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The community at Akers grew up along the Current River at the crossing of the Salem road. A dozen to fifteen extended families lived in the area by the 1850s. Following the Civil War, Akers grew to include a post office, a general store, a grist mill, and a one-room log school. During the 1920s an automobile ferry began operating at Akers. This ferry, one of the last of its kind in the state, was still in operation in the 1990s. In 1970 the town site and much of the community became part of the Ozark National Scenic Riverways, operated by the U.S. National Park Service. The Park Service has since developed a major campground and recreational site at Akers.

The first school at Akers was a log building. It was replaced in 1898 by a new structure when the Cedar Hill School District No. 1 was created. However, the school has always been known as “Akers School.”

The records of Akers School consist of volumes maintained by its various teachers and district clerks. The teachers’ records include records of attendance, classification, and standing, reports to district and county officials, and lists of visitors to the school. Especially interesting are comments left for succeeding teachers, which include observations on various students and on other matters of concern. The records of the district clerks include minutes of annual, special, and directors’ meetings, annual enumeration of children, records of warrants issued, and reports to the county superintendent.

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