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Conklin Colored School

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**Introduction:**

This volume of the Conklin Village Series is intended to provide as good a sense as possible of the educational experience offered students at the Conklin Colored school, as well as honor the educators who taught those students or who supervised them. When known, I’ve listed the courses offered and who took them. Some students took more courses in a given year than others. There are also references to physical exams.

For an understanding of each Academic Year at Conklin, go to the Chapter marked Term and Other Reports. Instructor Bios provides background information on each instructor, as available. Lists of Students lists each student who went to Conklin or who were taught by Christine Allen or Mary Dean Johnson at other schools. In addition, biographical and genealogical information is provided on each student.

For those of us who believe in public schools and resisting attempts to undermine them, consider a note dated March 24, 1898. “A public school system - generously supported by public sentiment and generously maintained by both state and local taxation is the only effective means of promoting good citizenship and is therefore the street anchor of our civil and political liberties.” This comes from a meeting of teachers in Sycolin, Loudoun County (Harper, 1898).

**Anomalies:**

There is a disparity between ages and grades that comes up from time to time. One student we looked at had only received a single year of schooling before the age of 10 and at that point was only in the 1st grade. Others were in a reasonable range, like Shirley Crabbe who, at age 13, was in the 7th grade in 1950, with 6 years of prior schooling. There isn’t enough data to determine the reason for anomalies in Conklin. Perhaps this is a function of having mixed grades and ages in a one room school house. We do know that in many years the official state plan wasn’t followed, again perhaps a result of the one room experience. Perhaps we are also seeing a result of the agricultural life style of Loudoun in its early years, meaning some kids might have only attended half a year, thus making grade advancement slower. Certainly racial prejudice can’t be ignored such as the disparity in resources provided African-American vs white

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1 Keep in mind that achievement grades for students were redacted in wide felt pen from my copies of Term Reports and the felt pens used for that purpose may have indicated students as taking classes when they didn’t.
students. We see hints in the record, such as with James Henry Johnson, who in 1951 was 10 years old, in the 2nd grade with 1.5 years of prior schooling (Beal, Teacher's Term Report for 1951/1952, 1952). Of course, he could simply have missed half a year due to health. Another reason which needs to be explored was that in certain years, schooling at Conklin and Rock Hill (1942/43, 1943/44) were combined. Perhaps some kids could only go to one building and not the other, thus stretching the time it took to acquire grade promotion.

Some instructors had little schooling such as Curtis Ewing, who may not have gone beyond high school and when he started at Conklin in 1923 only had one year of experience. Others had university degrees and significant experience. Some, like Mrs. Carrie L. Spriggs in 1930, only had a public school degree (probably high school), yet came to Conklin with 12 years of experience and attended summer school at universities. I don’t think it would be fair to blame anyone, least of all the students, for the anomalies. I’d like to say this study has inspired me to consider doing an in depth look at the “colored” schools, developing a comprehensive list of “colored” teachers and the students, school by school. That will be a major study, should I take it on; but I think it will be worthwhile doing.

Conklin very likely began operations shortly after the original deed in 1873. In fact, the school might already have been operating. Unfortunately, records for 19th century schooling at Conklin are nearly non-existent in Loudoun, though we may one day discover some files in private hands. Thanks to the Library of Virginia, I was able to gain a List of Instructors going back to 1892, but their records go no farther. That’s disappointing since the children who attended Conklin at its start or Freedman’s Bureau School, or even between the war and Conklin might have been born into slavery or were first generation born-free. It will be important to research that aspect further for another edition to the Conklin study, to see if their records indeed exist somewhere.

1. Basic Story of the Conklin Colored School

See also SW Section of Conklin Village in Volume One of the Conklin Village series.
The Conklin Colored School was in the SW quadrant of the Conklin village, using Elk Lick as the N/S axis and Braddock as the W/E axis. It was by law segregated, and like virtually all of the public schools set up in the 1870’s, it was also a one story, “detached, frame building with metal roof, on stone foundation, containing only one room. Construction was in 1871 as a one room, framed school house for the cost of $350 picture (Survey Committee, 1940, Jan, p. 25). This building was heated by a stove, the flue of which was of standard construction and for most its service life didn’t fly an American flag. Ventilation came by opening the window. It was also approximately 18’x28’ and in 1940 at least was considered to be in good condition, according to an insurance appraisal, though there had been complaints by teachers in earlier years. Estimated 100% insurable value was $500 in 1940, when the picture above was taken as part of an inspection and survey report done by the Garrett Insurance Agency, Inc. and the Fireman’s Fund Insurance Company. Unfortunately, Fireman’s has not retained their inspection notes, as that might have revealed the function of the rear structure?
According to LeRoy Allen’s notebook, Charles W. Dean played a role in building the school’s porch. It didn’t appear in the 1940 photo, so must have disappeared prior to that (see Volume II, Chapter 4.14)

According to Nellie Dean, who attended from 1928-1930, and Jimmy Dean who attended 1936-1950, there were outhouses for girls on the left and for boys on the right. There was also, according to Nellie, a step up for kids to enter the building. In her day, children walked to school and brought their meals (Dean N., Life in Conklin, 2014)\(^2\), which contrasts sharply with Arcola (which began in 1939). Their students were bused and while they did carry their own lunches, in the winter, hot meals were provided (Church, et al., 2014)\(^3\). That said, children at McGraw’s Ridge (precursor to Arcola for white children) sometimes walked and in one went by horseback (Pangle, 2014). The back end of the Conklin School was storage for wood to feed the stove (Dean J. C., 2014). I also wanted to know if the school had a bell; but according to both Jimmy and Esther Dean, the only bell was a hand clapper used by the teacher (Dean E., 2013). That clapper has disappeared.

There are two stories about the school’s origins. One is that it was the original Prosperity Baptist Church; but that’s not so. The story probably is based on the fact that after the Church burned down at its original location in 1951, before being rebuilt next to Elk Lick (now First Frost), the school was used for religious services. Esther Dean’s husband used to light the furnace before services to make sure everyone was dry and warm. The other story, reported in Loudoun Times Mirror, September 23, 1976, is that it was the village of Conklin’s first public structure, built in 1872 and described in its 1871 deed from Horace Adee, who sold the parcel for one dollar to the school district of Broad Run “forever as a situation for a school house for colored children.” According to LCPS records, the construction date was actually 1871 at a cost of $350, about $7,000 in 2016 currency. (Survey Committee, 1940, Jan, p. 25).

Known after 1890 as the Conklin school, the frame one-roomer on stone foundation” was still standing in 1976 on a lane off Fairview Church Road, looking as it did a century ago, the oldest schoolhouse in Eastern Loudoun (Scheel E. M., 1976).” That lane is now

\(^2\) At the Arcola one room school during the days when Oscar Emerick was Superintendent, children often carried their lunches to school in Karo syrup pails.

\(^3\) Hot meals was a topic of discussion in Loudoun at least as far back as October 11/12, 1917 during the annual white teacher’s institute.
Ticonderoga. My guess about the name is that the Post Office came into existence in 1890 in a building owned by Mr. Conklin, who took over the operations in 1892. One wonders what it was called in prior years.

By 1943, Conklin’s operations were combined with Rock Hill, meaning that classes were held in both locations on a part-time basis; instruction also appears to have ended by the 1952/53 academic year when the building changed hands, probably ending up as part of Peter Knopp’s Ticonderoga Farm (see 1952/53 Academic Year for Conklin); however the Enrollment Card for Conklin said it was closed and hauled to Fairfax County to become Floris Colored School. That story has yet to be confirmed.

Despite documents referencing the structure’s Loudoun location, due to road changes over time, it was actually quite a struggle to determine the exact physical location. The Haas family on Ticonderoga informed me in November, 2013 that the school was converted into a home, then it burned down 15-20 years prior, a story confirmed by Esther Dean. A trailer is now sitting on the site. On a visit to Ticonderoga Farms in November, 2013, with a plat of the school property in hand, I was informed that the building had been located on the NW side of what is known as “dangerous curve” on Ticonderoga Road. Just past the curve, running west is the Ticonderoga green house, on the N side. In between, there is nothing. However, further research has determined that the school was actually across the road. Driving south from Braddock, instead of turning west at “Difficult Corner,” move straight south into a drive way. That proceeds to a circle, a trailer and shed. The unfinished county road appears on the west side. **Research Point:** Given the historical significance of the Conklin School, this would also be a good location for a Conklin Historical Marker, a large metal sheet sign with the insurance photo on it and a description of the school, as well as a description of the difficulties children had in gaining an education. The plan is to coordinate this with the Black History Committee, Prosperity Baptist Church, Ticonderoga and DMV. This might be considered the southern edge of Conklin, though such a determination requires more research. Another southern boundary would be the south end of Hampton Brewer’s farm (see volume one).

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4 Fairview Church Rd is found on Eugene Scheel's "Loudoun County, Commonwealth of Virginia" map drawn in 1972 for the Loudoun Association of Realtors, Inc. Multiple Listing Service Committee. This is one of the maps showcased in the Margaret Mercer Room of the Library. On the map, Fairview Church Rd is listed as Route 613 which is now Ticonderoga Rd but it is also on Gum Spring.
Figure 2  “Difficult Corner,” looking West, November 2013. Go right (N) to Braddock. Traveling left (W) goes to Gum Spring Road.

Figure 3  Difficult Corner Looking N along Ticonderoga towards Braddock.
Figure 4 Driveway to Compound Rear of car points to Braddock. 12/1/2013
On the old site is a trailer and shack surrounded by dog houses and cars.
1.2 Rock Hill Colored School

Rock Hill, which was in the Mercer District, shared schooling with Conklin in 1942/43 and 1943/44 academic years, was a one story, detached, frame building with composition roof, on concrete foundation, containing one room. By 1940, this building was lit by electricity and heated by a stove, the metal flue passed through a wall, thereby making the flue non-standard. The building was approximately 32 ½' x 42' and in good condition in 1940, with an estimated insurable value of $500. The picture above was taken around 1940 as part of an inspection and survey report done by the Garrett Insurance Agency, Inc. and the Fireman’s Fund Insurance Company. I contacted Fireman’s in 2013 to see if they had any archival information; but none was available (Westermann, 2013). For the split years, it is unclear which months schooling was at Conklin and which at Rock Hill, nor if students were expected to attend both schools. There is a hint in the Term Report for 1942/43 as to which of the students in the combined body were Rock Hill, vs Conklin; we just don’t know if only one structure was used or both. According to the Enrollment Card for Conklin for 1942/43, the school had 11 students. The Term Report for 1942/43 by Nannie Cole listed 23 students; but all except 11 had a RH pencil mark next to their name. The 11 were marked with a strike “-“. See further discussion in the section on the 1942/43 Academic Year.
1.2.1 Enrollment Card by Year for the Rockhill Colored School

In addition to analysis of each academic year, it is worth noting that clerks in the Loudoun County School system also maintained a set of handwritten “Enrollment Cards” for each school.

For Rockhill, the grades taught were 1-7 and the race of students was “colored.”
## Session | No. Teachers | Enrollment | Ave. Attendance | Term
---|---|---|---|---
1917-18 | 1 | 48 | 21 | 120
1918-19 | 1 | 59 | 30 | 120
1919-20 | 1 | 56 | 34 | 108
1920-21 | 1 | 56 | 36 | 140
1921-22 | 1 | 61 | 42 | 140
1922-23 | 1 | 64 | 43 | 140
1923-24 | 1 | 55 | 35 | 140
1924-25 | No School | | | |
1925-26 | 1 | 50 | 37 | 140
1926-27 | 1 | 48 | 30 | 140
1928-29 | 1 | 57 | 43 | 112
1929-30 | 1 | 49 (est) | 38 (est) | 160
1930-31 | 1 | 34 | 19 | 160
1931-32 | 1 | 38 | 20 | 160
1932-33 | 1 | 37 | 29 | 160
1933-34 | 1 | 36 | 28 | 160
1934-35 | 1 | 40 | 34 | 160
1935-36 | 1 | 35 | 24 | 141
1936-37 | 1 | 40 | 28 | 160
1937-38 | 1 | 39 | 34 | 160
1938-39 | 1 | 45 | 44 | 180
1939-40 | 1 | 47 | 44 | 180
1940-41 | 1 | 27 | 24 | 180
1941-42 | 1 | 20 | 11 | 180
1942-43 | 1 | 13 | 10 | 90
1943-44 | 1 | 17 | 6 | 90
1944-45 | 1 | 14 | 10 | 180
1945-46 | Closed, hauled to Middleburg | | | |

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5 It is useful to note that as of 1937, the terms of “colored” schools was always, and unfortunately, shorter than that of white schools. See Dorsey, Ford, "History of education in Loudoun County" (1937). *Honors Theses, University of Richmond.* Paper 329.
4. What did people learn at Conklin?

I was struck by an observation made by noted local historian Eugene Scheel about former long-time Loudoun County School Superintendent Oscar Emerick. “At schools for whites he sits in the back of the room and observes. At schools for African-Americans, he asks the teacher to lead the class in spirituals.” It is always dangerous to engage in presentism when reviewing historical figures; but the observation does give one pause. What is true is that the public schools didn’t rate as well as private ones, and schools for African-Americans were considered the worst, excepting that the African-American population, though generally poorer than the white, invested in their schools in order to give their children a fighting chance in the post-Civil War future. In a report having input by Emerick, it was said in 1937, “These schools were in fact attended only by those who could not afford to make better provisions for their children. Much to the regret of the school trustees the limited funds prevented the employment of competent and experienced teachers. Teacher qualification had to be fixed very low, on account of the poor salaries (Dorsey, 1937).”

We know that the Superintendent of Public Instruction (at last in the early days) advocated for different books for African-Americana than whites. Oral tradition indicated that many were hand-me-downs; though in Jimmy Dean’s experience (1936-50), the books were new (Dean J. C., 2014), so perhaps there wasn’t always a difference. However, while not certain which actual books were used at Conklin throughout its life span, I have found hints.


