in his later years. Joe Shultz was a descendent of Phillip Shultz and a grandson of Barbara Emert. He was reared in Emerts Cove and lived the greater part of his life on Webbs Creek.

People who lived on Webbs Creek will never forget a flash flood that came in the night of August, 1938, and washed away two families . . . the Alfred Ball family and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Gilliam. Some of the bodies were washed down stream as far as Pittman Center. The beautiful little stream became a monster as a result of a cloudburst causing the side of a mountain to slide into Webbs Creek. Mountain people are trained to get out of the way of a flash flood but this flood was devastating as it came in the night when they had no warning. Part of the training of each mountain child was to watch for poisonous snakes, as well as poisonous shrubs, vines, and wild animals. As part of their early training, the children were taught how to survive in case of becoming lost in the mountains. Even with this training a few natives were lost and never found. Mrs. Lora Huskey recalls instances when this happened. To be in the mountains when a storm is brewing is indeed very dangerous. Do not EVER get under a tree for fear of lightning and falling limbs. Water falls fast and with steep hills all water cannot seep into the soil . . . therefore the water runs down grade at a furious speed.

So many people have played a part in the development of the communities around Webbs creek that there is little doubt some will be overlooked. It's impossible to mention every one: for example, Johnny Proffitt was one of the better educated men on Webbs Creek because of his college education. Mr. Proffitt was a handicapped person due to an injury as a child. He never let this disability stand in his way of contributing to his community. Johnny was married to Rachel Shults. Some of their offspring were; Lawrence Bruce, Hazel, Glenn, Elmer and Myrtle.

Johnny Proffitt was a teacher and very fond of good animals. I recall seeing him coming to our home riding a beautiful horse that was well groomed with a beautiful saddle and well polished, shining gear.

Some of the older people living in the area often said, "It was heartbreaking to have to leave the earth some day." To all the good people that have worked in these lovely communities as teachers, mission workers, etc. and may never have received a commendation or reward We take off our hats to you!

Vida Reagan
Kate P. Reed

List Of Some Of The Families That Lived In The Webbs Creek Area.

Tilman Huskey married Malinda McCarter

1. Nellie married Beecher Frazier
2. Tishia married Hayden Morris
3. Pearl married Christine Parton
4. Floyd married Lee Shultz - Dora Maynard
5. Cora married Robert (Bob) Fox
6. Olive married Clifford Smelcer

Garfield Scott married Mollie Shultz

This couple had no children

Solomon Williams married Matilda Messer

1. Walter Williams unmarried
2. Charlie Williams unmarried
3. Mollie Williams married Robert Cardwell
4. Bertie Williams married Walter Smith
5. John D. Williams
6. Jessie Williams married Alice Cardwell

Joseph Shultz married Salina Evans

1. Archibald (Arch) married Susie Evans
2. Dave married Vergie Ogle - Matilda McCarter
3. Mollie married Garfield Scott

Arch Shultz married Susie Evans

1. Blanche married ? Wallace - Hubert Whaley
2. John A., Jr. married Elizabeth Newman
3. Ruth married Roy Ogle

Columbus Reagan married Mary Henry

1. Max married Ruth Cameron
2. Vida unmarried
3. Grace married Glen Hardin
4. Frank married Marie Parton
5. Paul married Shirley Morgan

John Morris married Matilda Rogers

1. Minnie Morris
2. Elsie Morris
3. Ethel Morris married Jimmie Huskey
5. Myrtle Morris
6. Cora Morris
7. Roy Morris

Johnny Proffitt married Rachel Shultz

1. Glenn Proffitt
2. Elmer Proffitt married Zettie McCarter
3. Lawrence married Etta Morris
4. Bruce married Goldie Morris
5. Myrtle married Bruce Lunsford
6. Hazel married Vader McCarter

Phillip (Uncle Phil) Shultz married Zenia McCarter

1. Hettie Shultz
2. Pearl Shultz
3. Ernest Shultz
4. Arthur Shultz
5. Rachel Shultz
6. Homer Shultz
7. Jim Shultz

Tom Lindsey married Margaret Huskey

1. Wesley married Ethel Ramsey
2. Lilly Lindsey married Horace Henry
3. Fletcher Lindsey married Lona Ramsey ? Brigh
4. Harriet married Walter Rice
5. Maude married Lystra Shultz
6. Myrtle married Jim Ramsey
7. Homer never married

Rev. Branson Phillips married Emmaline ?

1. Miley married Jesse Seagle
2. Joe Phillips

Hark Whaley married Callie Franklin

1. Harrison married Alice Frazier

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1. Hubert married Blanche Shultz
2. Arlie married ? Smith
3. Eula Whaley married Jesse Guillian (drowned in flood)
4. Leona Whaley

Fidel Ledford married Haley Roberts

1. Bunnion Ledford died while a young man
2. Roy Ledford
3. Emmet Ledford married ? Barnes
4. Bertha Ledford married Willie Free
5. Willard Ledford
6. Allen married Jessie Mechem
7. Glen married Jennie McCarter
8. Creed Ledford
9. Fred Ledford
10. Beatrice married Dave Styles
11. Wayne Ledford

Rev. Sanders Williams married Matilda Dennis

1. Roy married Nannie Shultz
2. Bill Williams
3. Horrace Williams
4. Houston Williams
5. Dessie Williams
6. Arble Williams
7. Alice Williams

