

Cora Wilson Stewart Moonlight School Rowan County, Kentucky



The Cora Wilson Stewart Moonlight School, formerly known as the Little Brushy School, was originally located on Kentucky Highway 32, eight miles north of Morehead in Rowan County. This building replaced two earlier school buildings on the site, both of which had been destroyed by fire. The original building dated back to the turn of the century.

In 1973 Morehead State University acquired and restored the "Little Brushy School" where Cora Wilson Stewart began her teaching career. Renamed the Cora Wilson Stewart Moonlight School, it stands on the university campus today as a museum and monument to her work.

This building was constructed in 1910 by William Jasper Johnson and Henry Perry. One point of interest is that Mr. Johnson's son was one of the first students to attend school in the new building. The building was erected during the administration of Superintendent Cora Wilson Stewart and used as one of

the moonlight schools in Rowan County. Mr. Ferris Cooke, who had served as the teacher in the previous building which burned in 1909, was the first teacher.

Under the administration of Superintendent Roy Cornett, an additional room was erected in 1936 and the school's first lunch program was introduced in 1941.

Because of the consolidation of the schools in that area of the county and construction of the Tildon Hogge School, the school was closed in 1963.



One of the last one room schools in Kentucky to close was the Daniel's Creek Elementary School located in Floyd County. It closed at the end of the 1986-87 school year.

The "Little Brushy School" building was donated to Morehead State University by Mr. William Dailey, Morehead, Kentucky.

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