One hint at what Conklin pupils studied may be a text book called Newcomb’s Infant School Book, which I found in the Prosperity Baptist Church archives. It dates from the 19th century, and we think it was may have been used at the Conklin Colored School because it bears the autograph of one of the school’s instructors, Robert A. Jones, who served Conklin in the 1893/94, 1894/95 academic years. However, in 1893, in addition to serving as an instructor at Conklin, he was Chairman and Secretary of a business meeting of the Church, so it is possible this book was used for church instruction, not school work. See Volume II (II 2.1) and II 2.4 “Charles Dean Letter of Nov 15, 1893.”

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6 Evaluating past events and people by present-day values.
4.2 The 1898 Book List:

One hint was an actual list of books approved by the School Board of Loudoun on August 29, 1898, which was supposed to stand for four years, probably 1903 or 04. It is possible that some or all of these were used at Conklin, at least for grammar school instruction. The main purpose of the meeting, which was held in Leesburg, was to select a list of textbooks for the public schools “for the next term of four years,” first by examining books on the list adopted by the State Board and then to recommend “which of these were to be preferred” by Loudoun’s Board, and such others as were permitted by law. The process also involved interviewing representatives of publishing houses: Ginn and Company, American Book Company, University Publishing Company and B.F. Johnson of Richmond (Mirror Staff, 1898).


The Mirror staff also made some recommendations.


4.3 The 1913-14 Book List

Another hint was a handwritten copy of the school system’s “Catalog of Work” for 1913-14 (LCPS, 1914, pp. 203-205) in the archives of the Loudoun County school HQ. This was in a ledger called the “Record Book,” which was a collection of many disconnected, but useful items.
For those wishing to compare the education of students in 1913-14 with 2013/2014, many of the books mentioned in this list of books used in Loudoun are available for free on-line through Google and other products or for sale through Amazon. I don’t know if the Children of Conklin had access to these books; but offer the list for interest, as it was found in the records of the school archives in handwriting. Many are in PDF format in the electronic archive associated with this series.

- **Course: Mathematics I.** Work consisted in review of arithmetic for about 2 months and then algebra was taken up and covered to page 140. Simultaneous equations. **Texts were:** John M. Colaw and J.K. Ellwood’s Arithmetic and Webster Wells’ *Essentials of Algebra* in 1900, Colaw and Ellwood was a two volume work (276 pages 442 pages) which sold for 35 and 60 cents (PW Staff, 1905).

- **Course: Mathematics II.** Fractions and factoring were reviewed and subject completed. **Text was:** G.A. Wentworth’s *New School Algebra*.

- **Course: Mathematics III.** Algebra was reviewed and completed and plane geometry completed. **Texts were:** Wentworth’s *New School Algebra* and Well’s *Essentials of Plane and Solid Geometry*.

- **Course: Mathematics IV.** Solid geometry was completed and trigonometry studied for half a session. Through drills was given in use of logarithms. **Texts were:** Well’s *Essentials of Plane and Solid Geometry*, and Wentworth’s *Trigonometry*.

- **Course: Physical Geography.** Subject matter of text covered in half a session. **Text was:** Tarr’s *New Physical Geography*.

- **Course: Agriculture.** Subject matter of text covered in half a session. **Text was:** Duggin’s *Agriculture*.

- **Course: Botany.** Subject matter of text covered in half a session. **Text was:** Bailey’s *Botany for Beginners*.

- **Course: Zoology.** Subject matter of text covered in half a session. **Text was:** Colton’s *Zoology*.

- **Course: Physics.** Subject matter of text covered during session. **Text:** Millikan and Gale.

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7 The electronic archives holds scan copies of most photographs and charts, as well as many newspaper articles, letters and other objects. We have also included PDF version of publically available books potentially used by the students of Conklin.
8 Wells was a Professor of mathematics at MIT.
9 Can be read for free on the internet at https://openlibrary.org/books/OL24129255M/The_essentials_of_algebra_for_secondary_schools
• **Course: Chemistry:** Subject matter of text covered in entire session. **Text was:** Hessler and Smith

• **Course: US History:** Subject matter of text is covered in half a session. **Text was:** White.

• **Course: Civics:** Subject matter of text covered in half a session. **Text was:** Foreman.

• **Course: English I.** Grammar thoroughly studied, text book completed: frequent compositions required, spelling taught and following classics studied: (not listed in ledger).

### 4.4 The 1927 Christine Allen Note Books

In addition, I was lucky to find one of study books from Christine Allen’s days at Armstrong Technical High School in Washington, DC. The book dates from 1927 and mostly covers chemistry; but also history and African-American literature. Since she taught at Conklin, I assume she used her lessons to leach her children as well. These note books are covered in detail in Volume Three.

### 4.5 The Teacher Term Reports

The Teacher Term Reports from the Loudoun County Public school system were also quite useful, though after the 1937/38 academic year, there wasn’t any mention of topics, only perhaps medical examinations and data on number of prior years of education and whether the child was transported by the public. Prior to the 1937/38, the reports reported on courses taken, e.g. history, spelling, writing, geography, the arts, etc. In the section on Academic Years for Conklin, I’ve noted what courses were offered at Conklin and who took them. In some cases, a course was also on the standard form; but not offered to anyone. Between 1928 and 1938, the Terms Reports also noted whether or not the State course of study was followed, which it wasn’t in all cases. While they didn’t mention the actual texts, we at least still know the topics covered.
5. Term and Other Reports for Conklin Colored School

Figure 8 Samples of Original Documents Researched

5.1 Segregation vs Integration

5.1.1 Race of Instructors at Conklin and McGraw’s Ridge

The race of instructors at McGraw’s Ridge was totally white of course, given the nature of segregation but both white and African-American instructors taught at Conklin, itself a form of racism, as it implied only white instructors were capable of instructing in both venues.. There is no data for the years 1870-1892. Here is a list of instructors at Conklin.

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5.2 The Single Room School House Experience

Conklin was a one-room school house, so it’s useful to know that from the start of the public school system in Loudoun County in 1870 through 1935, “practically all of the public schools for elementary children were one-room schools (di Zerega, 1948).” A consolidation of these schools began in 1911 in Hillsboro, but large scale consolidation didn’t begin until 1928.

5.3 The Start of the Modern Public School System

On February 21, 1818, the Virginia legislature passed a school bill which appropriated $45,000 annually from the Literary Fund\(^\text{10}\) for the education of poor children. Under its provisions, each county court was required to appoint five to fifteen commissioners to establish and/or administer schools for children of the poor. A more comprehensive public school system was then established by the legislature in 1870 which was racially segregated until the mid-twentieth century. The Reconstruction Act of 1867 required Virginia to form a fresh constitution, which was then adopted April 17, 1868. The General Assembly was also given the authority to establish at its next meeting a State Superintendent of Public Instruction, who was charged with forming a plan for a uniform system of public school within thirty days of taking office. Loudoun residents, and probably others in other counties, were very worried that the schools would be integrated; but that didn’t happen, for many reasons, racism on the one hand and according to some local experts (Saffer, Discussion of Loudoun Schools, 2014) at times with the blessing of the African-American community, which wished to have its students taught by African-American teachers. That created new avenues of employment for African-Americans and was thought by some to also

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\(^{10}\) The Literary Fund was established in 1810 with passage of a bill to appropriate "certain escheats, confiscated, and forfeited lands" for the "encouragement of learning." This therefore established a basis for supporting free public schools. Control of the fund was assigned to a corporate body consisting of the governor, lieutenant governor, treasurer, president of the court of appeals, and their successors.
foster a fairer system of schooling; though clearly in the twentieth century, the separate but equal system held African-Americans back, often due to the disparity in tax support. Schools were supported by a Literary Fund, capitation tax and property tax of ten cents on each one hundred dollars; and local jurisdictions could levy optional taxes on real estate and personal property to supplement the State funds. White schools tended to receive more because whites gave more in taxes, though the African-American community can also be proud that despite modest resources, their families often gave disproportionately to school building construction, equipment and expanded hours.

The argument being made by the local historian was an interesting one worth exploring, so I looked for an African-American advocate of education who spoke on race to “colored” teachers in the early days of the Virginia public school system. Were the same points being articulated? What I discovered was DW Davis of Richmond, Va. who in the very early parts of the 20th century, spoke directly to “colored” teachers at annual conferences on the question of race in education and the nobility of their work. He also published a book on the subject in 1908 with Giles B. Jackson called the Industrial History of the Negro Race in the United States.
Daniel Webster Davis\textsuperscript{11} had spent thirty years as an African-American public school teacher and was an author. Giles B. Jackson was an attorney and promoter of the Jamestown Negro Exhibit at the 1907 Jamestown Exhibition, a World’s Fair\textsuperscript{12}. Like the Negro Building at the Exhibition, Davis and Jackson in their book advanced the idea that African Americans should tell their own story, not leave it to whites. Both understood the importance of education, noting that its absence was necessary to advance slavery as an institution (Davis & Jackson, 1908). In their opinion “The end of education is to prepare men for usefulness in life.” Cast in the light of practicality, following reconstruction, the type of education the two gentlemen advocated was ethics and industrial trades. Like Ruffner, Virginia’s first Superintendent of Public Instruction in 1870, both also understood that investments in human capital are required for economic development. Davis and Jackson saw African-Americans as having a specific advantage over whites, in that they were willing and able to do skilled, non-agricultural manual labor, which whites in Virginia, as a culture, looked down upon. What African-Americans needed therefore as an initial priority, especially given the high rates of illiteracy after the Civil War, was basic elementary education. “We must remember, since the race expects to do the majority of the work of the land, that the mass of people in the meanwhile must make preparation to do that work most effectively. As unwelcome as it may sound, the world wants more cooks, house-

\textsuperscript{11} Born a slave in Caroline County, Davis was a teacher, minister, historian, and poet. He moved to Richmond after the Civil War and began teaching in 1880. Due to his influence in African-American education, three schools bear his name. (He taught in Virginia, West Virginia, and the Carolinas. Davis published two collections of poetry, \textit{Idle Moments} (1895) and \textit{'Weh Down Souf} (1897).

\textsuperscript{12} Jackson was associated with a controversial feature which was heavily highlighted in the book, which was the "Negro Building", intended to showed the progress of African Americans. Some criticized it with being a Jim Crow Affairs and WEB Du Bois write “that..the Negroes are to be separate in practically all things and are to be treated as a separate caste and to that I am opposed. If the separation were voluntary on the part of the colored people that would be a different thing but for them to accept Jim–Crowism and then work to make the Exposition a success is a thing in which I do not believe.” Dr. Booker T. Washington also attended but was banned from its restaurants on account of race. Other African-Americans saw the building as an achievement. Apparently many middle-class Southern African Americans shared his opinion, since the building was elegant and designed and built by African-Americans. It should be noted that while the Jamestown Exposition was a financial failure, the Negro Hall was praised, was the only exhibit visited by President Roosevelt and turned a profit.
maids, waiters, barbers, mechanics, engineers, machinists, laborers, hod-carriers\textsuperscript{13}, than lawyers, doctors, preachers, teachers, artists, and poets (Davis & Jackson, 1908, p. 79).”

Not all prominent African-Americans agreed. Consider W. E. B. Du Bois, the first black recipient of a history degree from Harvard University. Du Bois demanded a curriculum of liberation not subordination, which is how he described the Hampton/Tuskegee approach. He was reacting against "accommodation," not just in the field of education, but throughout society, which had become more thoroughly segregated as a result of \textit{Plessy v. Ferguson}, the 1896 U.S. Supreme Court decision that sanctioned the principle of "separate but equal" facilities for black and whites. The system he was attacking was intended by many to be practical; but it is also worth noting that African-Americans in Loudoun could go no farther than the 7\textsuperscript{th} grade until Jennie Dean’s Manassas Industrial School was established in 1894 in near-by Prince William County. Still, that doesn’t mean that either Jackson or Davis was opposed to higher education. They were very proud of African-American accomplishments and African-American colleges; but at the end of slavery, as they pointed out, most freed slaves were illiterate. You can’t go to college if you can’t read. In 1870 when Virginia established the public school system, illiteracy for African-Americans was 83.5%; but forty years later at the time the book was published, the segregated schools had dropped that rate for males to 43.7%, still high, but a significant achievement. In the same period, illiteracy amongst white males was reduced to 16%. It should be noted however that African-Americans born in the South between 1880 and 1910 generally completed 3 fewer years of schooling than their white counterparts. While both groups made absolute gains, African-Americans experienced no relative progress over this 30-year period (Aaronson & Mazumder, Vol. 119, No. 5, October 2011).

The authors also pointed out with justifiable pride that African-American parents, though often very poor relative to whites, were determined to elevate their children and therefore invested their own money in more buildings and expanded hours of instruction (Davis & Jackson, 1908, p. 363), important since whites were less willing to invest in educating African-Americans. This argument about accommodating segregation, when coming from a white educator of those times could come across as paternalistic, as it does at times with Ruffner; but when an African-American public school teacher of those times supports the process, it sounds logical and comes across as an authentic voice serving African-Americans. However, Ruffner’s goals, even though he admits both whites and African-Americans are intellectually not different,

\textsuperscript{13} A laborer who carried mud and other supplies to bricklayers, stonemasons, cement finishers, or plasterers.
appear to have more to do with using education as a strategic tool to foster an ethical, peaceful and economically stable society, than as a tool of human rights. While Ruffner’s strategic goal is laudable on its own, Davis and Jackson come across as using education as a tactic to right an inherent wrong, as well as being practical.

