

## Historical Notes on “The Little Red Schoolhouse”

The Little Red Schoolhouse was built in the Bromley/Blakeley Community in the early part of the twentieth century by the citizens of that area. The African American families there provided the lumber and labor to construct the building according to the Alabama State Plans for one room buildings in rural communities throughout the state. The school system then provided the teacher salary and support for the classes, grades 1-8 held in the building.

The building was moved to the White House Fork School in the 1970s, where it served as a Kindergarten classroom until Delta School was built in 1985. At that time, under the leadership of Dr. Leslie Smith, Superintendent, and the Little Red Schoolhouse Foundation, the one room building was saved and moved to the school system office complex area. Mrs. Rebecca Tompkins of the Bromley Community taught for more than 40 years in Baldwin County and the schoolhouse is dedicated to her memory.

The schoolhouse is representative of the more than 90 small community schools which once dotted the county. In the 1920s-1930s, most were consolidated into larger schools under the state school construction plan.

The building is preserved as a living history museum and is open to the public by arrangement through the Baldwin County Commission. It is located at the Baldwin County Bicentennial Park, 51233 State Highway 225, Stockton Alabama.

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