Roy Williams married Nannie Shultz

1. Clifford Williams
2. Claude Williams
3. Beulah Williams married Eugene Stamey
4. Dorothy Williams
5. Viola Williams
6. Roy, Jr. Williams
7. J. H. Williams
8. Grace Williams

Arch Ball married Haley Cogdill

1. Tillery Ball married ? Green
2. Elmer Ball married Merlie Parton
3. Viola married Jack Cardwell
4. Zelmer Ball married Nell Ownby
5. Trula Ball married Kendrick Shultz
6. Carl Ball died when young
7. Clyde Ball married Stella Mae Sutton
8. Delmer Ball married Erma Smith
9. Raymond Ball married Lonnie Sue Frazier

Wilford Morris married Nora Ownby

1. Wilford Jr. married Gladys Wilcox
2. Cumi married Emert Cardwell
3. Pauline married Amos Newman
4. Lee married
5. Georgia married
6. David Paul married

Lawrence Proffitt married Etta Morris

1. Betty married Winston McCarter
2. Lucile married Jim Brown
3. Eugene married Margaret Branam
4. Gerald married
5. Billy married Mary Ruth Barker
6. Johnny Proffitt

Wayne McCarter married Lilly Huskey

1. Winston married Betty Proffitt
2. Tom married Kay Wilson
3. Johnny married Helen Lee Shultz - Bobby Silvia

Lystra Shultz married Maude Lindsey

1. Donald married Ethel Eastridge
2. Varnell married Charlie Ogle
3. Janelle married Conrad Williams
4. Lois married Jimmie Ray Cardwell

Carl McCarter married Verna Price

1. Lester married Sybil Watson
2. Mildred married Oliver (Oll) Large

Horace McCarter married Eva Ramsey

1. Truman McCarter married Faye Ramsey
2. Vivan married Ray Shields - Glen Branam

Jim Ramsey married Myrtle Lindsey

1. Eunabee married Monroe Williams
2. Doris married Julian Shults
3. Evelyn married Delmer Lovingood
4. Betty Jean married John H. McCarter

Will McCarter married Artie Ramsey

1. Elijah McCarter
2. Alice McCarter
3. Grady McCarter

Ottis Lunsford married Minnie Reagan

1. Ruby Lunsford
2. Ray Lunsford
3. Byrd Lunsford
4. Hugh Lunsford

Jesse H. Huskey married Mary Jane McCarter

1. William married Alice Ownby
2. Mary Lulu married John Ownby
3. Sabra married Milton Paine
4. Jesse married Caldonia Mullins
5. J. Isaac married Matilda McCarter

Isaac Huskey married Matilda McCarter

1. Carlos married Vola Reagan
2. Rita married ? Bittle
3. Arvin married Bessie Ledford
4. Lilly married Wayne McCarter

Isaac Trotter Huskey married Mary Mathes (Mathews)

1. Leonard married Lora Wright
2. J. Tilman married Malinda McCarter
3. Albert married Ethel Ownby
4. Hettie married Herman Lunsford - Rev. George Houser
5. Lee married Annalee Ramsey - Margaret Clevenger
6. Effie married John Eledge

James McCarter married Josephine Shultz

1. Felix McCarter
2. Preston married Flora ?
3. Polly married George Roberts
4. Malinda married J. Tilman Huskey
5. Steve married Laura Hill
6. Emily married Claude Ramsey
7. Horace married Eva Ramsey
8. Winnie married Jim Reagan
9. Vista McCarter
10. Carl married Verna Price

Jeames Ball married Myrtle Justus

1. Ben Ball married Kathleen Branch
2. Jesse Ball married Agnes Ramsey
3. Paul Ball
4. Dallas Ball
5. Andy Ball married Imogene Proffitt
6. Lucinda married Mack Dunn
7. Nancy Ball married Datis Cagle
8. Rosetta Ball married ? McCarter
9. Delia
10. Dovie
11. Annette Ball married Paul Bright ? Lane

Ellis (E. J.) McCarter married Martha Henry

1. Glen married Mittie Huskey
2. Clyde married Roxie Kirkland - Dorothy Myers
3. Lucile married Rome Smith
4. Viola married ? Bean - Elmer McCarter
5. Iva married Doyle Williams

Dewey Huskey married Alice Ramsey

1. Beatrice Huskey
2. Verne Huskey
3. Pearl Huskey

Steve Huskey married Mary Lindsey

1. Rintha married Earl Branam
2. Sarah married
3. Isaac Huskey
4. Kelly married Trula King
5. Myrtle married Ottis McKinney
6. Chan married Rosalee Parrott
7. Jimmy married Ethel Morris
8. Garland Huskey
9. Ruth Huskey

Jimmy Huskey married Ethel Morris

1. Ruby Huskey unmarried
2. Desmer Huskey unmarried
3. Y. J. Huskey
4. Burl Huskey

Mitchell McCarter was married twice

Mitchell McCarter married Sara Jane Huskey

1. Sara Jane
2. Ellis J. McCarter married Martha Henry
3. Osborne McCarter married Louella Wright
4. Issac K.

Mitchell W. married Amanda McCarter

1. Bonnie McCarter
2. Dicy
3. Homer
4. Cora
5. Clay

Martin Shultz married Eliza Jane Branam

1. Joseph A. Shultz married Mary McMahan - Malinda Dennis
2. George Shultz married Florence McMahan - Alpha Blalock
3. Sara Elizabeth died young
4. Mary Luine died young
5. Harriett died young