The job for building the new public school system fell to Rev William H. Ruffner, former President of Washington College (1836-1848). A deeply religious man, Ruffner, with support of Robert E. Lee, was elected the first Virginia Superintendent of Public Instruction in 1869. The plan he organized, similar to one proposed by his father Henry Ruffner, was adopted by the Assembly, then signed by the Governor on July 11, 1870, and quickly became a model for southern school laws, especially in its insistence that white and “colored persons” receive a separate education (Coffey, 1972).” See paragraph 47. “The public free schools shall be free to all persons between the ages of five and twenty-one years, residing within the school district; and in special cases to be regulated by the board of education, those residing in other districts may be admitted; provided that white and colored persons shall not be taught in the same schools; but in separate schools.” A further requirement prohibited attendance by children whose (if not paupers) parents had not paid the capitation tax in aid of free school (Di Zerega, 1948). Day-to-day operation of the schools was to be supervised by county superintendents and school district trustees who were to be appointed by and remain under the overall direction of the State Board of Education headed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction (Coffey, 1972).

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14 An antislavery advocate and Unionist before the Civil War, Ruffner adhered to the Southern cause after Abraham Lincoln called for troops in response to the firing upon Fort Sumter. After the Civil War, Ruffner became an advocate of public education and was elected the first superintendent for public instruction 2 March 1870. He served until 1882, when turned out of office by the Readjuster party. Ruffner served as a trustee of Washington College and Washington and Lee University from 1865 to 1876. After leaving the superintendent post, Ruffner served as president of the Normal School in Farmville, Virginia, from 1884 to 1887. He then became a surveyor and geologist for the next several years. Ruffner wrote on education and theology. He married Harriet Ann Gray 3 September 1850 and they had four children. Ruffner died in Asheville, North Carolina, 24 November 1908. (source: Library of Virginia).

15 For those with access to the Library of Virginia in Richmond or who wish to obtain the report through interlibrary loan, see House Document 35:” Proposed plan for the organization and support of common schools in Virginia: prepared and presented to the legislature, at the request of a school convention held in Lexington... By Henry Ruffner, president of Washington college [13 pages].” House Document 35 is appended to the Journal of the House Delegates of Virginia. Session 1841-42. The journal and documents are on Film 331 (Records of the States...) Reel 21. The microfilm can be found and used in the second floor West Reading Room.

16 Head or poll tax.
With regard to Loudoun, 46 schools were opened for white children and nine for African-Americans in the first year, 1870-1871. Conklin emerged in either 1870 or 1871. In 1870 there were 6,644 children in Loudoun’s public schools between the ages of five and twenty-one, of which 5,813 were white and 1,831 were African-American. It should be noted that in 1872, according to Loudoun’s first Superintendent, Wildman, the county was strongly opposed to the public school system. Wealthy parents felt they had paid enough sending their kids to private schools, and also didn’t relish helping the African-American community, nor poor whites, at the expense of wealthy landowners, which they considered the true purpose of the program. For one thing, the wealthy didn’t think educating African-Americans and poor whites would have serious benefits to society. Therefore, very few patronized the system at the start. That created an immodest treasury insufficient to the task. However, by 1874, probably thanks to intensive lobbying of the public by Ruffner, Loudoun Superintendent Wildman reported stronger support and an increased willingness to support buildings and employ teachers by applying private funds in extending the sessions on the expiration of the public school terms. That’s a tactic African-Americans certainly employed. Wildman also complained that the enforcement of the upcoming Civil Rights Act of 1875, or Enforcement Act or Force Act was causing promised assistance to be withdrawn. What Wildman and others disliked about the last civil rights federal law of the Reconstruction Era, was that it was designed to guarantee African-Americans equal treatment in public accommodations and public transportation. It also prohibited exclusion from jury service. Unfortunately, the Supreme Court declared the act unconstitutional in 1883. Of course, I am complaining from a 21st Century perspective. One thing we can give credit to Wildman for, which is very important, is that he began a system of teacher’s institutes in Leesburg in 1872 to allow an exchange of ideas by instructors. He also standardized the textbooks, began to keep records of school board meetings and elevated standards for instructors (Dorsey, 1937). The system also acted as a proto-school board in many ways.

From a 19th perspective, “the Civil Rights Bill presented Ruffner with a genuine crisis with the voting public. It is clear that while some of Ruffner’s papers indicate a paternalistic attitude towards African-Americans, he still believed they deserved an education, the lack of which would hold them back as well as economic prosperity for the state, a point he also made for poor whites (Richmond Times Staff, 1901). However, if the legislation had been enacted with its education provisions intact, some experts believe the Virginia public school experiment would have been terminated by the legislature; in other words, it would have been futile for
Ruffner to try to save the schools had integration been mandated. It is also uncertain whether even Ruffner himself could have wished them to be continued under those circumstances. As the Superintendent well knew, those who would suffer most would be the black children. Private schools might be a possibility for the white students, but there was little chance such a network of academies financed by parents' contributions or other non-government sources could be maintained for black pupils (Coffey, 1972, p. 59).

**Ruffner on EDUCATED LABOR.** Ruffner countered the argument against educating poor white and African-Americans by noting that education builds prosperity for all the classes.

“It would be pertinent to ... to sketch the remarkable history of Holland, Prussia and other States, which began public education at a time of great poverty, and which had to struggle with heavy debt, but which persevered until now they are in the best financial condition of any countries in Europe. Prussia, after all her wars and all her educational and other expenses, has no public debt.... The history of these nations demonstrates the great public economy of common schools, and furnishes a sufficient answer to the reckless assertion that education destroys industry among the laboring people.”

So, especially since Ruffner’s vision directly impacted schools in Loudoun and the African-American community, who was he? What was the vision? Ruffner came to the issue of race with a mixed record and probably should be described as paternalistic, as he even supported colonialism vs real equality, in other words moving African-Americans out of Virginia to Liberia. One wonders, with so much generational distance between former slaves and their African ancestors, what would African-Americans be in Liberia; surely not Africans. They would be Americans. This was the irony that even Marcus Garvey came to realize.

Though Ruffner was a moderate, in the context of his times and Virginian contemporaries, it is doubtful he saw African-Americans as equals. In an entry in his diary upon the death of Rosanna, the family’s “faithful old nurse,” he remarked in 1848 “She was a handsome black woman with a civilized nose and mouth, without ambition beyond her office. .. I never saw any fault in her (Coffey, 1972, p. 11). “ Prior to the Civil War, he advocated moving African-Americans and only slowly eliminating slavery. “we are nearly all slaveholders, und none of us approve of the principles and measures of the sect of abolitionists, we think that no man can be offended with us for offering to the people and argument, whose sole object is

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17 Garvey was a political leader from Jamaica, as well as a strong promoter of Black Nationalism, Pan-Africanism and the return of the African diaspora to their ancestral lands.
to show that the prosperity of our West Virginia--if not East Virginia also,--would be promoted by (revolving\textsuperscript{18}) gradually the institution of slavery in a manner consistent with the riches and interests of slaveholders (Ruffner H., 1847, Sept 4).” Like his father before him, he was a slave owner who wanted an end to the institution, though over time. He wasn’t opposed to educating African Americans and by 1845 had actually operated an illegal Sunday class for “negroes (Coffey, 1972),” a Church project that continued up to the start of the Civil War. Indeed, in his first Superintendent’s Report of 1870/71, Ruffner devoted forty pages to a rationale for educating African-Americans, debunking the notion that African-Americans were intellectually inferior to whites, as well as noting that Southern “blacks” were at a low ebb, not for lack of intellectual prowess, but instead, due to improper training. Ruffner had an emphasis on religious morality and in Loudoun there was also an emphasis on religious text as part of the educational process. In the 20\textsuperscript{th} century Loudoun Superintendent Emerick, when on tours of colored schools, liked to hear spirituals. This may derive in part from Ruffner’s argument to the white voters that educated “blacks” would be more moral if they could read the bible, whereas an uneducated class of “blacks” would be a force for political and economic instability and unrest. Despite his stated feelings and much publicity, racism persisted, sometimes turning into destruction of segregated schools, though I’ve not heard of that happening in Loudoun.

By 1873, Ruffner had decided what an adequate African-American education should exclude training for lawyers and doctors and instead focus on manual labor, meaning African-Americans should wait for better paying opportunities. It was similar to a paternalistic attitude also found in colonial Africa and in South Africa during Apartheid days, and which was emphasized in the 1901 Biennial report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, which focused in one chapter on the need for instruction of “colored” teachers to be trained to help children prepare for manual trades (Southall, 1901). He also argued that the state should adopt different textbook series for African-American students. However, so long as the teachers didn’t push “race pride,” he wanted great educators and thus Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute, founded by the Freedman’s Bureau became his model training facility, again however in the lower trades. This is also where Christine Allen received her degree. "[I]t would be really unkind," he noted in an address to Hampton, "in the friends of the colored race to educate a large class in a style that would fit them only for occupations in which but a very

\textsuperscript{18} Probably evolving.
small number could hope to succeed.” The great majority of black students, he felt, should choose instead careers in the mechanical or agricultural fields, thus creating a literate, responsible black yeoman-tradesman class, deferring for the future, vocations carrying "wealth and high position." Certainly some African-American leaders would concur. Booker T. Washington condoned a white constructed racial separation, vs Garvey’s total separation; but eventually one has to ask, would America have become great without enabling its African-American, Native-American and immigrant bodies, eventually allowing true equality?

It is also worth noting that Ruffner’s father Henry (who did own slaves) was also an ardent anti-slaver who wrote a strong paper on the subject in 1847, a socio-economic denunciation of the institution which was already too expensive to maintain, given modest ability of the relatively poor quality of soil in eastern Virginia to raise revenue. Before the civil war, there was already sentiment for western Virginia to secede and become a fresh slave-free state, both because such an action was in keeping with Jeffersonian democracy and because of the financial implications of slavery vs the free market (Bean, 1953, July).

The Economic Argument

I’ve termed Ruffner as paternalistic, which is fair; but we also need to be fair about the practicality of his economic argument, which others supported, even in the African-American community. Keep in mind that following the Civil War, the economy of the South was shattered, not only to its social roots as in the end of slavery and the plantation system; but also in terms of wealth. States like Virginia also owed a great deal of money. Property values had diminished, which would have otherwise been a good source for school related taxes. Power had rested with wealthy landowners. That still existed to an extent after the war; but many lost their property, due to taxes. The truth is that if Virginia was to compete economically with the north in any reasonable time frame, its citizens needed an education. Only then could the economic disaster be reversed. To Ruffner’s credit, he understood this and worked with great zeal to make it happen. As a result, both African-Americans and whites advanced, even if at different speeds.

5.4 1865-1871 No school for African Americans in Conklin
According to research by Eugene Scheel, after the Civil War the Freedmen’s Bureau established public schools for black children and adults, and in 1865 there are two such schools in Loudoun, one at Middleburg and the other near Hillsboro. The next year there are three more schools, two in Leesburg and one in Lincoln. Note: Assuming Scheel is correct, this would seem to imply that there was no school for African Americans in the Broad Run District until the Conklin school was established. Perhaps children were tutored, and some may have walked to other locations.

**Hillsboro** is a small incorporated village on Charlestown Pike in Loudoun, north of Purcellville and NW of Leesburg. Very unlikely African-American children from the Conklin area studied there.

**Lincoln** is an unincorporated village about 1.5 miles south of Purcellville. It was first called **Goose Creek** during the 1750s by Quakers, then renamed Lincoln after the president shortly after his election. Unless students in the Conklin area boarded, it is very unlikely they attended the Freedman’s school in Lincoln.

**Leesburg** would have required boarding.

**Middleburg** is to the west of Conklin along route 50. While a significant hike, this town represents the best possibility as a venue for Freedman Schools instructing Conklin’s children, though as in the other places, they would have had to board. My plan is to research this at the National Archives. **Note: schools were withdrawn in 1870.**
5.5 Dec 22, 1871, Horace Adee Sells Land for School to Broad Run District.

In the County Court archives, we discovered that Horace Adee sold land for schools for white and African-American children. In the abstract, this might appear a pure form of philanthropy, as it might have been; but schools were segregated by law. Keep in mind that the civil war has not been long over and southern sensibilities were injured by the perceived injustice of Reconstruction and the rise of African-Americans to positions of power. We also known from a study commissioned in 1940 by LCPS that the school was constructed in 1871 for $350. (Survey Committee, 1940, Jan, p. 25).

Three years later in 1874 a local paper in Loudoun called the Washingtonian was full of editorial statements against the Civil Rights Act, a movement to integrate schools. The law creating the school system, written by Ruffner, the State Superintendent for Public Instruction, called for segregation and critics of the Civil Rights Act wanted to keep schools segregated. There were also efforts to ask African-Americans to lobby Congress in that way. In other words, there was strong sentiment for a segregated system not unlike what we saw in the South in the 50’s and 60’s before segregation was finally struck down by the US Supreme Court. The papers leading to the sale by Adee have been lost or are in private hands, so conclusions on philanthropy are by nature supposition; but the political landscape in Loudoun suggests that the Trustees of the School Board of Broad Run, while fulfilling a federal mandate to educate African-Americans, had to stick to the Ruffner plan and set up segregated schools, with Mr. Adee as the mechanism in the Conklin area of Broad Run. That said, we have no records at all on the school for white children which was covered Adee’s parallel deed December 22, 1871. Was that school established or not? To be determined, though we do know that McGraw’s Ridge serviced the white community of Conklin and was constructed in 1889 for $400. (Survey Committee, 1940, Jan, p. 24).
For a national context, it is useful to review civil rights law at the time in Washington. After Congress passed the Reconstruction Act of 1867, ratified the Fifteenth Amendment to the US Constitution in 1870 providing the right to vote, and passed the Civil Rights Act of 1875 forbidding racial segregation in accommodations, federal occupation troops assured blacks the right to vote and to elect their own political leaders. The Reconstruction amendments continued Lincoln’s view of the supremacy of the Nation over the state (the many over the one) and equality under the law of everyone within the nation. However, President Johnson collapsed Reconstruction era reform. Unlike Lincoln, Johnson strongly believed in “states rights.” His efforts led to decades of discrimination and by 1910, laws spread through the south mandating the segregation of whites and blacks in the public sphere, not just in schooling. Some of this was based on racial prejudice. Some from fear that former slaves would vote into law a new order that disadvantaged the whites, which was certainly the fear expressed in newspapers in Loudoun when the Conklin School began its life in the early 1870’s.

