

HISTORY, A WINDOW TO THE PAST

Vocabulary and Definitions

One Room School House:

- Slate:** A hand held writing surface made from a special type of flat, layered rock of the same name.
- Long ago:** Many years ago; in terms of this exhibit, the time when the grandparents of the grandparents of today's first-graders were growing up.
- Past:** Time or events that have already happened.
- Present:** Time or events that are happening now.

Shellcrete House:

- Butter Churn:** A container in which milk or cream is agitated hard enough and long enough to separate the oily globules of butter from the rest.
- Flatiron:** A triangular iron made of cast iron, having an attached handle and one smooth side for pressing clothes. Variations include irons with removable handles and pointed at both ends (sadirons) and hollow, box irons.
- Potbelly stove:** A cast iron stove with a rounded shape.
- Kerosene lamp:** a lamp that burns kerosene (also spelled kerosene), an oil that is refined from petroleum and that is much less flammable than gasoline.
- Washboard:** A corrugated rectangular surface , made of zinc or glass and framed in wood, on which wet clothes are rubbed in washing.
- Wringer:** A set of rollers between which wet clothing can be fed, to press out excess water.
- Lye Soap:** A homemade soap made from ashes and lard (animal fat).
- Rug beater:** A paddle or racquet-shaped tool used to knock dirt and dust out of rugs.

Jones General Store:

Barter: To exchange or trade commodities for commodities; to “purchase” goods with other goods in place of money.

Package: A protective wrapper or container for an item that is for sale; usually colorful and attractive, to make the item more salable.

Mail order catalog: A book that shows a variety of things that may not be available locally, but can be ordered through the mail.