Kremlin Area One-Room Schools

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There were at least 8 one-room schools whose students did, or at least could, go to Kremlin for high school. My brother Arrel and I initiated a project to begin marking the former locations of the early one-room

school houses in Garfield County, and we recently succeeded in getting marker signs made and installed at 6 of these former school locations for which we have the best documentation that they were connected to Kremlin for high school. **Special thanks** to Cody Toews of C & C Welding and Fabrication near Hunter for making the signs and for excellent design and construction advice. **Thanks also** to all of those who helped us with this project, financially or otherwise; those people are listed in the stories for the individual schools for which they had connections.

Location information for these schools (now only school signs!) is given below. Current and historical maps of these school locations are on the following pages. Each school's name below is (if blue) or soon will be (if red) a hotlink to a document with the history, memories, and photos of that school. Maps of <u>all</u> the early school locations in Garfield County, about 130 of them, are also available on this website. <u>Click here to see</u> that set of maps.



<u>Wild Horse, District 9</u>. School site is 1½ miles north of the Midway gas station (Keowee Road) on the west side of Highway 81. GPS coordinates for locating the school are 36°34′18″ N and 97°52′23″ W.

Pleasant Valley, District 8. School site is 3½ miles east of Highway 81, or 1/2 mile east of Kremlin, then 2 miles north of Keowee Road, then ½ mile east, on the north side of E Blaine Road (E0300 Rd). Be warned that some of the country roads out there do not go through. GPS coordinates for locating the school are 36°45′ 45″ N and 97°48′38″ W.

Columbia, District 17. School site is 1½ miles south of the Midway (Keowee Road) on the west side of Highway 81. GPS coordinates for locating the school are 36°31′44″ N and 97°52′23″ W.

<u>Spring Valley, District 33</u>. School site is 1½ miles north of the Chisholm Trail marker (Carrier Road) on the west side of Highway 81; this is at the north entrance gate to the current Redbird Farm, making it easy to find. GPS coordinates for locating the school are 36°29′6″ N and 97°52′23″ W.

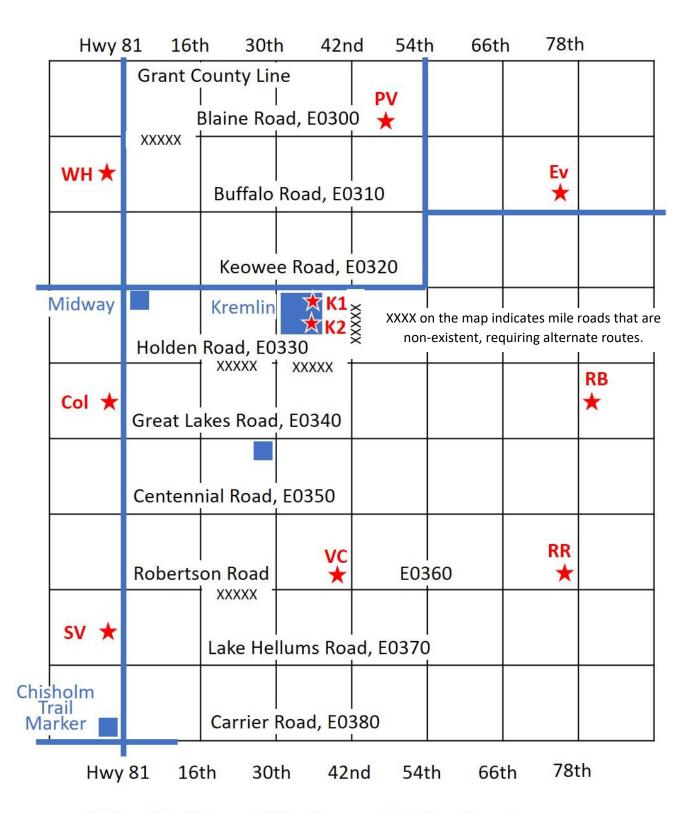
<u>Valley Center, District 32</u>. School site is 3 miles east of Highway 81, on the west side of 42nd Street, just a bit north of E Robertson Road. Be warned that E Robertson Road does not go through. GPS coordinates for locating the school are 36°29′33″ N and 97°49′8″ W.

Red Rock, District 31½. School site is 6 miles east of Highway 81, on the north side of E Robertson Road, just west of 78th Street. GPS coordinates for locating the school are 36°29'31" N and 97°45'56" W.

Rose Bud, District 19. (No sign or story yet!) School site is 3 ½ miles east and 1 ½ miles south of Kremlin, on the east side of 78th Street. This school site does not yet have a marker sign nor do we have GPS coordinates.

Kremlin School, District I-18. We must not neglect the Kremlin School, the "I" in its district number because it was an "Independent" district, with both grade school and high school. The first Kremlin school was a wooden building at the north end of town, until 1932 when a new brick school was built at the south end of town. Multiple stories and resources for Kremlin School are available at this link.

A map of school sites with current street/road names is on the next page, followed by a compilation of 1901 plat maps, the oldest available, which shows the locations and district numbers of those schools, for history buffs.



WH = Wild Horse, PV = Pleasant Valley, Ev = Evergreen,
Col = Columbia, K1 = Kremlin 1st school, K2 = Kremlin 2nd school,
RB = Rose Bud, SV = Spring Valley, VC = Valley Center, RR = Red Rock

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Rose Bud School, District 19, is marked on the map on the previous page and on the map below. It had multiple connections with Kremlin, but it does not yet have a marker sign.

Evergreen, District 7, is also marked on these maps; we are not yet certain whether it fed into the Kremlin School or the Hunter School to the east.

Pleasant Plains is in Keowee Township, the next township to the west of those above. It had some connection with Kremlin, but it is not included on this map, nor does it have a marker sign at this time.