In 1896 in *Plessy v. Ferguson*, The Supreme Court ruled that "separate but equal" was constitutional, in other words, separating whites and blacks did not destroy the legal equality of the two races, or re-establish a state of involuntary servitude.” Segregation was permitted. That didn’t change until May 17, 1954 when the Supreme Court decision of *Brown v. Board of Education* was handed down, meaning segregation was ruled "inherently unequal." Although the ruling was specifically for education, it overturned all the segregation laws in the country. Conklin closed in 1953.

Despite vocal opposition to public schools, thanks to a major publicity campaign, by 1874, Virginia schools were thought to have advanced, with Mr. W. H. Ruffner, State Superintendent for Public Education (serving 1874-1878) remarking that the "percentage of gain is much larger among blacks than the white, would have been even greater than it is, had not the apprehension of the passage of the civil rights bill exercised a deadening influence on educational work (Washingtonian Staff, 1874).” Apparently Ruffner felt that African Americans themselves were reluctant to enter an integrated system.

5.6 1874 School Board Trustees Divides County and Elects Leaders

Conklin probably began operations around 1872, so the assumption is that reports of the Broad Run District would have relevant references, such as lists of instructors and students, as well as
data on what the topics of instruction were. Unfortunately, few records exist from that time frame. That hope is to build on what we have found however in the future. We have learned that in early 1874, probably January, the Loudoun County School Trustees and Board of Education appointed Dr. J.E. Warner as district school trustee for Broad Run. According to the 1870 Census, Warner was medical doctor from Massachusetts who lived in Guilford, Eastern District of Loudoun, probably in today’s Sterling. Doctor Warner was still in Broad Run in 1880 and working as a medical doctor. By 1900, he was a widower boarding in the home of Charles Steele in Broad Run. By 1910, he had retired from medicine was living as Father in Law (aged 78) to a farmer named William J. Hope in the Jefferson District. He doesn't show up in 1920 census, so I assume he passed away. The reason I’ve done all of that research is that his records from his time running Broad Run might still exist in private hands and would be worth examining (Washingtonian Staff, 1874).

By February, 1874, the Teachers Institute of Loudoun had recommended dividing the county into two school districts. One would combine Lovettsville, Mt Gilead and Jefferson school districts. The other was to combine Leesburg, Mercer and Broad Run, with each district to meet monthly until further ordered by the institute. The first meeting of the second district (which contains Broad Run) was to occur in Leesburg on the 20th and 21st of March, 1874. A research project will be to acquire the records of the Institute for the District (Washingtonian Staff, 1874).

5.7 1880, July 31. Comment on Attitude of African-American families on Education

John W. Wildman, Superintendent of Instruction in Loudoun in 1880 had both positive and negative comments. A question was posed to all of the Superintendents in Virginia as to whether or not the “children of the more ignorant classes” were likely to surpass their parents in intelligence, morals and industry. Wildman felt that “colored” children would in intelligence, but as for morals and industry, he felt “their standards of morals have reached a very low point and were on the downward.” He also felt that as a class they had become indolent and improvident. That’s unfortunate as an attitude; but it was tempered by his remarks on the parents of African-American children. There he had high praise, finding them more generous in
proportion to their relative means to whites to support educational services for their children (Ruffner W. H., 1880).

5.8 1885, July 31. Census of Colored Students in Broad Run

Absent specific information on names of students attending Conklin, I thought it would be at least interesting to know the makeup of “colored” students in the Broad Run District, which is where Conklin operated, so I chose 1885 as a sample 19th century report. This information comes from the 15th Annual Report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction for Virginia, as reported by Colonel William Giddings, second superintendent for Loudoun (Farr, 1885). It contained a special study of “colored children”.

Col William Giddings of Taylortown, Loudoun served as Superintendent from February 1, 1882 until 1886, according to the 1885 Annual Report for the Virginia Department of Education, earning a salary of $586 a year. Under him were 18 trustees. During the 19th century, when Giddings served, the town was one of the most densely populated areas in Loudoun, on the banks of Catoctin Creek, 2 miles south of the Potomac River. At this juncture, we don’t know much about Giddings. Most the community was Quaker and sympathetic to the North during the war; but Giddings was a former Confederate Colonel, as well as the second Superintendent for Loudoun. Unfortunately, for records searching, the township is no longer official in Virginia, and parts have found their way into Leesburg, Lovettsville, Locketts and Waterford. In 1880, according to the Federal Census, an English farmer called William Gidding (aged 58) lived in Lovettsville. Same fellow? This is uncertain. What is known is that Giddings wrote of only “faint murmurings of opposition” to blacks receiving a free education. “This new era, in compensation for the sufferings and losses of our people, has brought many blessings, the greatest of which is our public school system (Staff, 2004).”

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There were at the time six school districts in Loudoun, (1) Leesburg, (2) Mount Gilead, (3) Mercer, (4) Jefferson, (5) Lovettsville, and (6) Broad Run. Broad Run was the poorest part of Loudoun in terms of rest estate value and personal property. At the time, one third of Loudoun’s population was “colored,” with the population of white students declining and “colored” students on the increase. That year there were 13 white schools in Broad Run, and 4 “colored schools.” Unfortunately, Giddings didn’t mention progress in the specific schools. What we do have is a racially tinged census. The row numbers in this chart correspond to columns in a massive county by county chart in the annual report.

1. 83 Male Negro Students
2. 76 Female Negro Students
3. 80 Male Mulatto Students
4. 51 Female Mulatto Students
5. 26 Male Quadroon Students
6. 23 Female Quadroon Students
7. 10 Male Octoroon Students
8. 12 Female Octoroon Students
9. 7 Males Under the age of 1
10. 6 Female Under the age of 1
11. No Males between ages 1-5 could read
12. No Females between ages 1-5 could read
13. No Males between ages 1-5 could write.
14. 3 Females between ages 1-5 could write.
15. 454 Males between 1-5 could not read.
16. 455 Females between 1-5 could not read.
17. 454 Males between 1-5 could not write.
18. 452 Female between 1-5 could not write.
19. Total of 454 Males
20. Total of 455 Females.

**Children Aged 5-7**

21. 0 Males who could read
22. 0 Females who could read
23. 0 Males who would write
24. 0 Females would could write.
25. 31 Males could not read
26. 26 Females could not read.
27. 31 Males could not write
28. 26 Female could not write
29. 31 Total Males accounted for
30. 26 Female accounted for.

Children Aged 7 through 10

31. 8 Males could read
32. 8 Females could read
33. 2 Males could write
34. 6 Females could write
35. 37 Males could not read
36. 34 Females could not read
37. 43 Males could not write
38. 36 Females could not write
39. 45 Males accounted for
40. 42 Females accounted for.

Children Aged 10 through 12

41. 14 Males could read
42. 15 Females could read
43. 11 Males could write
44. 9 Females could write
45. 10 Males could not read
46. 8 Females could not read
47. 13 Males could not write
48. 14 Females could not write
49. 24 Males accounted for
50. 23 Females accounted for.

Children Aged 12 to 15

51. 33 Males could read
52. 23 Females could read
53. 30 Males could write
54. 21 Females could write
55. 13 Males could not read
56. 15 Females could not read
57. 16 Males could no write
58. 17 Female could not write
59. 46 Males accounted for
60. 38 Females accounted for.

Children Aged 15 through 18
61. 17 Males could read
62. 22 Females could read
63. 16 Males could write
64. 21 Females could write
65. 6 Males could not read
66. 7 Females could not read
67. 7 Males could not write
68. 8 Females could not write
69. 23 Males accounted for
70. 29 Females accounted for

Children Aged 18 through 21

71. 11 Males could read
72. 7 Females could read
73. 9 Males could write
74. 6 Females could write
75. 5 Males could not read
76. 1 Female could not read
77. 7 Males could not write
78. 2 Females could not write
79. 16 Males accounted for
80. 8 Females accounted for
5.9 1889, July 31  Comment on the Hiring of Teachers.

In the Annual Report of the Superintendent, for July, 1889, Stearnes made the following comment on how to improve the quality of instructors.

“Such a general increase in the salaries of teachers as would secure the permanent services of well-trained and experienced teachers. We are compelled to depend largely upon the employment of untrained youths who teach for a little while in order to obtain funds to use in preparing for other avocations (Stearnes R. C., 1915).”

Some of the African-American instructors fit this bill; but in later years many had some, even a lot of experience, and some had university training. The issue for them was that they were presented with poor structures and supplies, as well as inadequate salaries.

More generally on the quality of teachers, it needs to be said that this debate had been going on for a long time.
In 1846 a prominent local Quaker named Samuel M. Janney wrote to the Loudoun Educational Society, complaining that the then existing system didn't provide an exam for teachers, so even the wealthy who could afford tutors didn't necessarily get what they paid for.

5.10 1891, July 31  Teacher Pay and Satisfaction

I don't know if this applied to "colored" instructors or not, since it isn't clear that the school administration cared about the disparity between the salaries of whites and African-Americans; but it is interesting that the Superintendent in 1891 felt strongly that teachers needed higher pay. It's also interesting to see him complain of parent "interference."

"I have noted that most of the teachers are young and inexperienced, and there seems to be an increasingly disposition on the part of parents to interfere with the discipline of the schools and to criticize the laws and regulations controlling the system\(^\text{20}\). The legislature in repealing what was known as the "average requirement" and failing to give us something in its stead struck a heavy blow at the efficiency of many of our country schools (Stearnes R. C., 1915).

Note: R.C. Stearnes was an established educator, later also being Superintendent for Roanoke County schools (O'Bannon, 1897).

\(^{20}\) Does this mean parents were opposed to what could have been severe corporal punishment?
An interesting comment on salaries and taxes also arose in 1894. The school authorities in Richmond asked every county Superintendent to produce an annual report. One question was “Were the salaries of all your teachers promptly paid at the close of each school month during the term?” In September, 1894, according to L.M. Shumate, then Superintendent for Loudoun’s schools, the answer was “Yes. Taxes were not paid last year as promptly as usual and a few of the teachers by request held their warrants for several weeks during the months of January and February (Superintendent of Schools, Loudoun County, 1894).”

There were no income taxes in 1894, so what did this mean? We have two interpretations. In both cases, the term “warrant” was a promise by the school system to pay a bill, in this matter the monthly salary; so a teacher presented probably presented his or her warrant from the school system to the County Treasurer, who likely responded with cash.

- One interpretation of the note might be that the taxes to refresh the Literary Fund were slow in coming and as a result, the county could not actually pay salaries on time. As noted earlier, the Literary Fund was the primary source of income for public schools at that time and it derived its funds from indirect taxes, fines for example.
- A more interesting and probably better interpretation was suggested by local historian Wynne Saffer, who used to be an auditor for the county. While income taxes didn’t exist, people owning property had to pay property taxes. In Saffer’s day, if a teacher didn’t pay his or her taxes, then the county treasurer reduced the monthly salary by whatever was owed the county. Perhaps the teachers referred to in the 1894 report asked to defer warrants did so in order to pay their taxes, thus avoiding a reduction in salaries for the months of January and February, 1894.

5.11 Enrollment Card by Year for the Conklin Colored School

In addition to analysis of each academic year, it is worth noting that clerks in the Loudoun County School system also maintained a set of handwritten “Enrollment Cards” for each school.
For Conklin, the grades taught were 1-7 and the race of students was “colored.”

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21 It is useful to note that as of 1937, the terms of “colored” schools was always, and unfortunately, shorter than that of white schools. See Dorsey, Ford, "History of education in Loudoun county" (1937). Honors Theses, University of Richmond. Paper 329.

22 Opened on October 1, 1941.
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1893/94 Academic Year for Conklin

“Colored” instructor Robert A. Jones served Conklin in the 1893/94 academic year on a 3rd grade certificate - for the year closing July 31, 1893 (Virginia Department of Public Instruction, 1892-1975, p. Reel 4418). Be aware that the original documents are incomplete.

![Census of Colored Teachers 1893](image)

Figure 14 Census of Colored Teachers 1893

1894/95 Academic Year for Conklin

“Colored” instructor Robert A. Jones served Conklin in the 1893/94, 1894/95 academic years on a 3rd grade certificate (Virginia Department of Public Instruction, 1892-1975, p. Reel 4419). See biography for information on a textbook Jones used.

1895/96 Academic Year for Conklin

“Colored” instructor J.W. Goldsberry of Smoky Ordinary, Brunswick County served Conklin in the 1895/96 academic year on a 1st grade Certificate in so far as he instructed prior to December 15, 1895 (Virginia Department of Public Instruction, 1892-1975, p. Reel 4420). No other biographical information is known.
1896/97 Academic Year for Conklin

“Colored” instructor Mr. H.E. Cook served Conklin in the 1896/97 academic year on a 3rd grade Certificate in so far as he instructed prior to December 15, 1896. His permanent home was in Herndon, Fairfax County, Virginia (Superintendent of Public Instruction, 1897) (Virginia Department of Public Instruction, 1892-1975, p. Reel 4421). No other biographical information known.

1897/1898 Academic Year

No information on Conklin; but do see the chapter on Broad Run District.

1898/1907 Academic Years for Conklin

There appears to be a gap in the film copy of the Teacher Lists from 1898-1907

1903/04 Academic Year for Conklin

Despite the gap in the Teachers Lists, I found from county records that Ms. Martha E. Jackson was the instructor at Conklin (Superintendent, LCPS, 1929).

1904/05 Academic Year for Conklin

No information on the school; but I did learn from a note hidden in a book at the Circuit Court archives in Leesburg that the winter was very cold. In fact, the average temperature in January, 1904 was lower than at any time in 33 years. That must have had some impact on attendance (Unknown, 1914). In addition, I discovered that students were vaccinated in the Broad Run District at the cost of $91.70, though for what was not cited, perhaps influenza (Superintendent of Schools, Loudoun County, 1894, pp. 1904 Rpt, Table No. 6).

