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P.S. I noticed you are "running" the
Dean & Creech Reunion. My H. B. father
(Hiram Holbrook) m (Leah Creech)
1859-1942 1-1864
in Carter Co Ky. and I can find nothing
on her. I've traced my line of "Holbrooks"
to England in 1700.
It's been nice "chatting" with you!

5-30
Mr. Lloyd Dean,

I got your name from a
genealogical article; and thought maybe
you could assist me, or know
some one who can.

I'm tracing down the "Deans" in
my family. Here is a list of what
little I have.

⑤ Nancy E. Dean m. Joshua C. Tabor
9-9-1876
1-6 1868

⑥ Mrs Dean m. Betty Benion
1853
1921

⑦ James Dean m. Nancy fields
9-31-1824
9 20 1911

#5 & #2 lived in Carter Co Ky. I think
James Dean did also. I would love to
find out where the "Deans" of eastern Ky
came from.

Any info. would be greatly
appreciated, beyond words. I will gladly
cover any costs set.

Thanks for your time,
over

2-15-53.

Dear Lloyd: Rec'd your letter and am glad to advance the following ~~to~~ information as I have it. Some is official other parts from memory.

I went to Haldeman Sept. 5-1924 as prin. of grad. School with Mrs. Amy (Nickell) Stinson as asst. & Teach. of lower 4 grades with enrollment of 51. in the old school house at west side of ^{#2} ₁ backyard at mouth of Hallow's. Our enrollment increased to 90 by Jan and a third teacher (Herb. Bradley) was employed for the overflow & placed in a cottage down on the road by #2 plant. During this year I organized boys' & girls' basket-ball ~~ex~~ teams and played on outside court. The Ky. F. B. C. string a row of lig for us & we played some night games. Soldier was our closest & hottest rival.

The following year (1925) Ruth Cassity, & ^{Arnette Bradley} ~~Ellie (nick)~~ Chick was added to our faculty & one year of high-school was installed & we were admitted to Ky. High Sch. Athletic Assn. (both boys & girls). Uniforms were purchased & regular schedule adopted. Girls uniforms were middies, bloomers, & bandannas but they played pretty good ball. Boys had modern uniforms as known then, with blankets donated by Mr. Haldeman (Large blue blankets with Haldeman diagonally across the

The players on these teams were in most part intact in spring of 1929 when they graduated at Hald.

The girls were given name "Blue-Bellies" & the original players were Linnia ^(Lindy) Cline, Lucy Cline, Emma Bowen, Olive Bowen, Beatrice Eldridge, Deloris Eldridge, Margauite Stewart, Edith Vencill, & Earlyn Stinson.

Other girls were added to this list through yrs. '27, '28, '29 who won 3 class B championships in their district & were finalists in 2 regional championships game also they ~~were the~~ were the winner of Class "A" championship (Mt. Sterling) in 1928. Other outstanding girls included Geneva Adkins, Caloma Hicks, Bessie Cline, Elmo Hayes. We played, Georgetown, Maryville, Onaysick & Ashland girls when they were at their best & best in the state. (We had extreme modern uniforms by this time)

The boys were named "Leopards" & practically the same team remained intact for 4 yrs. 1926 through 29. These boys, John Harris, Willard Harris, ^{Ora Cline} Curtis Stinson, John Eldridge, Harlan Bocosh, Denver Eldridge, & Willie Stomper. Brought 4 class B Championships to Haldeman. Wm Caudill was added to this list in Sept. 27. They were defeated in finals of regional 3 times (largest margin 3 pts) & Betty Layne did it twice.

Our athletic program was intertwined with the Ky. F. B. Co. by means of Haldeman F. H. which was composed of 200 members (Plant employees) who paid \$1.00 per mo. dues, deducted from salary. This sum (\$360 annually) allowed all members ^{and their families} free admission to school activities, also baseball games. 5th.

Tennis, croquet, marbles, & horseshoes, basket-ball)

I was given charge of plant & park recreation by the Co. in 1926, & did the catching & managing of the baseball team.

Our players on base ball team were ^{total} (about \$15. per game) all paid. Most of them worked in the plant but some were brought in. Teams we played were from neighboring towns as well as Huntington Brothers, Portsmouth Steele & Co., Dixie Ice Cream of Lex¹, Ashland Playhouse, & many others of note. People of Haldeman will long remember, Jim Bob, Fugate, Reb McKenzie, Dan Parker, Earnond Nolan, Ralph Kerchival, George Sausberry, Earl Hodge, Bob Day & others as members of that team.

I was transferred to Morehead High in May 1929 & left a balance of \$3100. free of debt in the Athletic Fund. Our teams had the best of everything - both school & otherwise.

This is out up a lot but back to school - the new building was given us in 1927 & Miss ~~Norma~~ ^{Allie (Wells) Clark} Lotter Powers, & Ewing Barford were added to the faculty. There were 10 teachers as of 5-20-29.

L.O. Haldeman one of the greatest humanitarians I have ever known was the power & inspiration that gave us the impetus & will to do. He was ably assisted by Mrs. Ledbetter, Becker, Tighow, Stuart & they were ~~our~~ our friends in all phases of education & physical development.

The community tree at Xmas, & the Ath. Ass'n. bazaar were annual affairs that cost thousands of dollars but no person or child was forgotten on these occasions.

I number many of my best friends as parents, students, & students' children at Haldeman & feel sure 5 years of hard, well spent, energy was spent to some worthy purpose.

I have several pictures but fear they are faded to the extent that reprint would be good.

Mr. J.H. Powers was Supt. of Schools of Rawlco at that time & deserves a lot of credit for the work done during this period.

Some of these pictures might "Take". Let me know if you still want them or have any questions to ask.

Yours

Ray E. Holbrook

4 yr. record.
Boys Girls
W. L. W. L.
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