

## MIDWAY SCHOOL



### *The History.....*

#### **Midway School Consolidated School District**

Be it known that on this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1926, the County School Board of Tishomingo County, Mississippi, met pursuant to a call from the president, O. C. Miller, County Superintendent of Education, in and for said County and State, for the purpose of considering the annexation of certain territory to the Mid-Way Consolidated School District, petition for the same having been filed.

Walter Haines, representing the First Supervisor District; V. B. Ligon, the Second; T. H. Gray for the Third; and D. Bostick the Fifth; and O. C. Miller, County Superintendent of Education.

In the matter of the annexing of certain territory to the Mid-Way Consolidated School District, it appearing that the petition of O. C. Oaks changed, and another petition of W. A. Jourdan and five others, residing in the territory to be annexed, under the provisions of Chapter 283, sub-chapter 5, section 38, and sub-chapter 14, section 108, that said petitions are in due form and that the prayer of said petitioners should be granted, it is therefore ordered, and adjudged that the following land be and the same are annexed to the Mid-Way Consolidated School District:

The northwest quarter of section 33, the north half of section 34, and the north half of section 35, and the south half of section 27, all being in township 3, range 10.  
It is therefore ordered and adjudged that the Mid-Way Consolidated School District shall be composed of the following described territory, to-wit:

Beginning at the northwest corner of section 2, township 4, range 10, said point of beginning being on the township line between townships 3 and 4, and running west a quarter of a mile; thence south one-half of a mile; thence east one quarter of a mile; thence south on a half of a mile to the southeast corner of section 2, township 4, range 10; thence east one mile to the range line between ranges 10 and 11; thence south along the range line two miles; thence west one mile; thence south one mile to the range line two miles; thence west one mile; thence south one mile to the southeast corner of section 23; township 4, range 10; thence west one-half mile; thence north one-half mile; thence west one mile to the southeast corner of the northwest quarter of section 27, township 4, range 10; thence north one-half mile; thence west one-half mile; thence north one-half mile to the southeast corner of the northeast quarter of section 21, township 4, range 10; thence west one-half mile; thence north one and one-half miles; thence east one-half mile; thence north one mile to the northwest corner of section 10; township 4, range 10; thence west one-half mile; thence north two miles to the northeast corner of the northwest fourth of section 33, township 3, range 10; thence east one-half mile; thence north one-half mile; thence east one mile; thence south one-half mile to the southeast corner of section 27, township 3 south,

range 10; thence east one mile; thence south one mile to the northeast corner of section 2, township 4, range 10, to the point of beginning. Said Mid-way Consolidated School District shall be composed of the following sections and parts of sections: all of sections 34 and 35, and the east half of section 33, and the south half of section 27, all in township 3, range 10; all of sections 3, 10, 11, 12, 15, 14, 13, 22, 23, and the east half of section 4, all of section 2 except the east half of the northeast fourth, the east half of section 16, the northeast fourth of section 21, the northeast fourth of section 27, and the northwest fourth of section 26, all in township 4, range 10.

It is further ordered and adjudged, that in case there should be a bond issue for the purpose of erecting a school house, that the said house shall be and the same is located on the knoll about 100 yards west of the school house known as the Old Spring Hill School house, on the plat of land secured from J. T. Blissitt, as declared by the County school board at their meeting of October the 5<sup>th</sup>, 1926.

There being no further business to come before the board, it adjourned. —O. C. Miller, Pres.

(See Record Book #10532 for location of building on Oct. 5, 1926).

### **T. J. Burns et ux DEED to Trustees, Midway School**

This indenture, made the 9<sup>th</sup> day of October A.D. 1926, between T. J. Burns and wife, Mamie Burns, party of the first part and J. A. Moore, Oscar McDougal, J. M. Russell, J. F. Oaks, W. P. Vandiver, Trustees of Midway School and their successors, as other party of the second part. Witnesseth, That the said part of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Fifty and No/100 dollars, to these in hand paid by the said parties of the second part, the receipt whereof is acknowledged, having granted, bargained, sold and conveyed, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and convey, to parties of the second part, their successors in office that certain tract or parcel of land situated in the County of Tishomingo and State of Mississippi, known and described as follows:

Two acres in the northeast quarter of section fifteen (15), township four (4) range ten (10) and more particularly described as follows: Commencing twenty-four rods (24) west of the southeast corner of said northeast quarter, running west twenty-six (26) rods, thence north 12 4/13 rods, thence east 26 rods, thence north 12 4/13 rods, thence east 26 rods, thence south 12 4/13 rods to point of beginning.