1905/06 Academic Year for Conklin

No records on Conklin found. Broad Run is the largest District in Loudoun. See Section 7.1
1906/07 Academic Year for Conklin

No records on Conklin found; however, it is interesting to know that in this year (Table #10 for 1906) there were three “colored schools” in Broad Run District, where Conklin sat, and 18 white schools (Superintendent of Schools, Loudoun County, 1894).

1907/08 Academic Year for Conklin

No records found.

1908/09 Academic Year for Conklin

M.E. Stuart was a “colored” instructor at Conklin (Virginia Department of Public Instruction, 1892-1975, p. Reel 4422).

1909/1910 Academic Year for Conklin

The List of Teachers 1892-1975 did not show any colored instructors at all for the Broad Run District, nor any instructors for Conklin (Virginia Department of Public Instruction, 1892-1975, p. Reel 4423).

1910/1911 Academic Year for Conklin

The List of Teachers 1892-1975 did not list Conklin for the 1910/11 academic year, nor any “colored” instructors with the exception of Ms. Minnie Pearson who instructed in Sterling on a five month contract for $30 a month. Her Second Grade certificate was issued 8/18/08 (Virginia Department of Public Instruction, 1892-1975, p. Reel 4424).

1911/12 Academic Year for Conklin

Ms. Zula Reiley was a white instructor who likely lived in Aldie; but during the school year resided in Conklin, probably boarding at a student’s home. She operated on a seven month contract at the rate of $40 a month and had a 1st Grade certificate, based on examination by
the Board of Examiners (Virginia Department of Public Instruction, 1892-1975, p. Reel 4425). The only colored instructor that was listed for Broad Run was Mary E. Stuart of Herndon, who operated on a 5 month contract at $35 a month. Her certificate was awarded in 1909. She had also instructed at Conklin in 1908.

An interesting note on the Broad Run District’s report was that schools operated on a uniform 8 month program, based on attendance and interest, though clearly not for Conklin or Herndon, in other words for colored schools, which appear set to lower month attendance.

1912/13 Academic Year for Conklin

I didn’t find any Loudoun county records for Conklin instruction this year, nor were there any in the List of Teachers for that year. In fact, Broad Run didn’t report any colored teachers at all (Virginia Department of Public Instruction, 1892-1975, p. Reel 4426).

1913/14 Academic Year for Conklin

I didn’t find any LCPS records for this year at Conklin; but the Lists of Instructors did show a teacher. Could be Mae Resgrave or Besgrave of Arcola; but judging by Reel 4428 for the 1914/15 academic year, I think this instructor was certainly M.L. Presgrave of Arcola (Virginia Department of Public Instruction, 1892-1975, p. 4428). According to the reels, she worked on a seven month contract for $47.50 a month on a First Grade certificate issued by the State Superintendent in 1913 (Virginia Department of Public Instruction, 1892-1975, p. 4427).
Presgrave also appeared as Mae L. Presgraves in the 1910 Census for Broad Run District, Loudoun as a public school teacher. In 1910, she was 23 years old, white, born in Virginia. She was the daughter of a merchant named Eugene Presgraves and his wife Ida. C. Presgraves.

1914/15 Academic Year for Conklin

Loudoun records had Mr. John I. Baker (colored) as instructor, earning $35 a month. He was from Baltimore. He worked on a 5 month contract and held a 1st grade Certificate: (Superintendent of Instruction, 1929). The List of Instructors from the Library of Virginia confirmed this information and indicated he came from Cedarville, Virginia. In addition, they showed his certificate was issued July 17, 1912 by J.D.E. for the 1st grade (Virginia Department of Public Instruction, 1892-1975, p. Reel 4428).

1915/1916 Academic Year for Conklin

Mattie Mathew was shown as the Conklin instructor for 1915 by the List of Teachers and apparently lived in Conklin, probably as a boarder, which was common practice. She was contracted for 7 months of instruction on a salary of $45 a month. Her certificate was issued August 14/1914 for the Second Grade (Virginia Department of Public Instruction, 1892-1975, p. Reel 4429). This was confirmed by Loudoun’s records (Superintendent of Instruction, 1929).

1916/1917 Academic Year for Conklin

Mattie Mathew was paid for teaching at Conklin $299.40 for year (Superintendent of Instruction, 1921, p. 458). M.E. Stewart who had instructed at Conklin at other years taught at an unknown location this year. She was shown as from Herndon working on a six month contract for $55 a month (Virginia Department of Public Instruction, 1892-1975, p. Reel 4430). The List of Instructors did not include Mathew, only Loudoun records.
1917/1918 Academic Year for Conklin

I found in the Loudoun Superintendent’s records of teacher certificates that Minnie Pearson (colored) of Arcola taught at Conklin on an Emergency certificate issued in 1918 and due to expire the same year. It was endorsed by the Superintendent on 2/15/1918. The records hint that she arrived with thirty years of experience (Superintendent of Schools, 1946). If she instructed in Loudoun, Ms. Person would have begun at the beginning of public school system. It will thus be important to research this individual to see if any descendants retained any of her records. However, I have my doubts. See the bio on Ms. Person, who I think was instead a woman born in Fairfax in the 1888’s.

The Superintendent’s Record of Teacher’s Certificates from Loudoun (Green Volume) also listed a C.L. Murray (colored) of Leesburg operating on a 1st grade certificate issued in 1913, due to expire in 1918 and endorsed August 18, 1917. She possibly had 3 years of experience (Superintendent of Schools, 1946). The Richmond records didn’t show any instructor at Conklin for this year; but did list C.L. Murray (colored of Herndon), instructing in Leesburg (Virginia Department of Public Instruction, 1892-1975, p. Reel 4431).

M.E. Stewart (a colored instructor), who had instructed at Conklin in 1908/09 and 1912/13 was shown to be from Herndon and instructing there on a five month contract for $35 a month with a 1917 certificate for the 3rd grade (Virginia Department of Public Instruction, 1892-1975, p. Reel 4431). Herndon is in Fairfax County, so perhaps this reference was a typo, making it possible she taught at Conklin the same year.

1918/19 Academic Year for Conklin

According to LCPS files, Mattie Mathews (who is examined extensively in Volume 6) taught at McGraw’s Ridge (and Conklin at other times). This year Ann Virginia Ratcliffe instructed at Conklin. Ratcliffe was from Arcola and operated on an LP (Local Permit) issued in 1918, due to expire in 1919 and endorsed by the Superintendent 12/14/1918. She came with seven years of experience. (Superintendent of Schools, 1946).
We don’t know yet who studied. However it should be noted that the List of Instructors for 1918/19 maintained by the Library of Virginia showed Conklin as vacant (Virginia Department of Public Instruction, 1892-1975, p. reel 4432), perhaps because of Spanish Flu. Conklin and the rest of the schools in Loudoun were closed in October, due to an outbreak of influenza. It must have been particularly devastating, given the paucity of doctors. According to Dr. John A. Gibson, MD. of Leesburg, as of 1919, for the previous 16 years, Loudoun lost 25 doctors by death and retirement, of which only nine were replaced (Gibson, 1918-1920). Emerick visited Conklin November 4 (Emerick O., 1918), one imagines to see what the impact of the flu was on attendance after schools reopened; however his notes don’t provide any details. Note that Ratcliffe’s certificate was endorsed by Oscar Emerick in December, following his field trip, which would seem to be further evidence that the school might have been closed during the fall semester.

In 1918 Dr. Harris H. Hart succeeded Dr. Reamur C. Stearnes as state superintendent. Hart’s administration abolished the cumbersome district system (Gunter & Watson, 2003) that was transformed into the current county system.

**1919/20 Academic Year for Conklin**

Mrs. Ann Virginia Ratcliffe was the instructor for this academic year. See instructor bios for more. We don’t know yet who the students were that year. Her home was Arcola and she taught all subjects on six month contract at $45 a month. Her L.P. (Local Certificate) certificate was issued in 1919 (Virginia Department of Public Instruction, 1892-1975, p. Reel 4433). According to the Superintendent’s Record of Teacher’s Certificates her certificate was issued in 1920 and she had seven years of experience, was educated in the public schools and did summer school at Petersburg. She was also restricted from obtaining another LP for three years (Superintendent of Schools, 1946).

**1920/21 Academic Year for Conklin**
We are still trying to determine who studied at Conklin and who instructed. What we do know about education in Virginia for the previous year, as reported in January, 1920 however isn’t fantastic. A national study of school system placed Virginia between 35th and 40th out of the then 48 states (Loudoun Mirror Staff, 1920). Loudoun was also hit hard by influenza as well as pinkeye (Loudoun Times Staff, 1920) (Loudoun Times Staff, 1920), so perhaps there wasn’t any schooling. I also didn’t find any notations in the Superintendent’s Record of Teachers’ Certificates.

1921/22 Academic Year for Conklin

Ann Virginia Ratcliffe was the instructor for this academic year. According to LCPS records, Ratcliffe lived in Arcola and instructed for grades 1-7 on a seven month contract at a salary of $45 a month, which is about $540.57 in today’s currency. Her local permit (LP) was issued in 1921 and due to expire in 1922 (Virginia Department of Public Instruction, 1892-1975, p. Reel 4435) (Superintendent of Schools, 1946).

Note: Local Permits (LP) were issued when there were not enough teachers to meet needs. They were issued by the Department of Education on the recommendation of the Division Superintendent for Loudoun to applicants with at least two years of high school work or who held the equivalent of a 1st grade certificate or better. Those later teachers could have the certificates revived for a year (Hart, 1921, p. 110).

Ratcliffe indicated in her term report that the state of repair was very poor (Ratcliffe, Term Report: Conklin Colored School, 1921-22, 1922). Some of her other findings were not surprising, such as that the ventilation was by window and that heat came from a stove. The toilet was frame, which I’ve understood from students who attended in the thirties, was one outhouse for boys and one for girls. Perhaps in Ratcliffe’s time it was one structure, which she also described as in poor condition. There was ten patent desks and seating capacity for twenty students, yet there were 22 students in all, so one assumption is that extra students simply sat on the floor on days when everyone was present. The black board measured 60 sq. feet, was made of uneven boards in poor condition. The school building sat on a ¼ acre of land and didn’t have a United States flag out front, though there might have been an inside flag.

Schooling took place over seven months and was open for 126 days with 13 boys and 12 girls. That made 22 students but the average daily attendance was only about 14 children,
split fairly evenly between boys and girls. Children had access to text books at contract prices; but one has to ask if children from rural communities (back or white) could afford to purchase the books.

On average, children walked 2.2 miles to class. Of the 22 attending, 9 only walked \( \frac{1}{4} \) miles to class. 10 walked 3 miles. 3 walked 4 miles. One walked 2 miles.
The ages of children ranged from 6 to 19.
The number of days children were in school had a wide range as well, with some as high as 120 and some as low as 20 (Ratcliffe, Term Report: Conklin Colored School, 1921-22, 1922).

Courses offered were: Reading, Spelling, Writing, Arithmetic, Grammar, Drawing and Morals to most students. None were offered History of the US, Civic Government or Physical Education and Health.

History of Virginia was taken by Charles Ratcliffe, Sidney Ratcliffe, Margaret Allen, Christina Allen, Annolia Allen, Mary Harris, and Ethel Layne. Annie Layne, Rena Nickens, Josephine Nicken and Rosalie Nickens did not take arithmetic, grammar, geography, history of any kind, civil government or physical education and health. Marvin Allen, Leroy Allen, Walter Harris and Wesley Harris also did not take geography.

The Colored Superintendent this year was Mary A. E. Peniston (Born 1882), address 11101 Argyle Ave., Baltimore, Md. She was an elementary school professor, certified in 1915. Her certificate didn’t’ expire until 1921. She was also endorsed by the Superintendent of schools for Loudoun on Feb 20, 1922. When she came to Loudoun, she had 16 years of experience (Superintendent of Schools, 1946). Hers was one of those wonderful stories we hear of people rising very high from humble beginnings. Her father was a hotel waiter, (according to the 1920 Census for Baltimore Maryland), which is an honorable profession of course; but her to rise to Superintendent was a true victory.

Statistical Summaries for 1921/22

Source: (Ratcliffe, Term Report for Conklin Colored School, 1921-1922, 1922)
No of months taught.  7  
No of days school open. 126  
No of days teacher present. 126.

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1922/23 Academic Year for Conklin

In 1922, the year of public-school consolidation under one county school board, the top salary for a white teacher is $80 a month, for an African-American teacher, $55 a month.

The instructor for this academic year was Mrs. Sylvia Wright, a “colored teacher” who was paid $45 a month on a provisional 2\textsuperscript{nd} grade certificate issues in 1922 (Virginia Department of Public Instruction, 1892-1975, p. Reel 4436). She taught for 6 months and 6 days covering 126 school days, according to her annual term report (Wright, 1923) but according to the Report on Teachers Contracted with, her term was seven months, likely simply rounded up (Virginia Department of Public Instruction, 1892-1975, p. Reel 4436). The enrollment was 15 boys and 9 girls, making a total class size of 24.

The toilet was described as a box toilet, which could be less than an “outhouse.” No privacy of course, though I suspect the facility really was an outhouse.

The building was described as a one room, frame structure in a poor state of repair. Still ventilated by windows and heated by stove. There were two patent desks and seating for 20. The blackboard had a surface area of 28 square feet and was in poor condition. According to Jimmy Dean, who attended in the 30's through 1950, the board was on the back wall; but he didn’t remember the condition (Dean J. C., 2014). The grounds were estimated at 1 acre, larger than estimated by Ann Virginia Ratcliffe.

