

RICHLAND AND WILMOT SCHOOLS

Wilma Floyd Anglemyer

Richland School – R22 Standard

Two miles north and one and one-half miles west of Wilmot

1st Grade – 1945-46

1st Semester Teacher: Flora Brewer

Flora Brewer is the mother of Ed Brewer of Winfield and the late Vivian Young.
(Ed celebrated his 100th birthday on August 21st of 2015.)

2nd Semester Teacher: Thelma Lanier

2nd Grade – 1946-47

1st Semester Teacher: Gene George

2nd Semester Teacher: Opal Coulter

Richland School was one of many rural schools dotting the countryside of Cowley County. It was located one-fourth mile east of our house. Needless to say, we walked to school a lot. I remember that sometimes when we would be walking to school, a neighbor, Vernon Drake, would come along on the way to feed his cattle. He lived west and south of our farm but had cattle east of our farm. He would have a pickup load of feed from his silo. That feed was very smelly. VERY smelly. He would see us girls walking along the road and stop and offer to give us a ride the rest of the way to school. We were shy and didn't know how to respectfully say no so we would get in his pickup. We sure were glad that it was not far to the school and we could get out into the fresh air again.

For much of our time at Richland, there were just five kids in school. They were Jack Meyer, Joe Gordon (now my brother-in-law), Florence Floyd (my older sister), Hilma Floyd (my twin sister), and me. At one time a family by the name of Chadwell moved into the district. They had several kids who came to school. I remember only Barbara, who was near my age, but not in my grade. I think they were there only part of the year. When Thelma Lanier taught the second semester, she brought her son Miron (Mike) with her. He was a grade ahead of me.

Florence Floyd, Hilma Floyd, Wilma Floyd, Miron Lanier, Jack Meyer, Joe Gordon, standing on the north side of the Richland School building. You can see the coal shed and Jack's horse, Ranger, in the background.