Joseph A. Shultz married Mary McMahan

1. Rosa Alice married David McCarter
2. Ida Zylphia married James Huskey - Aaron Valentine
3. Luther Paul married Betty Canupp
4. Ellen Estella married Tyson McCarter
5. Lonesome Partellia married David Morgan - Frank Holt
6. Cordie Viola married Wilson Stiles
7. Delia Solona married Oscar McGaha
8. Hulda Candacy married Allen Hatley
9. Arlie Spencer married Myra Poole
10. Prentice Munson married Wilma Harper

Joseph A. Shultz married Malinda Dennis
No children from this marriage

Rev. George McMahan married ? Shultz

Walter Lee Bradley married Elizabeth Williams

1. Lillie Bradley married George Allen
2. Flossie Bradley married Guy Whaley
3. W. Homer Bradley married Lillie Ramsey

James M. Bradley married Mary E. Shultz Bradley

1. Pollie A. died young
2. Montville Bradley married Donie Ramsey
3. Martha Bradley married Wesley Ownby - Harrison Cardwell
4. Carrie E. Bradley married Hansel Bradley
5. Luther Bradley died young
6. Gather Bradley died young
7. Rebecca A. Bradley married Christopher C. Compton
8. Mintha Bradley married Wallace Reagan
9. Frances E. Bradley married Samuel Lamon
10. James A. Bradley married Lou Ellen Rayfield
11. Denton Bradley died young

Hayden Morris married Tishia Huskey

1. Bernard Morris married Reba Fowler
2. Betty Morris married Tom Armstrong
3. Mary Ruth (Patricia) Morris married Robert Carr
4. Arnold married Jo Meade

Anson and Elvira Ramsey

1. Perry Ramsey married Ollie McCarter
2. James (Jim) Ramsey married Myrtle Lindsey
3. Sam Ramsey married Nola McGaha
4. Lillie Ramsey married Homer Bradley
5. Annalee Ramsey married Lee Huskey
6. Alice Ramsey married Dewey Huskey
7. Josie Ramsey married Oscar McCarter

Sam Ramsey married Nola McCarter

1. Faye Ramsey married Truman McCarter
2. Earl Ramsey married

Tip McCarter married Bertha Eledge

1. Mae
2. Tom
3. Charlie
4. Leona

Jesse Holloway Ramsey married Isabella McCarter

1. Minyard Ramsey married Ella Ledford
2. Mary Ramsey
3. Arlie Ramsey
4. Josie Ramsey
5. Luther Ramsey
6. Hettie Ramsey
7. Eli Ramsey
8. Lloyd Ramsey
9. Elmer Ramsey married Violet Parton
10. Printha Ramsey

Rev. James Preston Lindsey married Isabell McCarter Ramsey
No children from this marriage

Carey Dennis Shultz married Cora Mathews

1. Sarah married Neil Wilson
2. George married Anne Lindsey
3. Nancy Katherine married Fred Bayless
4. William T. married Maude Summers
5. Rebecca married Lincoln Seivers
6. Lillian B. married R. E. Bradley

Carey Dennis Shultz married Margaret Smelcer

1. Sarah married Zirkle Nelson
2. Carey Dennis, Jr. married Lucile King
3. Walter D. married Geraldine Reeder
4. John Russell married Beulah Brooks
5. Margaret E. married Herbert Lively
6. Robert M. married Wilma King

John R. and Delilah Williams Shultz

1. Preston Shultz married Martha A. Lindsey
2. John W. married Martha Yarberry - Margaret ?
3. Celia E. Shultz married Eli Branam - Thomas Smith
4. Martin H. Shultz married Sarah McCarter
5. James A. Shultz married Nancy Langford - Hannah McCarter
6. George Shultz married Mary C. Tudor - Priscilla Williams
7. David H. Shultz married Jane Williams
8. Barbara Shultz
9. Rhoda Shultz married John Lindsey
10. Melvin Shultz married Hannah E. Huskey

Tyson McCarter married Ellen Shultz

1. Connie married Minyard Ramsey
2. Bill died while young
3. Ollie married Perry Ramsey
4. Jettie married Drew Garver
5. Trula married ?

Homer Reagan married Ezalee Ramsey

1. Ola married Oliver McCarter - Don Gray
2. Edith married Otha McGaha
3. Margaret married Kohlner Burris
4. Gladys married Jack Watson
5. Judd married ?
6. Fred died while young

Eli and Celia E. Shultz Branam

Eli Branam was the son of Beveradge and Mary Ambrose Branam.

1. Marion Beveradge Branam
2. Anderson Branam
3. Eli Branam, Jr.

Isaac Newton Bradley and Delilah Ellen Shultz

1. Walter Lee Bradley married Elizabeth Williams
Hettie Cannupp - Nora Fowler
Sammie McCarter
2. John Robert Bradley married Algie Branam
3. James M. Bradley married ?
4. Newt Bradley married ?
5. William Arther Bradley married Lillie Hopkins
6. Infant died young
7. Hollis Beecher Bradley married Esther Stinnett
8. Bertha Josephine Bradley married Cranson Miller

Walter Lee and Sammie McCarter Bradley

1. Addie L. Bradley died within a year of birth.
2. Rose Bradley died within a year of birth
3. Maude Edith Bradley married Roy McCarter
4. John Bradley married
5. Polly Bradley married ?
6. Delilah Bessie Bradley married ? McCarter

