

Did You Know? Beginning of Glen Carbon schools

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Did you know that when Glen Carbon was incorporated in 1892, there was already a brick schoolhouse for the children?



Even though the coal mining jobs that were the major source of employment were often uncertain, the residents had a strong dedication to educating their children, a theme that is consistent throughout Madison County's history. By 1913, a frame school had been added next to the brick school but overcrowding was a problem.

The Glen Carbon residents voted overwhelming to build a new school. The original brick school was torn down and a new brick school built in its place and opened in 1914. It is shown here next to the frame school building.

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