



This was the Forbing Library (a branch of the Shreve Memorial Library). I was told that the log building was an original settler's cabin. This branch was closed in the early 1970's, I do not know what became of the building that once nestled against the old growth forest on Flournoy-Lucas Rd, just west of the crossroads at Ellerbe Rd. And I cannot find any photos except one blurry, faded facebook post. But I remember going there regularly. Ms. Helen Forbing was the librarian, and she knew everyone's reading tastes—and always had a stack of books already picked out for all the regulars. Whether dropping in on the way back home from a hot summer day at the pool in town, or huddling around the gas space heater, we were always sure to feel welcome. Getting to read a book on the porch was a special treat, reserved for when the grownups wanted to visit inside. And we made a weekly field trip from my nearby school, where I can remember my teacher reading aloud to us as she introduced us to wonderful children's literature. I can still picture the huge, ancient dictionary, positioned on a magnificent tall oval table with wood spindles all around. I loved browsing and adding a couple of extras to my book stack, and enjoyed every trip. This library was not a big, brightly lit, silent place. It was like a second home to all of us who lived in rural south Caddo Parish.