

A Step Back in Time

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The McClaran Family - L-R: John William, Aubrey, Nora Meaky, Florence, Marvin, Darrell



The Perrell Family - Back Row: Anita, John, Margaret, Rosco Jr., Bessie Lee, Mary Frances, George. Front Row: Pauline, Roscoe, Jane, Mary Sue, Shirley



The Maupin Family - Back Row: L to R: John D. Jr., James, Ollie B., Mary Ruth, Thomas, Freeland. Front Row: Dorothy, John D. Sr., Mable, Carlene, Marion Ann, Mildred.

IN DAYS GONE BY Riches

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They say that times were tough then
That money was very tight
But I remember my childhood
And I know that can't be right
Mom would cook our dinner
Dad came home at five
We were all sitting at the table
Waiting for him to arrive

We wouldn't eat from a microwave
Or a restaurant down the street
We all ate Mom's home cooking
And boy that can't be beat

We didn't eat in front of the TV
Or with a phone in our hand
We weren't plugged into a stereo
bopping to the latest band

We would all sit at the table
Everyone in their place
There were never any surprises
We recognized every face

Brothers to the left of me
Sisters to the right
That's the way we ate dinner
Every single night

We laughed we joked we talked we ate
We were a family don't you see
Though some may have been raised poor
You can see it wasn't me

We ate collards we ate biscuits
We ate fatback and blackeyed peas
We said yes sir we said no sir
We said thank you ma'am and please

So when you talk of family life
Or how it used to be
Though many had more money
None were as rich as me

These pictures are a few of the families that lived and raised their families in the Eagleville Community. Most of the individuals, included in these pictures, could have written the above poem. Some of the individuals, portrayed in these photographs, are now deceased, but still have descendents living in the Eagleville and surrounding areas. Others have made Eagleville their home their entire lives. These families are included in the "Eagleville History" published in 2006, and are still available for purchase.



Children of Tom & Gertrude Holton - Front Row L-R: May, Tommie, Julia. Back Row: Susie, Dillard, Fairy



The Stephenson Family - Front Row: Pauline, J. E., Jane, Mary Clair, Virginia. Standing in Back: George, Walter H.(Bub)



Children of Robert H. & Mae Shelton - Back Row: Joe, Jack, Billy, Robert. Front Row: Katie, Jane, Gloria, Don