\textsuperscript{23} Four would be the correct total.
Ratcliffe’s report showed that courses offered were: Reading, Spelling, Writing, Arithmetic, Grammar, History of US, and Drawing. Not offered was Morals, History of Virginia and Civil Government. The exception may be Marvin Allen, Philip Allen and Lee Roy Allen, who may have taken Physical Ed and Health, along with Charles Ratcliffe, Margaret Allen, Annolia Allen, Susie Harris. Susie Harris also seems to have taken History of Va, Civic Government and Physical Ed and Health.

**Statistical Summaries for 1922/23:**

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No. days school open.  126. Also number of days teacher present.

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**1923/24 Academic Year for Conklin**

The instructor for the 1923/24 academic year was Curtis Ewing, a colored male instructor. He taught all subjects on a salary of $40 a month for six months and was present for the full term of 120 days (Ewing, 1924). He had a LP (Local Permit) contract issued in 1923 (Virginia Department of Public Instruction, 1892-1975, p. Reel 4437).

Ewing’s assessment of the grounds and building was as with others, a building in a poor state of repair with a black board (60 sq feet) in poor condition with uneven boards. There were only ten patent desks and seating for twenty. He also estimated the lot at ¼ acre and was not enclosed, meaning I suspect that there was no fence. Ventilation was still by windows and was

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24 Confirmed by attendance card for 1922/23, Conklin.
25 Confirmed by attendance card for 1922/23, Conklin.
The range children walked was from ¼ mile to 4 miles. The age range was 6 to 18. Seven of the 16 children were boys and nine were girls. There was no US flag on the school house; but the state course of study was followed, with pupils securing text-books at contract prices and the instructor spending 720 hours instruction in common school branches.

Courses offered were: Reading, Spelling, Writing, Arithmetic, Grammar, History of US, History of Va., Physics Ed and Health and Drawing. Not offered was “Morals and Civil Government.”

**Statistical Summaries for 1923/24**

Comports with Attendance Card for this year

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1924/25 Academic Year. Conklin closed, despite Intervention by J.F. Ryan

Curtis Ewing of Leesburg was to be the instructor at Conklin in the 1924/25 academic year and was certified in all topics with a local permit. He would eventually teach at a number of schools in Loudoun. The gentleman even had a six month contract for the princely sum of $40 a month. However the school was closed that year, due to a resolution of the county school board (Emerick R. M., 1924). Reference Note: The closure is also reflected by the Loudoun County School enrollment cards in the school system archives in Round Hill, Loudoun. In addition, there was nothing in the Richmond school files (Virginia Department of Public Instruction, 1892-1975, p. Reel 4438).

Education for African Americans had been uneven since the Civil War, with “colored schools” not gaining a balanced share of resources. In 1924 for example, the Jeanes Fund, a one-million-dollar national fund donated by Miss Anna T. Jeanes of Philadelphia, allowed Loudoun to hire a superintendent for “Negro schools;” but the county did not do so until 1931. The Conklin School was instead closed that year due to an attendance of less than ten students, which Oscar Emerick, Superintendent of Schools, found to be unlawful (Emerick O. L., 1924). “(School Board, 1924). That would have been a good year to have an advocate for colored schools embedded in the system.

Remarkably perhaps, the local African-American community did attract the attention of Mr. John F. Ryan, who spoke on their behalf and requested that the Conklin School be open in the 1924-25 session; but this was denied by the School Board on March 17, despite the fact that Mr. Ryan. (Emerick O. L., 1924) was a former Speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates.
Figure 19  Resolution to deny Mr. Ryan's request to keep Conklin open, March 17, 1924

Figure 20  Letter from Emerick to J.F. Ryan July 12, 1924

26 The original of the 1924 letter to Ryan is in the archives of the Prosperity Baptist Church.
Who was John F. Ryan?

In July, 2015, I began to revise the brief biography I had done on Ryan and hope to publish a new one in August. To achieve this discussion, I want to acknowledge the contributions of local historians and close friends, Wynne Saffer and Eugene Scheel, the staff of the Balch Library, the reference staff of the Library of Virginia in Richmond and of course Brent Tarter, a founding editor of the Library of Virginia’s multi-volume Dictionary of Virginia Biography and senior editor in the Division of Publications and Educational Services at the Library of Virginia. I also want to recommend that readers examine Wynne Saffer’s excellent *Loudoun Votes 1867-1966, A Civil War Legacy*.

1925/26 Academic Year for Conklin -- School Closed

No files on Conklin in county records, probably due to closing and the denial of the Ryan letter (see above). The average annual salary for white teachers in 1925 was $836.10, for black teachers, $358.12. Starting salaries were $520 and $315. The yearly cost to educate a white child was $29.27, a black child, $9.81. Improved roads prompted a few car pools to send black teenagers to the Manassas Industrial School (founded 1894), Northern Virginia’s only accredited high school for blacks (Nadler, 2013).

1926/27 Academic Year for Conklin – School Reopens

The School Board resolved on February 9, 1926 to reopen “Conklin Colored School (School Board, 1926).” On September 14, 1926, the School Board also “elected” Edna Russ to teach at Conklin (Emerick R. , 1926). The report had little to offer on the condition of the school; but we do know that of the 18 children taught, 11 were boys and 7 were girls. The grade range was 6 to 14. Edna Virginia Russ of Ashburn had two years of experience (Superintendent of Schools, 1946). She also taught all subjects for seven months for $45 a month on an LP issued in 1926 (Virginia Department of Public Instruction, 1892-1975, p. Reel 4440).

Courses offered were: Reading, Spelling, Writing, English, Mathematics. Not offered were: Community Study, History, Civics, Geography, Hygiene and Physical Ed, although Annolia Allen may have taken all but Community Study and Physical Ed. Laura Smith may have taken Civics and History in addition to those courses taken by the other students (Russ, 1927).
The building was insured for $500 in the 1926/27 time frame (LCPS). According to Russ’s annual report, the school term was 7 months and 140 days and the instructor was present for all of them. 840 hours were devoted to instruction. There was no US flag on the school; but the State course of study was followed and students could secure textbooks at contract prices, though as always, I wonder if all of the students could afford the books, even at the reduced price. Also, were they new or old hand me downs (Russ, 1927)?

**Statistical Summary for 1926/27**

These statistics comport with the Attendance Card for this year

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1927/28 Academic Year for Conklin

Clara V. Robinson was the instructor (negro) (Robinson, 1928) and came from Leesburg. She was also contracted for seven months to teach all subjects for $45 a month. She operated on a local permit (LP) as well, issued in 1927 (Virginia Department of Public Instruction, 1892-1975, p. Reel 4441). This was confirmed by LCPS records. Source: (Superintendent of Instruction, 1929).

Total enrollment was 19, of which 12 were boys and 7 were girls. This was only 9 over the legal minimum for an open school. The range of distances to walk to school were 4 miles to ¼ mile. The range of ages covered were 6 to 15. Standard Courses offered were: Reading, Spelling, Writing, English, Mathematics, Community Study, History, Civics, Geography, Hygiene and Physical Ed. The following courses which were offered to white children were not offered at Conklin: Community Study, History, Civics, Geography, Hygiene and Physical Ed. The children secure their textbooks at contract prices. 770 hours were devoted to instruction in elementary education. The State course of study was followed and there was no flag on the school house. (Robinson, 1928).

Statistical Summaries for 1927/28

No of Months Taught: 7. School was open 140 days of which the teacher was present for the entire time.

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28 Not sure who this was. The only Clara Robinson I found in Loudoun was a laundress in 1930, born about 1904.
### 1928/29 Academic Year for Conklin

Christine Allen was the instructor and her home was in Clifton Station. She is one of the central characters in the study and is mentioned in other volumes in this series. Ms. Allen instructed all grades on a monthly salary of $50 and operated on a LP (Local permit) issued in 1928 (Virginia Department of Public Instruction, 1892-1975, p. Reel 4442). The contract was for 8 month. There were 16 students, of which 11 were boys and 5 were girls. The range of ages was 7 to 15. The range of walking distance was ¼ miles to 3 miles. No information was provided on the condition of the building other than that no American flag was flown on the outside (Allen, Term Report: Conklin Colored School, 1928-1929, 1929).

Courses offered were: Reading, Spelling, Writing, English, Mathematics, Community Study, History of Virginia, Civics, Geography, Hygiene and Physical Ed. History, Civics and Hygiene were not offered at Conklin.

### Statistical Summaries for 1928/29

- No of months taught. Eight.
- No of days school open. 157
- No of days teacher was present. 153, which is unusual. Most of the time, teachers are present for the entire term.
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1929/30 Academic Year for Conklin

Christine Allen was the instructor for twenty children, 13 boys and 7 girls. The range of ages was 7 to 15. The range of distances traveled to school was ¼ miles to 3, with most under a mile. As usual, there was no American flag flown.

Courses offered to all students were: Reading, Spelling, Writing, English, Mathematics and Physical Education. With exceptions, the following standard courses were not offered: Community Study, US and Virginia History, Civics, Geography and Hygiene.

Lee Roy Allen and Curtis Brent, as well as Walter Harris and Laura Smith took Va. history, Civics, Geography and Hygiene in addition to the standard courses.

Allen was from Clifton Station and covered grades 1-7 for $55 a month for eight months on a local permit issued in 1929 (Virginia Department of Public Instruction, 1892-1975, p. Reel 4443).

Statistical Summaries for 1929/30

Source: (Allen, Term Report, Conklin Colored School, 1929-30, 1930)

The school was open for eight months with instructions for 154 days of which the instructor was present for 141. Pupils could secure textbooks at contract prices. Six hours were devoted to instruction in elementary branches and none for high school. Ms. Allen followed the State course of study. There was no American flag on the schoolhouse.
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### 1930/31 Academic Year for Conklin

“Colored” schools were opened in Loudoun this year on Wednesday, September 24th (Loudoun Times Mirror Staff, 1930).

Mrs. Corrine Spriggs was the “colored” instructor. Twenty students attended, of which 15 were boys and five were girls. The range of distance traveled to school was ¼ miles to 2.5 miles. The range of ages was 7 to 15. Per usual, no US flag was flown. But the State course of study was followed. The no hours devoted to elementary school branches was 9 to 3.30. Pupils could secure textbooks at the contract rate. (Spriggs C., 1931)

Reading, Spelling, Writing, English and Mathematics were offered to all students. Community study and Physical Ed were offered to none. A few students took other courses.

LeRoy Allen and Walter Harris took US and Virginia History, as well as civics, geography and hygiene. William Jackson, Nellie Dean, Rhoda Dean, Corene Harris and Hazel Page, as well as Laura Smith took Geography. Nellie Dean took Va. History, Civics and Hygiene. Laura Smith took US and Va. History, Civics, Geography and Hygiene.

The building was insured for $500²⁹.

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²⁹ Check insurance source.
According to Richmond records, Allen was single and instructed grades 1-7 for $65 a month on an eight month contract. Her certificate was for Elementary School, issues in 1932. The basis for the salary was her education at Manassas Industrial, started by Jennie Dean. At the time, she had three years of experience, all of it in Loudoun (Virginia Department of Public Instruction, 1892-1975, p. Reel 4444).

**Statistical Summaries for 1930/31**

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No of months taught  7  
No of Days open and teacher present.  Both 126  
Note:  Math in the chart doesn’t always add up properly

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William H. Cole, Jr. was the instructor at Conklin for 5½ months of the year and Mrs. Mattie Moats\(^{32}\) for 3½ months. Instruction appears to have been from 9am to 3:30pm. Moats was paid $61.95 a month for 8 months on an E certificate, due to expire in 1932, according to Richmond records. She was also trained at Storer and instructed most recently in West Virginia, which is where Storer was.

She had 9 years of experience of which one was in Loudoun (Virginia Department of Public Instruction, 1892-1975).  See Cole’s bio for more on him (double check record)

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\(^{30}\) Comports with the attendance card for this year.  
\(^{31}\) Comports with the attendance card for this year.  
\(^{32}\) I wasn’t able to read this name very clearly.
21 students were instructed, 14 boys and 7 girls. The range of distance traveled was ¼ mile to 3 miles. For the first time, an American flag began to fly.

Reading, Spelling, Writing, English and Mathematics were offered to all students.

Geography and Physical Education were taken by Leroy Allen, Curtis Brent, George Combs, Charles Day, Arthur Dean, Theodore Dean, Herbert Harris, Isiah Harris, Ottomer Harris, Walter Harris, Emerson Jackson, Foster Jackson, Nellie Mae Dean, Rhoda Dean, and Corene Harris.

Leroy Allen, Walter Harris, and Nellie Mae Dean also took US History. Leroy Allen, Walter Harris, Foster Jackson, Nellie Mae Dean, Rhoda Dean and Corene Harris took Va History. Leroy Allen, Walter Harris, Nellie Mae Dean, Rhoda Dean and Corene Harris also took Civics. Foster Jackson, Nellie Mae Dean, Rhoda Dean and Corene Harris also took Hygiene.

The building was insured by Garrett & Co., associated with Fireman’s Fund, on Nov 13, 1931. (see page 68/69)

In 1931: School board minutes substitute the word “negro” for “colored,” but Negro does not appear again until 1947, when teachers are “negro,” but schools are “colored.”

Statistical Summaries for 1931/32

Pupils could secure textbook at contract prices. The state course of study was followed and there was a United States flag flying on the schoolhouse, which was very rare (Cole, 1932). If there was a flag at all, it was usually inside. Another interesting note in the report was that 6.5 hours were devoted to elementary school instruction divided between 9am and 3:30pm.

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33 Check source.
1932/33 Academic Year for Conklin

Flossie L. Sinclair was the “negro” instructor for the academic year of 1932/33, who then became Flossie Furr in the next term. The Term Report said she possibly only taught for 4 months, ending May 18. She also didn’t use the state course on study. As with the previous year, an American Flag was flown at the property. According to Jimmy Dean (attended from 1938 to 1950), the flag was kept indoors at night, then flown from a flag pole during the day (Dean J. C., 2014). Instruction was 5.5 hours a day.

There were 18 children, of which 12 were boys and 6 were girls. The range of ages was 8 to 16. No information was provided on distances from school to students homes.