Addie Morris

Martha Morris married ? Dickson

Ellen Morris married ? Miller

These were the sisters of Dave and John Morris

Riley Green married Rapsey Messer

1. Kimsey Green
2. Marie Green
3. Garland Green
4. Dicie Green
5. Alvilda Green
6. Frank Green
7. Ervin Green
8. John Sevier Green

William Messer

Mrs. Matilda Messer a Widow

1. McKinley Messer
2. Rapsey married Riley Green
3. Alice married Rufus Green
4. Mary Belle married Bartley Green

James (Jim) Free married Kate Mathews

1. Willie married Bertha Ledford
2. Marshall married Ethel McGaha
3. Seldon
4. Gertrude married John Parton
5. Irene
6. Grace

Dave Morris married Floata Rogers

1. Wilford married Nora Ownby
2. Hayden married Tishia Huskey
3. Etta married Lawrence Proffitt
4. Goldie married Bruce Proffitt
5. Hugh married Evelyn Rogers
6. Joe married Lois Ledford
7. John married Mary Lou Parker
8. Mae married Thomas McCracken
9. Sam married Faye Huskey - Helen Lee Shultz
10. Clive unmarried

Georgie Shultz married Anne Lindsey

- 1.
- 2.

Steve Ogle married Emmaline Ridings

1. Gertrude Ogle
2. Glen Ogle

John and Phoebe Grubb

1. Scott Grubb
2. Ottis Grubb
3. Garland Grubb
4. Florence Grubb

Some Of The Families That Lived On Tunis Branch

Alfred Parton married Sarah Ramsey

1. Elizabeth married William (Bill) Ramsey
2. Violet married Elmer Ramsey
3. Leonard married Ethel Seagle
4. Robert married Mittie Huskey
5. Charles married Dean Proffitt
6. Ray married Sue Branam
7. Ruby Lee married ?
8. Ada June married Cecil Seaton

Robert Lindsey married Mary Mathis Lindsey

1. Martha Lindsey
2. Nora Lindsey
3. Pearl Lindsey
4. Garland Lindsey

Robert (Little Rob) Lindsey married Margie McCreary

1. Blanche Lindsey
2. Roy Lindsey
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Perry Lindsey married Francis Owenby Lindsey

1. Fennon Lindsey
2. Ruth Lindsey
- 3.

Roger Lindsey Married Callie Lewis

1. Rosie Lindsey
2. Ann Lindsey
3. Lizzie Lindsey
4. Gus Lindsey

Luther Lindsey married Algie Ridings

1. Lily Lindsey
2. Arthur Lindsey

Sam McCreary married ?

1. Edna McCreary
2. Will McCreary married Dora Branam
3. Margie McCreary married Robert Lindsey

Steve McCarter married Laura Hill

1. Wayne married Lillie Huskey
2. Eleanor married Ray Lindsey - Burl Huskey
3. Newel died while a youngster
4. Wanda

Bill McCarter married Eliza Evans

1. Will McCarter
2. Oscar McCarter
3. Horace McCarter
4. Bascom McCarter
5. Tip McCarter married Bertha Eledge

Joe and George Freeman

Jim Frazier married Sallie Green

1. Beecher Frazier married Nellie Huskey
2. Dave Frazier
3. Annie Frazier
4. Arthur Frazier
5. Austin Frazier
6. Nellie Frazier
7. Swanee Frazier
8. Versa Frazier
9. Vernie Frazier

Walter Rice married Harriet Lindsey

No children from this marriage

Bud Lunsford married Laura Morris

1. Bruce married Myrtle Proffitt
2. Bige Lunsford
3. Beryl Lunsford
4. Tilda Lunsford
5. Rose Lunsford
6. Belle Lunsford married ? Ball
7. Hazel Lunsford

Zachary Spurgeon married Lizzie Thomas

1. Creed Spurgeon
2. Luther Spurgeon
3. Odis Spurgeon
4. Lela Spurgeon

Sam McGaha married Bessie Walker

1. Nola married Sam Ramsey
2. Carrie married ?
3. Ethel married Marshall Free
4. Harriet married Luther Ramsey
5. Otha married Edith Reagan
7. Ella married Iceland McCarter
8. Wade married ?

Dr. R. C. Wright married Mary Lindsey Evans

1. Luther married Lavada Ramsey
2. Louella married Osborne McCarter
3. Lottie married Silas Green
4. Lillie married Elihue Green
5. Richard married Ella ?
6. Lona married Richard Huskey
7. Lora married Leonard Huskey

Leonard Huskey married Lora Wright

1. Conley married Cora Deats
2. Ruby died while a young woman
3. Zelma married Roy Whaley
4. Raymond married Mildred ?
5. Gordon married Sarah (Sallie) Shomo
6. Eugene married Janet Paschell
7. Juanita married Carroll Doss

Luther Wright married Lavada Ramsey

No children from this marriage

John Eledge married Effie Mae Huskey

1. Coy married Florence Sims
2. Edna married Mayford Sims - Paul Harvel
3. Hubert married Pearl Huskey - Eunice Lewis
4. Ruby married Frank Smith
5. Ruth married Garfield Patterson
6. Mable married James Bailey

Wesley Lindsey married Ethel Ramsey

1. Clyde Lindsey
2. Vernon Lindsey
3. Marjorie Lindsey
4. David Lindsey

Families that lived at Fleeker, Lindsey Towne, Soak Creek

Columbus Barnes

Henry Barnes

"Fleeker" John Barnes

Arthur (Art) Reagan married Mollie Sizemore

1. Arthur, Jr.
2. Isaac
3. Charlie
4. Minnie
5. Annie

Aaron Reagan married Victoria Pate

No children from this marriage

Jim Reagan married Winnie McCarter

1. Almer Reagan
2. Vola Reagan
3. Neil Reagan
4. Ruth Reagan
5. Glen Reagan
6. Lacy Reagan
7. Earl Reagan
8. Carl Reagan

William H. Ledford married Laura Barnes

1. Ella Ledford
2. Bessie Ledford married Arvin Huskey
3. Garland Ledford
4. Howard Ledford married Beulah Kent
5. Floyd Ledford

Dock Green married Cassie ?