October 9, 1926

T. J. Burns (SEAL)

M. S. Burns (SEAL)

Appeared before J. D. Fairless, a Justice of Peace of the said County on 1 Dec 1926.

T. J. Stormont (SEAL), Notary.

### **Tishomingo County Special Municipal Separate School District Agreement of Operations of Midway School Building**

The School Board for the school district met on August 9, 1993, and agreed to allow the Tishomingo County Homemakers Club to assume custodial care of the facility. — Larry R. Bonds, President School Board.

The Midway Homemaker Volunteers Club (a non-profit organization), in an effort to save the building and its contents from further destruction and to promote the restoration and preservation of its history, took over the operation of the Old Midway School Building in December 2003. The Club not only acquired the building, but also acquired its contents which include historical artifacts of former school days. Yard sales,

bake sales, afghan and quilt sales, food sales, and rental of the building for reunions and other special occasions, have been done to raise money for the much needed repair to restore the building. For scheduling a building rental event, please contact Sybil Hodge at 662-423-9031.

Examples of past activities to preserve the Midway School Building Museum include, but are not limited, to:

- Remodeling the kitchen in 1997
- Landscaping the grounds in 1997
- Addition of recreation equipment on the front lawn in 1998
- Remodeled sitting room in 2000
- Organized sewing room in 2004
- Phase I Interior Restoration and Foundation Repair 2006-2007
- Phase II Interior and Exterior Restoration 2008-2009

The museum is a major asset to both the town of Midway and to the County. It is a visual link from the now famous town of Holcut which was the only town completely acquired for construction of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway. The town of Holcut came into existence in 1907 and was a flourishing little town in its time. When the Tenn-Tom came through, it wiped Holcut off the face of the earth.

The Midway School is the only historic school accessible for public use in Tishomingo County. The only other two historic schools in the county include the Burnsville Black School which is not open to the public at this time and part of the Iuka Normal Institute Building which has been abandoned.

The mission of the Midway School Building Museum is dedicated to the collection, preservation, exhibition and interpretation of artifacts that relate to the life and accomplishments of the school and its students and to the continued to the restoration of the building. The purpose of the Midway School Building Museum is to educate the public and tourists about pioneer school history through exhibits, programs, and publications. Through continued collection development, the board of directors will be better able to preserve its historical heritage. A vibrant group of volunteers tirelessly work on developing programs for school children, local clubs and churches, and adults. It is imperative to continue to promote the progress of the Midway School Building Museum to the community.

The MSBM project team consists of Virginia South, President; Alma Sartain, Vice President; Burke Bonds, Treasurer, Sybil Hodge, Education & Programs, and Cindy Nelson, Secretary and Museum Curator. All of the personnel volunteer their time for the betterment of the Midway School Building Museum and its surrounding community.

The purpose of this organization is to discover and memorialize the history of the Midway School; to discover, purchase, commission, or otherwise procure, and to publish or otherwise preserve books, writings, newspapers, journals, furnishings and the like, which shed light on the history of the school; to discover, procure, and preserve physical objects that may relate to the history of the County; to establish and maintain a museum; and to hold regular meetings and other activities for the education and instruction of the members, and the public; and to serve the residents of Tishomingo County and others by collecting, assembling, and exhibiting items of the past such as trade tools and written information; and by providing assistance in matters of genealogy, personal histories, and family histories. For additional information regarding the donations of such objects, please contact Cindy Nelson, Museum Curator, 2014 Hwy 25, Iuka, MS 38852; telephone 662-423-2543, or e-mail at [cdwnelson@yahoo.com](mailto:cdwnelson@yahoo.com).

**Please visit us on the web at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~msmsbm/>.**

**TAX-FREE DONATIONS NEEDED**

Please send your tax-free donations to the Midway School Building Museum,  
c/o Burke Bonds, 80 County Road 175, Tishomingo, MS 38873.

Your financial assistance is gratefully appreciated.