All students were offered Reading, Spelling, Writing, English, Mathematics, Health Ed and Physical ed.

LeRoy Allen and Walter Harris also took civics, but no one else.

All of the students that year took Geography, other than Thelma Brent and Margaret Christian.

Only the following students took US History. Foster Jackson, Samuel Jackson, Thelma Brent, Margaret Christian, Thoda Dean, Corene Harris.

Everyone took Virginia history except for Hazel Page, Frances Jackson and LeRoy Allan (Sinclair, 1933).

The building was insured by Moore Clements & Co of Rhode Island, policy 167045 on Nov 15, 1932.\(^{34}\)

**Statistical Summaries for 1932/33**

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**1933/34 Academic Year for Conklin**

Loudoun records showed Flossie Sinclair Furr as the instructor for this academic year, which was confirmed by Richmond’s records. They also indicated she lived in Clifton Station, was married, and instructed grades 1-7 for eight months on a month salary of $50. She had an NP certificate due to expire in 1937 and graduated from Storer in 1934 (Jefferson County BHPS, 2007). She also had one year of experience, which was in Loudoun (Virginia Department of Public Instruction, 1892-1975, p. Reel 4437).

This year, Furr instructed twenty students, evenly split between boys and girls. The distances to homes were not annotated. The range of ages was 6 to 15. An American flag is flown at the school but Flossie didn’t use the State course of study, perhaps because this was a one room school house.

Everyone took Reading, Spelling, Writing, English and Mathematics. No one took Community Study and only Herbert Harris, Rhoda Harris and Corene Harris took US History. Curtis Brent, Arthur Dean, Emerson Jackson, Rhoda Jackson and Corene Harris took Virginia History. Everyone except David Jackson, Thelma Brent, Beatrice Harris, Frances Jackson and Violet Page took Physical Ed and Health Ed. Brent Calvin, Isaiah Harris, Thelma Brent, Frances Jackson, Violet Page, Rosette Smith and Mildred Allen didn’t take Geography.

The building was insured by An. Adams, associated with Va Fire and marine, policy 454949 on Nov 15, 1933.35

**Statistical Summaries for 1933/34**

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No of months taught 8. No of days school was open, 153. No of days teacher was present, 140, so he was absent 13. Who covered Flossie, and why was she absent (Furr, 1934)?

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1934/35 Academic Year for Conklin

Chas L. Willis, identified as a “negro” was the instructor for the 1934/35 academic year, which covered eight months and 154 days, for which Ms. Willis was present the entire time (Willis C., 1935).

No American flag flew at the school.

Everyone took Reading, English, Spelling, Writing and Mathematics. Everyone except Calvin and Robert Brent, as well as Gladys Lansdowne and Violet Page took physical education. No one took community study, US or Virginia history of civics. Geography was not taken by Robert and Calvin Brent, nor Thelma Brent, Beatrice Harris, Frances Jackson, Rosetta Smith, Gladys Landdowne or Violet Page.

Pupils could secure textbooks at the contract price. 842 hours were devoted to elementary school branches. No hours were devoted to instruction in high school branches. The state course of study was not followed.

**Statistical Summaries for 1934/35**

Seventeen students attended Conklin, nine boys and eight girls. The range of distances from school for a student to travel were ¾ of a mile to 3.5 miles in the case of the Brent family. The range of ages was 6 to 13.

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1935/36 Academic Year for Conklin

Charles Willis was the instructor. According to Richmond’s records, Willis was from Aldie, had 15 years of experience, all in Loudoun, was married and instructed grades 1-7 for $50 a month on a 12 month contract, due to expire in 1937. He attended Manassas Industrial School (Virginia Department of Public Instruction, 1892-1975, p. Reel 4449). The school operated on an 8 month schedule for 157 days, or which the instructor was present for the entire period. (Willis C., 1936)

18 children were served, half of which were boys and half girls. The range of distances traveled to school were from ¼ mile to 1.25 miles, which was the Harris family. Ages ranged from 7 to 14 who was Herbert Harris, Walter Jackson and Ottomer Harris. No American flag was displayed, and the instructor did not use the State course of study.

Everyone took Reading, Spelling, Writing, English and Mathematics. No one took Community Study, Health Ed or US History. Arthur Dean took Geography and Physical Ed. Calvin and Robert Brent did not take Geography, nor did Isiah Harris. The rest of the redactions at a little hard to read and appear to cover students who didn’t and did take courses.

Statistical Summaries for 1935/36

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\(^{36}\) Original has a strike over.

\(^{37}\) The numbers don’t add up. Should be 8 and that might be what was written as a strike over 5.
1936/37 Academic Year for Conklin

According to Loudoun records, Mary Dean Johnson was the “negro” instructor the 1936/37 academic year, earning $293.72 for the term or $50 a month. The school operated on an eight month schedule for 159 days, of which the instructor was present for the entire period (Johnson M. D., 1937).

Johnson received a BS from the Hampton Institute May 28, 1935. Operated on a ten year license issued in 1935 and good until 1945. Had 2 years’ experience. The Term Report had her entirely at Conklin (Johnson M. D., 1937). Also may have instructed at Rock Hill, so perhaps the two schools were split. Richmond records confirmed Johnson teaching at Conklin and that she was from Clifton Station, was single, instructed grade 1-7 for $55 a month on a 12 month contract. She also held an NP certificate, due to expire in 1940 (which is different from the Loudoun records).

She also may have studied at Storer (though I’m not sure of which year) and had one year of experience, in Loudoun (Virginia Department of Public Instruction, 1892-1975, p. Reel 4450).

21 students were cared for in the 1936/37 year, of which 9 were boys and 12 girls. The Range in ages was 6 to 18, with Elizabeth Robinson being the eldest. The range of distances to home from school was ¼ mile to 4 miles, which was the Brent family, followed by the Robinson family at 3 miles distance. Johnson did use the State course of study for her instruction and there was an American flag was displayed. Students could acquire textbooks at the contract rate. 874.5 hours were devoted to elementary branches and none to high school branches. No pupils were supplied textbooks by the school board, probably indicating none qualified an indigent. All could receive books at the contract rate.

None of the students took Fine and Industrial Arts, Music or Home Economics. All students took Language Arts, Social Studies, Arithmetic, and Physical and Health Ed.
Violet Page and Gladys Landsdowne apparently attended school; but their course work was not recorded.

In 1936, the building was insured for $500 and the contents for $100. (page 108)\(^{38}\)

Regarding statistics, the school was open for 159 days, of which the teacher was always present. Interestingly, with the exceptions of Violet Page and Gladys Landdowne, all students were listed as having enrolled for 160 days and Arthur Dean was shown to have attended for 160, in theory not possible (Johnson M. D., 1937).

**Statistical Summaries for 1936/37**

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\(^{39}\) Original hard to read.  
\(^{40}\) Difficult to read.
1937/38 Academic Year for Conklin

Mary Dean Johnson was the instructor for the 1937/38 Academic Year. According to the Richmond records, Johnson had two years of experience, all in Loudoun. She was also from Clifton Station, single, instructed grades 1-7 on $60 a month on an eight month contract and had a CP certificate due to expire in 1945. Her education was at Hampton (Virginia Department of Public Instruction, 1892-1975, p. Reel 4451).

18 children studied, split evenly between girls and boys. Three pupils were supplied textbooks by the school board, I assume because they were indigent. The State course of study was followed; but an American flag was only flown “part of the time.” The school was open for 8 months broken down in to 160 days, of which Johnson was present for the entire time (Johnson M. D., 1938). The distances from school ranged from half a mile (Ashton family) to 4 miles for the Brent family\(^4\), followed by 2.5 miles (Gladys Allen and Edward Allen, but other Allen’s were closer).

All students took Language Arts, Social studies, Arithmetic and Physical and Health Ed. None took Fine and Industrial Arts, Music, Home Economics or Science.

Conklin had a perfect score of 100% vaccination for diphtheria and smallpox, no doubt in part due to encouragement by the teacher, Mary Dean Johnson (Public Health Nurse, 1938, p. 5).

**Statistical Summaries for 1937/38**

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\(^4\) Actual number is hard to read.
1938/39 Academic Year for Conklin

According to the Loudoun Term Report for 1938/39, Mary Dean Johnson was the instructor for 16 children (Johnson M. D., Term Report: Conklin Colored School, 1938-39, 1939) and during the summer lived at 925 Westminster St., NW in Washington, DC. Richmond’s records showed Johnson as single, from Clifton Station, teaching grades 1-7 for $65 a month on a nine month contract. She also has a CP certificate, due to expire in 1945, went to Hampton and had three years of experience, all in Loudoun (Virginia Department of Public Instruction, 1892-1975, p. Reel 4452).

The Term Report offered no useful information other than the list of students, except that the range of ages was 6 to 18, and apparently a physical examination was made, though the results were redacted. James Dean, who attended from 1938-1949/50, took reading, writing, arithmetic and Virginia History. He also walked a mile or so to school (Dean J. C., 2014).

The building was insured for $500. Page 13742.

Statistical Summaries for 1938/39

No statistical summaries chart found; but other data was found.

Five children were ranked unsatisfactory and 6 were ranked satisfactory. For the first time, students were also ranked according to initiative, team work, self-control and outstanding merit. In the interests of privacy, we have redacted those individual scores. Descendants can however write to the Records Office at LCPS.

On Oct 31, 193843, the school received $4.30 of which it expended $4.50. On November 29, 1938, the school received $3.00 and expended $3.00. On May 12, 1939, the school received

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43 Years are added by author, based on best possible assumption
$9.00 and expended $8.50. In total, the school received (source unknown) $9.00 and expended $8.5 on unknown things.

**1939/40 Academic Year for Conklin**

The Richmond files showed Nora Rogers of Aldie as the “negro” instructor in Conklin for 1939/40; but Loudoun records showed Mary Dean Johnson the instructor for 14 children, ages 6-19. (Johnson M. D., Term Report: Conklin Colored School, 1939-40, 1940) Richmond had Johnson teaching at Hamilton.

In the Richmond records, Rogers was married, instructed grades 2-7 on an annual salary of $589 covering nine months of instruction. She also had an NP certificate which would expire in 1940. She also had two years from Miner (Howard University) without a matriculation of BS. She also came to Conklin with 4 years of experience; but only one in Loudoun (Virginia Department of Public Instruction, 1892-1975, p. Reel 4453).

Nina Jett, Willie Jett and Audrey Jett were identified as non-residents, and apparently a physical examination was made, though the results were redacted.

A note was made that after June 5th, Mary Johnson would be living at Box 300, Waynesboro, Va. Mrs. Gertrude Alexander was the Superintendent for Colored instruction in Loudoun. Her home was in Winston Salem and she attended Atlanta University (Superintendent of Schools, 1946).

**Statistical Summaries for 1939/40**

A statistical summary chart was not found; but we did find other useful data. Interestingly, money was spent on Halloween, Thanksgiving, an Education Rally, Christmas and School items, the first mention of such specific expenditures, though uncategorized expenditures also appeared in the 1938/39 Term Report. It would be great to learn what happened at the rally.

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$^{44}$ Years are added by author, based on best possible assumption  
$^{45}$ I have retained the instructor’s spelling.
7 students were ranked satisfactory and 1 was marked unsatisfactory. None were grades for initiative, team-work, self-control or outstanding merit.

**1940-41 Academic Years for Conklin**

This was a time of turmoil for Conklin.

The building was insured for $500. Page 140\(^{47}\).

**Aug 12, 1941**

The Superintendent was authorized to investigate the possibility of making some arrangements to transport pupils from Conklin to Bull Run School (School Board, 1941). **Note:** In September, 1926, students appear to have been transported by an official wagon, vs a school bus.

**Sep 9, 1941**

**Mary Dean Johnson** resigned as a teacher at Bull Run. The decision was made then to open Conklin School on October 1\(^{st}\) (Superintendent of Instruction, 1941). According to Richmond records, Johnson was single, living in Aldie and taught at Bull Run for the grades 1-7. Her salary was $65 a month. She also held an NP certificate due to expire in 1942, graduated with a BS from Hampton and had five years of experience, all in Loudoun (Virginia Department of Public Instruction, 1892-1975, p. Reel 4454).

**Oct 14, 1941**

The Enrollment cards for Loudoun was closed in 1940/41; but Christine Scott was appointed a teacher of Conklin School, provided that the school might be closed if attendance was too low

\(^{46}\) I did the addition, as it wasn’t in the report.

\(^{47}\) Check reference
History of Conklin Village, by Larry Roeder   May 18, 2016  Conklin Colored School

(Superintendent of Instruction, 1941). We have the Term report for Conklin for 1941/42 from Ms. Scott.

Oct, 1941/42

Christine Scott, Negro, Conklin Opened Oct 1, Grade of certification was NP which was issued in 1941 and expired in 1946. She had one year of experience in 1941-42 and was educated at St. Paul.

1941/42

Conklin and Rock Hill schools combined. From 1942-43 to 1944-45 the teacher at the combined school was Nannie Coles.

April 14, 1942

One teacher was employed for Conklin and Rock Hill, combined, teaching the first half year at Conklin and the second half year at Rock Hill. (Loudoun County School Board, 1942).

1941/42 Academic Year for Conklin

The school was opened on October 1, 1941 (Loudoun County School Board, 1941, Aug 12, p. 176). Christine L. Scott was the instructor for 11 children, ranging in age from 6 to 17.

Christine Scott was listed as a Negro, living in Conklin. The school was opened Oct 1. Grade of certification was NP, which was issued in 1941 and due to expire in 1946. She had one year of experience in 1941-42 and was educated at St. Paul, according to Loudoun’s records, though Richmond showed her with no experience (Virginia Department of Public Instruction, 1892-1975, p. Reel 4455).

James A. Jackson received a vaccination as well as diphtheria immunization. Doesn’t appear that anyone else did. Classes students participated in were not listed. Charlie J. Jackson had his teeth checked (Scott, 1942).