1. Eve Green
2. Mae Green
3. Lona Green
4. Maude Green
5. Rintha Green
6. Jim Green
7. Wiley Green

Hezechiah Goforth married Ida Bradburn

1. Eva Goforth
2. Frank Goforth
3. Edith Goforth
4. Marie Goforth
5. William T. Goforth

James Styles married Mary Jane Davis

1. Eva married Elbert Waldroup
2. Alice Styles married Isaac Reagan
3. Tom Styles married Algie
4. Dave Styles married Beatrice Ledford - Hettie Shultz
5. John Styles
6. Ethel Styles married ?
7. Garland Styles married Sarah Barnes

John Sizemore married Martha ?

1. Henry Sizemore
2. Earl Sizemore
3. Emma Sizemore
4. Lillian Sizemore
5. Lona Sizemore
6. Maggie Sizemore
7. Laura Sizemore

Allan Ramsey married Alice Ramsey

1. Silas Ramsey
2. Garland Ramsey
3. Victor Ramsey
4. Rintha Ramsey
5. Relda Ramsey
6. Ambrose Ramsey
7. Bonnie Ramsey
8. Belva Ramsey

Albert and Minnie Johnson

Elbert Waldroup married Eva Styles

1. Florence Waldroup married Albert McCarter
2. Charles Waldroup married Edna Shultz - Shannah ?
3. Ruby Waldroup married L. V. Flynn



The old "flint" swimming hole, 1927.



Anne Handlon's class at Webb's creek school - one of the many crossings over Webb's Creek.



School group at the Webb Creek School.



The Tyson McCarter Family on Webbs Creek.



Fidell Ledford Family: Left To Right; Fred, Creed, Glenn, Wayne, Iowa, Beatrice, and Haley Roberts Ledford.



Heze Goforth and four children: Frank, Eva, Edith and Marie. This was a board home up high on Pinnacle on the head waters of Soak Creek. Heze died Feb. 1928 while in North Carolina hunting work.



Lizzie Lindsey, Tishia Huskey, Ethel McGaha.



Heze and Ida Goforth with children plowing and sowing the garden. They rented Miss Wesp's farm and hauled supplies for her. Mrs. Goforth returned to North Carolina after Heze died but returned to get clothing for her children.



James and Josephine Shultz McCarter. James McCarter was the son of James and Sarah Huskey McCarter. Josephine was the daughter of Preston and Martha A. Lindsey Shultz. James and Josephine had 10 children (not all of them lived); Felix, Preston, Polly, Malinda, Stephen, Emily, Horace, Winnie, Vista, and Carl. A very nice family.



Anne Handlon - 1920's.



Part of the family of Hayden and Tishia Morris. Tishia and Bernard in back - Arnold and Betty in front.



The Girls Club on Webbs Creek - none are identified. How many do you know?



Teacher's cottage on Webbs Creek.



Isaac Trotter Huskey and wife Mary Mathews Huskey. Issac was the son of Isaac and Lydia Lindsey Huskey. Mary was the daughter of Thomas and Ann Baxter Mathews. Their children were: Leonard R., Tilman, Hettie, Lee, Effie and Albert. Hettie was married to the well known mountain minister George W. Houser.



Four of Webb's Creek's young men: Perry Ramsey, Jim Ramsey, George Dyson, and Jim Dyson.



The James Free home on Webb's Creek - 1924



Lucinda Ball (L), daughter of Jeames Ball and Tillie Branam (R), daughter of Roe and Tilda McGaha Branam.



Publicity Errors . . . Snap Judgements
 This picture was in a Washington, D. C., newspaper with an article by Eleanor Patterson, a brilliant journalist. She had made "perhaps" a tour through the region by auto. Publicity on mountain folk is often exaggerated and untrue, or misinterpreted. This picture shows Ellen and Martha Morris and neice Cora (standing). Here they are resting from hoeing in their garden. They are not over worked—just doing what they liked to do.



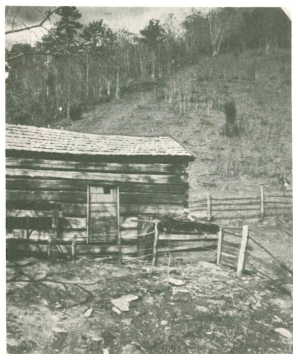
This picture was furnished by Miss Anne Handlon, who came to the area as a Missionary worker and teacher - learned to love and understand the mountain people for who they were. She had this to say about the Morris family: "These people I knew well, knew about their family and home. They were descendants of Robert Morris of Revolutionary fame. Their uncle a Medical Doctor was the founder of Morristown, Tennessee. They read and were intelligent. The Morris family once owned extensive lands on Webbs Creek. The amount of stock owned and killed, by their father for winter supplies is a tradition here in the mountains. The daughters inherited the home place and land about it. Martha and Ellen were married, at one time, but got home sick and came back home, and there remained until death. They could not be kept from planting their patches. They were not overworked. It is no harder than golf, anyhow. They were very fine women, full of fun and humor. They had a very fine home, pioneer of course in type. They had health, poise, hospitality; appearances often deceive."



