

Parley DeBerry, twice superintendent of the school, was born April 19, 1854, in Preston County; he died at his home in Terra Alta, February 14, 1941 at the age of eighty-seven.

At the age of sixteen, he began his school-teaching career in public schools of his native county and was Principal for several years of the Terra Alta schools- Aside from teaching, DeBerry early became interested in and acquired holdings in oil, coal, timber, and gas lands.

He first served as Superintendent of the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind from January 1914 to June 19, 1917; he was removed by John. J. Cornwell for political reasons. In July 1923, DeBerry returned to the schools as Superintendent, and his tenure this time covered a period of ten years. He was replaced by A.E. Krause in July 1933.

Mr. DeBerry was a member of the Romney Presbyterian Church. He married to Anna Connell on June 1, 1887. They have four daughters: Helen Corrine, Anna Holmes, and Virginia. He is buried at the Indian Mound Cemetery, Romney, February 14, 1941 at age of eighty-six.