

she was called, nor when she was aware that help was needed. Her

family was left to fend for itself many times.

This couple gave 2 acres of land for all the school grounds and half of the original cemetery.

Both had a keen sense of humor. Her rebuttal to a great granddaughter's remarks about "wearing red at her age" was that she had worn red all her life and she aimed to wear red until the day she died. And, she did, too.

Mrs Coalson remarked to a neighbor that she should have waited until she was 20 to marry, instead of 16. Mr. Coalson overheard the remark and replied, "Humph! I wouldn't have had you then!".

During the Civil War, Mr. Coalson served with the Mississippi Volunteers. Mrs. Coalson was in bed with a new baby when two soldiers came in her home. It was the dead of a bad winter, and the men brought in wood for the fire. The children were asked to bring hot coffee and bread for the men who ate hungrily. After some thirty minutes, one soldier remarked, "You don't seem to be afraid of us". Dawning: they were UNION soldiers. But, she was a quick witted one and replied, "There are gentlemen in the North the same as there are in the South". None of her food nor stock were taken, but her gun barrel was hit against a tree trunk to render it useless.

One day, Mrs. Coalson looked out the "gun hole" and saw what