

History of

T. Carl Buice School

John Henry Sudderth, the great grandfather of Mr. Glad Sudderth, deeded the one-acre of land on which the old school presently sits, to the School Board for \$5, on January 24, 1884. At that time, the school was called the Sugar Hill Academy. That was a wooden structure, which later burned. The present school building has had many uses and has been added onto several times. The older part of this building was built in 1957 with 13 classrooms, a cafeteria, and offices. Additions were made in 1962, 1966, 1977, 1978, and 1990.

From the late 1950s until 1995, the facility housed students of Sugar Hill Elementary. On the school's 100th anniversary in 1994, a celebration was held, and many of the community who attended school here, came to share their memories of Sugar Hill.

In 1995, a new facility was built for the overcrowded Sugar Hill Elementary. The new facility was located at 939 Level Creek Road, less than a mile away from the original Sugar Hill facility. Sugar Hill Elementary was the name of the new facility and the older facility was transformed into the T. Carl Buice School, providing service to special needs preschool students.

The facility was named for Thompson Carl Buice, a native of Forsyth County, Georgia, who was an educator in Gwinnett County Schools for 40 years. He served as principal of Sugar Hill Elementary and High School, the high school later being consolidated into North Gwinnett High School; was principal of Centerville

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Address: 1160 Level Creek Rd.
Sugar Hill, GA 30518

The following have been principals of Buice School:

1995–2000	Carol McGregor
2000–03	Dorothy Edwards
2003–04	Barbara Martin
2004–05	Joy Young
2005–07	Jill Urich
2007–Present	Kim Holland

Junior High School; and ended his career teaching at Central Gwinnett High School. Mr. Buice was, in large measure, responsible for Sugar Hill High receiving accreditation by establishing a gymnasium, canning plant, home economics, business education, music, athletics, agriculture programs, and a hot lunch program. For many years, he served as both principal and basketball coach at Sugar Hill. He also considered it his responsibility to make sure the coal-fired stoves were going when students arrived on cold mornings at their classrooms.

He graduated from Oglethorpe University, studied at Emory University, and received a master's degree from the University of Georgia. Mr. Buice was co-sponsor and first president of the Retired Teachers Association of Gwinnett County. In 1985, he was given the Public Service Award



by the Gwinnett County Chamber of Commerce. During the 1920's and 1930's, Mr. Buice was a member of the Buice Brothers and Piedmont College Quartets. They recorded for Brunswick, Columbia, and Blue Bird recording companies.

During his lifetime of service in Gwinnett County, Mr. Buice lived in Sugar Hill, and was a dedicated and active servant of this community and his church. He was married to the former Velma Light. They have two sons, Randall Avon Buice, who now resides in Perry, Georgia and Carl Sherrill Buice, who now resides in Macon, Georgia. Upon the death of Velma Light Buice, he was married to Martha Mercier Buice. Both Velma Light Buice and Martha Mercier Buice retired as teachers after lifetimes of service in the Gwinnett County school system.