

## Finn

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Finn was a sawmill community located along the Cotton Belt Railway. The sawmill was large for its day. There were tramways throughout the surrounding valleys. Rail lines of the day were all narrow gauge tracks, so the logging trams could accommodate the cars from the railway, too, and did even use some to haul logs from the forest. I knew of one such incident when the railroad lost track of some cars and sent a detective down the line to try and locate the missing cars only to find them in use by the sawmill.

There was a Post Office that served the community. A company operated commissary supplied the necessities for the community, for the pay was in company script and only redeemable at the Company Store".

There was a school located there known as Finn School. There were 57 students enrolled in 1920. Myrtle Goad was the teacher. The students were: J. B. Bradshaw, Andrew Bradshaw, Bessie Bradshaw, Cathline Bradshaw, Lillie Barkhimer, Morgan Brian, Sadie Brian, Fred Brian, Girther Fletcher, Velma Fletcher, Hulon Gilder, Della Gordy, Willie Gordy, Dalton Haltom, Virgil Jeffus, Earnest Jones Maye Knight, James Knight, Edwin McKenzie, Carlton Patterson, Louise Patterson, Carl Ross, Shelby Shaw, O. G. Shaw, Johnnie Toney, Helyn Walker, Sadie Walker, Elmore Wallace, Nell Bradshaw, William Bradshaw, Fred Bradshaw, Vera Barkhimer, Carl Brian, Francis Brian, Smead Brian, Mable Cross, Myrtle Fletcher, Porter Fletcher, Letha Gordy, Roy Gordy, Wyatt Haltom, Keith Hooper, Orion Jeffus, Verna Knight, Jewell Knight, Aubrey McKenzie, Ruth McKenzie, Gerald Patterson, John Patterson, Selma Ross, O. B. Shaw, Nettie Toney, Garland Walker, Therman Walker, Leslie Walker, Jesse Wallace and Norvis York. Lillian Purifoy was also a teacher, hired on July 26, 1920. The school directors in 1921 were A. L. Bradshaw, W. J. Walker, and M. M. McKenzie.