

New Life

Springhill School is once again used for educational purposes such as school fieldtrips, storytelling, lectures and student recognition programs. The facility is managed by the Perry Area Historical Society. To request a tour, please call the Perry Museum at 478-224-4442. Learn more about the Perry Historical Society by visiting its website at www.perryhistoricalsociety.org. For more information and pictures of Springhill School, visit the Board of Education's website, www.hcbe.net/Springhill.

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Our *vision* is that our system will be world class.

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Springhill School



Historic One-room Schoolhouse

Est. 1905



History

Historic Springhill School opened in January, 1905 with Miss Marilu Wellons as teacher. *An Educational Survey of Houston County, Georgia*, published in 1915 by the Georgia Department of Education, stated that the one-room schoolhouse was built three miles north of Perry. It was originally valued at \$700, and the annual maintenance cost was \$400. In 1915, Miss Laura Talton was teaching six grades to 28 students. In later years partitions were added, making it a four-room schoolhouse. The school closed in 1925.



Living Quarters

After the school closed in 1925 the property was sold to H.G. Gordy and J.J. Rogers. Mr. Rogers was a former student. He converted the schoolhouse to living quarters, adding a front porch and bathroom. Mr. Rogers built a store beside the schoolhouse in 1926 or 1927. When he died in 1945, his widow sold the store and schoolhouse to her brother, Felix G. Daniel. Mr. Daniel kept the store open until his death in 1981. When the property was sold in 1983, the store was moved to the Houston County Fairgrounds, and the schoolhouse became Rehoboth Baptist Church.



Relocation

In September 2008, Perry High School teacher Ellie Loudermilk presented a proposal to the Board of Education to move Springhill School to the grounds of the central office. On July 29, 2009, Springhill School was relocated to the site of the legendary 1926 Perry Panther gym on Beckham Circle at the Board's central office. Perry Area Historical Society members, Board of Education personnel, and community sponsors worked diligently to make the relocation and subsequent renovation a great success, preserving the school as a Houston County landmark.