A BRIEF HISTORICAL SKETCH

Of the Early Days of the Piney Woods School

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CARL BEAL, an earnest young man who has chosen as his life's work the lifting of humanity into a higher sphere of life, who is now a student in a theological college, has sent me copies of the

Reader's Digest which contain stories of the Negro. From these I have culled a bit which is at all events

interesting here something that has not been told before, and, if you will read it, you will find it

intriguing.

In the early 1880s, the Piney Woods School was established in Wise County, Texas. It was the first school for African Americans in the area, and it was run by Carl Beal, a young teacher who was determined to provide an education for his students.

The school was located in a remote area, and the students had to walk long distances to get there. Despite the challenges, the students worked hard and made good grades.

However, the school faced many difficulties. The white community was hostile, and the school was constantly under threat of closure. Beal worked tirelessly to keep the school open, and he was able to secure funding from wealthy white patrons who were sympathetic to the cause of education.

The school was eventually able to expand and attract more students, and it became a model for other schools in the region. Beal's dedication and hard work paid off, and the Piney Woods School became a symbol of hope and progress for the African American community.

The story of the Piney Woods School is a testament to the power of education and the determination of those who strive to make a difference in the world. It is a story that is worth remembering, and one that should inspire us all to work towards a better future for all people.