Coming home - Arch Ball & wife on Ball Branch.



Etta Morris Proffitt wife of Lawrence Proffitt and daughter of Dave Morris. Mother of Bill Proffitt, Betty McCarter, Lucile Proffitt, Gerald (Mickey) Proffitt, and Eugene.



This picture is the home of Sol and Matilda Messer Williams. A one room cabin located on top of the mountain back of Pittman Center School. Matilda was a daughter of Sol Messer, sister of Mollie Springs and Jesse (Bud) Messer. Solomon Williams was a brother to Mrs. Benajah Ogle (Minerva).



Homer Lindsey - 1st year of High School. He was an ex-soldier and later a business man.



Christopher Columbus Reagan. Known as "Lum", he was a teacher, farmer, and leader.



Martha Henry McCarter, 1926. She was a teacher at Webbs Creek School.



Johnny and Rachael Proffitt. Johnny was the son of David Proffitt from Greenbrier. Rachel was the daughter of Phillip and Zenia McCarter Shultz. Their children were: Bruce, Lawrence, Hazel, Glen, Elmer, and Myrtle. Although handicapped, Mr. Proffitt contributed much to his community.



The Johnny and Rachel Shultz Proffitt home. A typical mountain home. If this picture was in color you would see the beautiful flowers in the foreground. Notice the flowers on the porch. Most mountain homes were immaculate, clean, and in order.



Amos Shultz and wife, Sary, daughter of Hanner Green, moving from the "burg" (Gatlinburg) to Pittman. Helen Wesp admired this couple and their stamina. She reported they walked the ten mile journey several times, moving their scanty belongings back to Pittman. They carried them in "pokes" on their backs. On one move, they carried chickens in both hands.



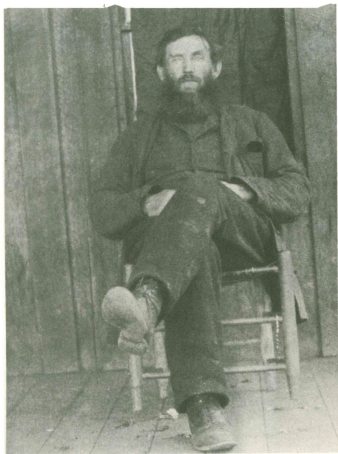
Rebecca Shultz and Beatrice Ledford helping with the chores.



The Alfred and Sarah Parton Family; Leonard, Charles, Elizabeth, Robert, Alfred, Sarah, Violet and Ruby Lee.



Lawrence and Bruce Proffitt. Two of the sons of Johnny and Rachael Proffitt. These brothers married sisters; Etta and Goldie Morris.



David Proffitt son of Jackson and Celia McMahan Proffitt. Mr. Proffitt married twice. First marriage was to Mary Whaley. To this union was born nine children; one of which was Johnny Proffitt. His second marriage was to Mary Jane Ownby Mayes. To this union was born three children. Two of these are well known in Sevier County; Otis Proffitt and Dora Proffitt. Mr. Proffitt lived in Greenbrier and is buried in the Ownby Cemetery there. He looks so relaxed that one would want to stop for a chat.



Church services in the Black Gum Gap community. Services were held in this cabin before the church was built. The only one identified was Rev. Sanders Williams. Can you identify anyone?



Evans Chapel Community in 1920



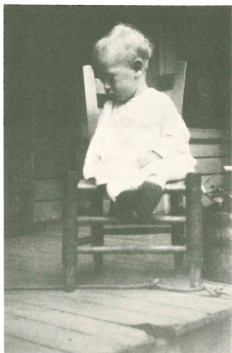
Footlog over Webbs Creek. "Lum" Reagans children Max, Vida, Grace and Dale Jackson.



Evans Chapel Sunday School - Steve McCarter on right and Carey Shultz on left.



Ethel and baby Free. Ethel was daughter of Sam MaGaha and wife of Marshall Free.



Henry Clifford Free.



Roe Branam. Roe was a cousin of Charlie, Edward, Earl and Alvin Branam. He was married to Matildia McGaha and had one daughter; Tellie Branam.



Riley and Rapsody Green and Family; Marie Green, Dicie Green, Alvelda Green, Kimsey Green, Garland Green, Frank Green, Irvin Green. This picture was made in 1924.



Dave Morris; father of Wilford, Hayden, Etta, Goldie, Hugh, Sam, Clive, and Joe. A very capable and intelligent man.



The Tip McCarter Home - Above Evans Chapel

LIST OF CHURCHES WITHIN REACH OF THE
PITTMAN COMMUNITY CENTER 1920-1964

Hills Creek Baptist
Laurel Branch Baptist
Zion Grove Baptist
Lebanon Baptist
Friendship Baptist
Greenbrier Primitive Baptist
Rocky Grove Baptist
Richardson Cove Baptist
Evans Chapel (Methodist)
John Ringen Memorial Methodist
Episcopal Church (Blackgum Gap)

THE PITTMAN CENTER METHODIST
CIRCUITS AS OF 1984:

Burnett Memorial Methodist Church
Webbs Creek Methodist Church
Shultz Grove Methodist Church
Shields Mountain Methodist Church.

