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MEMORIES OF ALPINE **As told by Pearl Foss to Blanche McCall**

The first school in Alpine was held right here in this house in what is now my brother Percy's bedroom. Miss Bealcamp was the first teacher, and there were only a few students. Later, school was held in a small building which was just a two by four without seats, just a plank, and the desks was the same.

My mother did not like our older brother Charlie to go to school alone because of all the dangers. Even a four year old could be of some help, so my brother Percy went with Charlie and had to walk two miles over and two miles back, making it a four mile walk. All day he sat on the plank, and was not allowed to run outdoors like children are nowadays.

Percy did not want to go to school, so he'd run out behind the rocks and then his Uncle would go after him and Percy would kick his heels and shins good and hard. But there was another reason he had to go, there had to be enough scholars to have a teacher.

After a while a school house was built further back on the Field place by a white oak tree which still stands. Mr. Rix has part of the place. (The site is on South Grade Road, on the south side near Romaine's.)

During the earliest school election we had, my brother remembers my father, uncle and a neighbor picking up some stones in case there would be trouble.

Miss Foss' parents arrived in Alpine in 1875, but that's another story.