

Madison, Missouri

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My dear Boys and Girls:

How nice of you folks to think of me having some needed pictures for your project! Well, well, I'm so sorry I have nothing to contribute in way of pictures.

I shall try to answer some of your questions.

Yes, the brick building now standing, takes the same place as the early two-room frame building that took care of grades one through eight when children from only Wright City attended school there. Children from surrounding areas attended school in their respective districts. There was no transportation for children to attend school other than in their own district. They walked to and from school.

While the earlier frame building was being replaced some classes were held in the Educational building at the E. & R. Church across the street. It was rather hectic getting organized, but there weren't many students at that time.

I do not have any pictures that

would help you any for your project.

I would like to tell you what the one room rural school was like, but I'm sure you are not interested in that.

I am happy for you that you are going to have a new school building. You will greatly enjoy the new building and equipment.

Can you imagine the one room rural school with all grades and only one teacher in the building? That's the way it was. Our day was from nine in the morning until four in the afternoon. Students, as well as, the teacher walked to school. Every student brought lunch in a lunch box and we all ate lunch at our respective desks during the first part of the lunch hour, then went out of doors to play for 45 minutes, then back to studying and reciting after lunch until four o'clock when we were dismissed to walk home.

Hope I haven't bothered you with a few of these notes.

Again thank you for your letters  
Yours in friendship,  
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