MILLS ON WEBB CREEK:

Tom Lindsey
Hark Whaley
Zach Spurgeon

MILLS ON LINDSEY CREEK: Luther Wright

MILLS IN EMERTS COVE:

Andy Burns
Jesse Huskey

MILLS IN GREENBRIER:

Harrison Branam
Bud Whaley
Elijah Whaley
Winfield Whaley
Blacksmith John Whaley
"Speckled" Bill Whaley
Perry Messer
"Vander" Bill Whaley
"Whitehead" Bill Whaley
Mary Proffitt
Dave Plemmons
Lewis King
Howard Mill
Cow Flat Branch Mill
Henderson Whaley
West Whaley
West Rayfield
Bill Cardwell
Jim Ownby



The Jeep supplied to Dr. Thomas to make his medical calls a bit easier, also doubled for worship calls at Blackgum Gap.



Wagons arriving for School in the early morning - what a way to start a school day; cold and with muddy shoes - 1923.



Moving Day. Arvin and Bessie Ledford Huskey "setting up housekeeping".



Harvest time: gathering "taters" at the home of Leah Matthews.



Typical footbridge and typical stream crossings (fords) up Webbs Creek way from Pitman Community Center-1923.



A good picture of Pittman Community Center in the early days—shows most of the buildings: Dr. Thomas' house in upper left, Baldwin Clinic in center on hill, and a good picture of Mr. Flynn's house.



Isaac Huskey's new house, on left, and on right the old mill - later a store. Remember the road to the School and Webbs Creek Community went between this house and Webbs Creek.



Staff and students (Mayme Williams, Helen Wesp, Bill and Susan Kohl, and Dr. R. F. Thomas) off for an overnight trip to Mt. LeConte - 1928. They rode to upper Greenbrier and hiked the rest of the 16 miles. It was a lovely May day going up, but a storm in the night brought a heavy snow storm coming down.



Norman McConnell and a good hog - ready for slaughter.



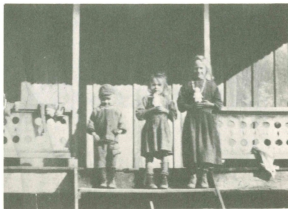
The Epworth League of Pittman Center going to the Institute at Sevierville -1927.



The "Peddler" makes a stop at the Pittman Center School - 1923.



Dr. R. F. Thomas and nurse crossing swollen stream to get to their patients.



Children of Riley Green: Alvelda, Garland, Marie. Picture made in 1921.



Lou Williams and Clifford Price in classroom - early years of School.



School Group in the 1920's. Back Row Left To Right: Lizzie Lindsey - Lou Williams - ?. Front Row Left To Right: Mamie Williams, Christine Ramsey, Roxie Headrick. Picture made on School steps.



Jessie Mecham and Rebecca ? on a trip to Jones Cove, making house visits for school, November, 1924.



Front of the old grist mill at the Ike Huskey place across from the School - 1921.



Trula Headrick feeding the flock. She was a daughter of Lester and Audrey Headrick, granddaughter of John Headrick.



Getting there, sometimes was by a hack, such as driven by C. C. Reagan taking Dr. J. S. Burnett on an errand in Jan. 1924.



Getting there by T-model Ford, in July, 1920. Pittman Center teachers enroute to Sevierville for teachers meeting, interrupted with a stop to fix a flat tire.



Getting there by horseback was usually a safe bet. Helen Wesp chose her favorite horse, "Betsy", in June 1924 for her round of community calls.



Getting there sometimes was best done by foot. Helen Wesp and Jessie Mechem "crosses the bar" enroute to assigned station of leading worship on Copeland, 1924.



With the help of the Pittman Community Center, new blood was brought in for the herd. Helen Wesp had these two photos of cows in her collection, with the one on the right labeled a "scrub" cow, in contrast to the "new order" cow on the left. The Center reached out to the total community life, and agricultural interest was great.



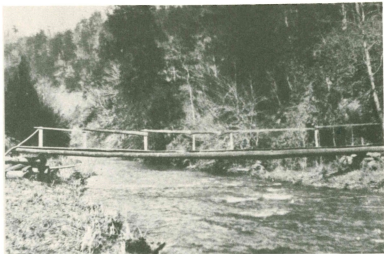
1926-27 8th Grade Graduating Class at Pittman Center.



Mr. McCarter's home. He moved his family here on land which a Mr. Shultz let him have so that his children could be nearer the School. The McCarters retained their old home about 10 miles away.



Footbridge over rock on footpath near Pittman Center School where Webbs Creek meets Little Pigeon River.



Footbridge over Webbs Creek near C. C. Reagan home.



Snow on hill across from the hill behind Pittman Center School. Looking up Tunis, Steve McCarter's home can be seen in the distance. Baldwin Clinic was built on one knoll and Burnett Memorial Church was built at the foot of the other. Feb. 1924.



Fording Webbs Creek at Pittman Center School in the 1920s.



Looking up Copeland near the Richard Ridings house; Bedford Brown home is in the distant center. Feb. 1924.

View from Maynards Hill with Andy Spences home in foreground—the place where the first teachers got their horses.





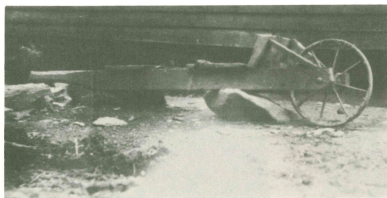
Sunday School Group at Black Gum Gap Church, during the 1920's.



