

A HISTORY OF RICHMOND COUNTY

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with Hoffman (1921) (later withdrawn); Baldwin, Mangum, and Little's Mills (1921); Prospect, Marks Creek No. 1, Cognac, and Wayman (Peachland) (1922); Munford with Rockingham City (1922); Bostic with Ellerbe (1922); New Hope with Covington (1923); Watson Heights with Rockingham High School (high school grades only), (1923); Key District with Ellerbe (1923); Pankey District with Norman (1923); Zion with Rockingham High School—high school grades only—(1924); Norman with Ellerbe High School (1925).

Even though the Roberdel High School had been opened in 1907, the first public high school to operate in Richmond County, the school was located in an area with a small and decreasing population and other areas were not consolidated with the school. The enrollment decreased, and in 1922 Dr. J. Henry Highsmith, State High School Inspector, informed the Committee and the Board of Education that the school would lose one of its three state-allotted teachers and that only three high school grades could be taught during the next school year. The School Committee, consisting of T. B. Baxley, Chairman, R. W. Rainwater, and Mrs. George G. Terry, petitioned the County Board to consolidate the high school with Rockingham, stating that Rockingham had a nine-months school term whereas Roberdel had only an eight-months term. This petition was not granted. A second petition was presented three months later, and on April 2, 1923, a third petition was presented. The Board approved the third petition and the Roberdel High School was consolidated with the Rockingham High School at the beginning of the 1923-24 school term.

Consolidations continued during the latter part of the decade of the twenties with the following changes in pupil assignments reported in the minutes of the Board:

1925

Rohanen High School students to Rockingham High School

1926

Watson Heights annexed to Rockingham Graded Schools

Hines District consolidated with Ellerbe

Cordova High School students to Rockingham High School

Crosland High School students to Rockingham High School

Campbell High School students to Rockingham High School

1927

Oak Ridge High School to Hamlet High School