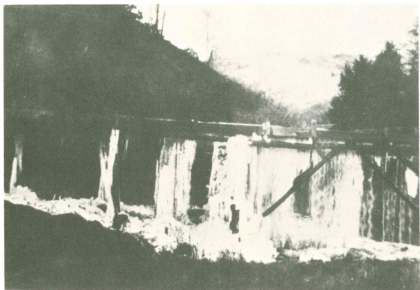
High School Freshmen boys: Walter Williams, Louis Ownby, Ernest Whaley, Allen Whaley and Max Reagan.



Luther Wright's mill on road to Evans Chapel.



In the era of the philosophy of "make do or do without" a home-made wheelbarrow does just fine.



The race was frozen at Luther Wright's grist mill on Soak Ash Creek in Feb. 1924.



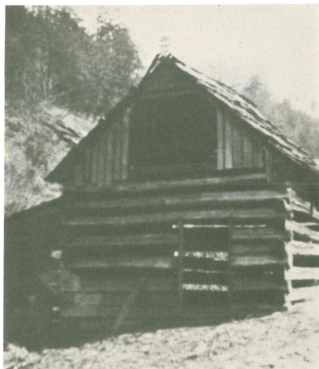
Tilman Huskey - deputy with homemade moonshine responsibilities.



A typical mountain home in the Pittman Community Center area, with typical rutted road - 1924.



High School students on a hike - Left To Right: Albert Johnson, Ray Lindsey, Roy Whaley, Clifford Price.



A mountain barn on the property purchased for Pittman Community Center.



Looking up-river toward the John Headrick farm on left and Jesse Stamey's on right.



Elinor Grace with her first grade pupils at Pittman Center. She was from Denver and this picture was made in 1929.



Anytime is "fiddling time", and fiddlers, banjo pickers, and guitar pickers provide entertainment at a used clothing sale ~ March 1924.



Luther Cook And Garland Grubb 1921. Third and sixth grade students.



A Group Of 8th Grade School Boys. Left To Right: Glenn McCarter, Allen Whaley, Louis Ownby, Max Reagan.



Frank Goforth with a banjo - one of the favorite string instruments.



A Group Of High School Students - 1929.

Top Row Left To Right: Bill Kohl, Wayne McCarter, Ray Lindsey, Glenn Shultz, Ashley Williams, Roy Whaley.

Second Row Left To Right: Floyd Huskey, Ruby Price, Leah Williams, Eula Ogle, Rebecca Shultz, Lily Shultz, Glen Bradshaw.

Front Row Left To Right: Kelly Huskey, Myrtle Huskey, Lucile Stamey, Christine Ramsey, Roxie Headrick, Zelma Huskey, Georgia Bradshaw.

This picture was taken on the school steps.



Pittman Center Students: Roy Whaley and Ashley Williams.



Mr. C. D. Shultz and School Wagon Used For Transportation from Evans Chapel Community to Pittman School. Mr. Shultz was a Sunday School teacher at Burnett Chapel (Pittman Center) and also the Superintendent Of Sunday School at Evans Chapel Church. The only student identified is Blanche Shultz, daughter of Arch and Susie Shultz (no relation to Mr. C. D.). Some of these school wagons went out as far as 4 to six miles collecting students.



Maggie Rector Price, Wife Of Robert Price with sons Raymond and Taylor - 1924.



Nannie Shultz And Annabelle McConnell At Teachers Cottage - 1921.



Jim Green son of Dock Green.



Robert (Bob) Thomas, Jr. Son of Dr. Robert and Eva Thomas.



Garfield Scott's Meadow on Tunis Branch. Photographed from in front of the Sam Ramseys.



Olive Huskey And Jimmy Frazier. Olive is an aunt of Jimmy - cute aren't they?



School Girls: Leah Williams, Roxie Headrick, Iowa Ledford.



On Copeland, Bill and Bertha Whaley coming in from work. They were good farmers as reported by Helen Wesp. She stated it was a busy season for them, but they stopped, drove their team to the barn lot, unhooked them, and came to the regular two week special service each afternoon before Easter, 1927.



Dr. and Mrs. R.F. Thomas with school group. Left To Right: Eugene Huskey, Lavern Thomas, Bob Thomas, Katheren Householder, Mr. Thomas, Sallie Price, Dr. Thomas, Cora Deats Huskey is seated.



Docia E. Cate, Jessie Mechem, Mrs. C. E. Reagan, William Taft Shults, Glenn Bradshaw.



Cora Huskey, daughter of Tilman and Lindy Huskey and Lillie Huskey, daughter of Isaac and Matilda Huskey.



Tilda Messer Williams, Wife of Sol Williams - with children: John D. - Mollie - Birdie - Charlie. These folks lived on mountain back of the School.



Jeanette Ogle, daughter of Haskell T. and Anna Mae Caldwell Ogle. H. T. and Anna Mae were teachers.



Sunday School Group -1930. Front Row Left To Right: Vida Reagan - Frank Reagan - Bertha Howe - Zelma Large Hixon - N. E. Hixon - Juanita Maupin - Dr. J. S. Burnett - Luther Flynn - Paul Flynn - Susie McCrae. Others identified are: ? Morris - John A. Shultz - Isaac Huskey - Tilman Huskey - Eula Ogle - Jesse Stamey - Allen Ledford - Blanche Shultz - Pearl Huskey - Ila Huff.



A group of High School students on last day of school—1930. Left To Right: Glenn Bradshaw, Trula King, Ila Huff, Blanche Watson, Carl Price, Floyd Huskey.