The school wanted to know how many years the children had already been in school.

- Two had been in school 1 year, Charlie J. Dean and James A. Jackson
- Two had not been in school before, Richard L. Jackson and Louis Reid.
- I had 2 years of experience, James C. Dean.
- 1 had 3 years of experience, Mary E. Dean.
- Two had four years of experience, Charles M. Dean and Isiah Harris
- Four had five years of experience, Arthur Dean, Ottomas Harris, Bernice E. Ashton and Beatrice Harris.

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48 Source Donna Kroiz
49 Source Donna Kroiz
Statistical Summary for 1941/42

There was no statistical summary chart, nor an expenditures report.

1942/43 Academic Year for Conklin and Rock Hill

During the 1941/42 academic year, Conklin (Broad Run District) and Rock Hill (Mercer District) schools were combined in the sense that a single teacher instructed one body part of the year and the other school the other part.

From 1942-43 to 1944-45 the teacher at the combined school project was Nannie C. Coles, a “colored instructor,” teaching the first half year at Conklin and the second half-year at Rock Hill. (Loudoun County School Board, 1942). This was confirmed by a report of School Board proceedings in the Loudoun Times Mirror April, 16, 1942 (Loudoun Times Staff, 1942). One has to imagine that had a negative impact on enrollment, certainly on the amount of information conveyed in classes.

For the 1942/43 year, nothing was documented on specific academics. We do know however that students received physical examination and the grade for students was also provided, from 1 to 7. Those are repeated in the student profiles. Ages ranged from 6 to 15 (Coles, Term Report: Rock Hill and Conklin Colored Schools, 1942-43, 1943).

There is a hint in the Term Report for 1942/43 as to which of the students in the combined body were Rock Hill, vs Conklin. According to the Enrollment Card for Conklin for 1942/43, the school had 11 students. The Term Report for 1942/43 by Nannie Cole listed 23 students at Rock Hill/Conklin Combined; but all except 11 had a RH pencil mark next to their name. The 11 were marked with a strike “-“. I have included all of the 23 students in the tally in this report, for the sake of completeness; but based on these assumptions, the actual Conklin students for 1942/43 were:

1. Bernice Ashton, Age 14, 7th Grade
2. Charlie Dean, Age 9, 1st Grade
3. James Dean, Age 11, 4th Grade
4. Charles Dean, Age 14, 5th Grade
5. Mary E. Dean, Age 13, 5th Grade
6. Beatrice Harris, Age 15, 7th Grade
7. James Jackson, Age 8, 1st Grade
8. Richard Jackson, Age 6, 1st Grade
9. George Thomas, Age 8, 1st Grade
10. Charles Thomas, Age 7, 1st Grade
11. Herman Tongans, Age 6, 1st Grade

1943/44 Academic Year for Rock Hill/Conklin Combined

Nannie C. Coles was the instructor for this year, her summer address being 30 N Yewdall St., Philadelphia, PA.

Personal information on the student’s academics, including what courses they took, is absent. However, the grade for each and age was given, as well as the number of years in school, whether the student was a non-resident, how many days present and whether transported at public expense (Coles, Term Report: Rockhill and Conklin Colored Schools, 1943-44, 1944). 17 students attended school. None of the students were non-resident and none received public transportation, which was the first year, this factor was noted. All were also supplied with legal texts.

Although 17 students went into the combined Rock Hill/Conklin project, according to the Enrollment Card for Conklin for 1943/44, the school had 7 students. Unfortunately, unlike in 1942/43, the instructor didn’t leave a hint as to who was a Conklin, vs Rock Hill student. For completion’s sake, the roster in this book does list all of the students in the combined project; however, we can make an educated about Conkin students by examining other lists of students who were entirely in Conklin.

1. Charlie J. Dean, Age 10, Grade 2/3
2. James C. Dean, Age 12, Grade 4/5
3. Mary E. Dean, Age 14, Grade 6/6
4. Beatrice Harris Age 16, Grade 7/8
5. James A. Jackson, Age 9, Grade 2/2
6. Leslie Jackson, Age 6, Grade 1/2
7. Richard Jackson, Age, Age 6, Grade 1/1

Statistical Summary for 1943/44

No statistical summary was provided in the Term Report; however, we did learn that 17 children received Diphtheria shots and 19 received vaccinations. One student had a “defect” requiring correction. Only 1 had his eyes checked. two their throats, 8 their teeth, and two their weight.
We also learned that Rock Hill received $7.50 on December 12, 1943 and expended $4.50. There is no indication of the source of funds, nor why funds were expended.

The term report also indicated that standard test score were not available, but that grades were available for Social Studies, Language/Arts and Mathematics, as well as Initiative, Team-Work and self-control. These results have been redacted but as with any Term Report are available from the Records Office of LCPS. There were no general estimates as to Outstanding Merit or whether children were satisfactory or unsatisfactory.

1944/45 Academic Year for Conklin and Rock Hill

I didn’t find any academic records for Conklin for 1944/45, and according to the enrollment cards for Loudoun, the school was closed that year; but did find Nannie Coles teaching at Rock Hill. At the time she lived in Bluemont and instructed grades 1-7 at $121 a month on an 11 month contract. Her NP certificate was due to expire in 1946. In addition, she had 21 years of experience, of which 18 were in Loudoun (Virginia Department of Public Instruction, 1892-1975, p. Reel 4458).

1945/46 Academic Year for Conklin

I didn’t find any academic records for Conklin for 1945/46, and the enrollment cards indicated the school closed; but I did find Nannie Coles teaching at Round Hill. At the time she lived in Bluemont and instructed grades 1-7 at $1548, annual on a 9 month contract. Her NP certificate was due to expire in 1946. In addition, she had 21 years of experience, of which 18 were in Loudoun (Virginia Department of Public Instruction, 1892-1975, p. Reel 4458). This is same amount of experience as reported the previous year (Virginia Department of Public Instruction, 1892-1975, p. Reel 4459).

1946/47 Academic Year for Conklin

No academic records were found for Conklin for 1946/47.

1947/48 Academic Year for Conklin
No academic records were found for Conklin for 1947/48.

1948/49 Academic Year for Conklin

Academic information in Loudoun records on Conklin skips from the 1943/44 year academic year to 1948/49, though it is understood that through 1945, Nannie Coles might have been the main instructor, perhaps for partial year instruction in combination with Rock Hill.

1948 is one of the years when there was a conflict in record keeping. I have a Term Report from this year for Mildred Peters of Manassas; but the Richmond records showed Helen Lee of Purcellville.

**Mildred Peters:** The Term Report for 1948/49 (undated) indicated Mildred Peters of Manassas was instructor for this term (Peters, 1949). Twenty nine students attended school and all received public transportation. Grades ranged from P (which must have meant pre-school) to 7th grade. No information was provided on physical fitness or academics, nor how many years of prior schooling anyone had. Eight students were girls and twenty one were boys.

**Helen Lee:** The Richmond file, dated February 1949, showed Helen Lee of Purcellville as the instructor in 1948/49. Those records also showed she was single, age 31 and assigned specifically to the first grade on an annual salary of $2,568 for a nine month contract. She also had 12 years of experience, all in Loudoun, was educated at Hamilton and achieved a Bachelor of Science degree. She operated on a CP certificate, due to expire in 1958 (Virginia Department of Public Instruction, 1892-1975, p. Reel 4464).

Perhaps Lee was hired to do Conklin; but something intervened and Peters took over. Unfortunately, this is another example of fractured record maintenance. The truth is, the only reason we have any local records for this period is thanks to the valiant work of Donna Kroitz and her colleagues in the records office.

**Statistical Summary for 1948/49**

No statistical summary was provided for this academic year, nor any documentation on physical/medical examinations. However, the report does show that 29 children were
transported at public expense, which was the complement for the student body. No indication was provided as to how many days the school was in session, nor how many days each child attended (Peters, 1949).

**1949/50 Academic Year for Conklin**

The instructor was Mrs. Mabel C. Beal, identified as “negro.” 40 students attended. Students attended a wide range of days from 6 to 179. Summer address was Virginia State College. “Virginia State University was founded on March 6, 1882, when the legislature passed a bill to charter the Virginia Normal and Collegiate Institute. The bill was sponsored by Delegate Alfred W. Harris, a Black attorney whose offices were in Petersburg, but lived in and represented Dinwiddie County in the General Assembly (Staff).”

**Statistical Summary for 1949/50**

A statistical summary was not provided. Most of the teeth were checked, and vaccinations were carried out on many, as well as diphtheria immunizations. We don’t know what the vaccinations were for, probably typical childhood diseases. 20 physical defects requiring correction were found. All of the students were supplied with public transport; but none were supplied with the legal texts for schooling. Teeth were checked and weight for a couple of kids, but nothing else.

**1950/51 Academic Year for Conklin**

1950 was another example of conflicting records. The Term Report for 1950/51 showed Mrs. Mabel C. Beal, whereas the Richmond records indicated G.F. Sterling.

**Mrs. Mabel C. Beal.** The Term Report for this period showed that the instructor was Mrs. Mabel C. Beal, “negro” and that her summer address was Virginia State College. She instructed 38 students.

**Statistical Summary for 1950/51**
A formal statistical summary was not provided; but the Term Report did indicate that most of the children were given eye exams, except for Albert Harris, Cecil Terrell and Shirley Crabbe. Many were also given throat and teeth exams. 18 physical defects were noted requiring correction. All students received public transportation (Beal, Term Report: Conklin Colored School, 1950-51, 1951).

Beal also had a cash account:

- PTA  Received $25.00  Expended $7.27
- Junior League  Received 0
- Senior League  Received $8.50
- Middleburg Dance  Received $6.00
- Expended $6 on Middleburg Dance?

Receipts equaled $39.50 and expenditures equaled $13.27. The Balance was $26.23.

Standard test scores were provided for some students, as well as achievements in social studies, language/arts, mathematics and science. All are redacted; but are available to descendants from LCPS. There were also achievements noted for initiative, team-work, self-control, outstanding merit, and notions as to whether a student was or was not satisfactory.

**G.F. Sterling:** The Richmond records had G.F. Sterling instructing. He or she was married, instructed grades 1-6 and operated on annual salary of $2028. The contract was for 9 months and certificate was due to expire in 1952. He or she had attended Virginia State, so I assume was African-American, and had six years experience, only one of which was in Loudoun (Virginia Department of Public Instruction, 1892-1975, p. Reel 4466).

**1951/52 Academic Year for Conklin**

Conklin became part of the Sterling School District

The Instructor, according to Loudoun records, was Mabel Beal (Beal, Term Report: Conklin Colored School, 1951-52, 1952). She spent her summer at 910 South Main Street, Culpepper, Va. Richmond records indicate that in 1951/52 she also had 8 years of experience, of which 2 were in Loudoun. This varies by a year with the prior report. Her annual salary was $2304 for nine months of instructions on an NP certificate due to expire in 1957. Richmond records also imply that she had not matriculated to a BS. (Virginia Department of Public Instruction, 1892-1975, p. Reel 4470).
Statistical Summary for 1951/52

No formal report was provided. Earl Harris had his ears, throat and teeth inspected, and there were various other checks for students, though nothing uniform. No information specific to academic matters, e.g. what they learned was provided. 1 vaccination was provided and no diphtheria shots. 14 defects requiring correction were noted.


This was the last academic year for Conklin. The following year on May 17, 1954, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Earl Warren delivered the unanimous ruling in the landmark civil rights case Brown v. Board of Education. In that year, Helen Marcel Cauthorne was Superintendent for “Negro” children in Loudoun at an annual salary of $3420 (Virginia Department of Public Instruction, 1892-1975, p. Reel 4472). The photo was provided by her grand-niece, who remembered “Prior to first grade I would travel sometime with my Aunt to her schools in the county. The schools were segregated then and my brother and I both attended school in Leesburg, Douglass Elementary. I mostly remember the school in Purcellville and Ashland which were one room schools (Guirty, 2014).”

The instructor at Conklin was Ernestine F. Stewart. Her summer address was Box 173, Brunswick, Md. Identified as “negro.”

“In 1969, due to intervention by U.S. courts and pressure from local African Americans, Loudoun County brought an end to segregating public schools by the race of their students. In the late 1950s and early 1960s, school and government officials in the county generally followed the lead of other Virginia politicians who opposed racial integration of the public schools and
other public accommodations; their responses ranged from quiet inaction to open defiance of the U.S. Supreme Court’s 1954 ruling that racial segregation in the public schools was unconstitutional. Between 1963 and 1967, the county desegregated some of its public schools using a freedom-of-choice plan that required African-American students to apply to transfer to schools intended for whites. In 1967, a federal judge ruled that the freedom-of-choice plan did not meet the requirement that schools be freely and fully integrated, and ordered the county to establish geographical attendance zones, integrate the faculty and staff, and desegregate school bus routes. By the end of the 1968-1969 school year, school officials in Loudoun County had implemented these reforms and integrated school facilities (Causey & Claypool, 2010).

By the 1940/41 season, the School Board decided to combine operations with another Colored School named Rock Hill; but they kept the property for another decade, not deciding until 1953 to sell the school. The 1952/53 academic year is therefore the last year for which we found instruction going on. Then, according to the minutes of the School Board of June 15, 1953 a resolution rescinded the prior authorization for the sale of the Conklin because “the board does not hold a clear title (Kroiz, Conklin School, 2013)”. A final reversal happened at the School Board, meeting in Leesburg, July 12, 1955 when it was resolved in action number 7 to accept an offer by Ralph A. Styer to pay $450 for the interests of the School Board in Conklin. Stirling Harrison was appointed to prepare the deed (LCPS, 1955, July 12). The deed between the School Board of Loudoun County of the first part and Ralph A. Styer and Mary A. Styer of the second part was done on 17 August, 1954, transferring about half an acre known as “the Conklin School Property” and being the “same conveyed to the School Board of Broad Run Township by the deed of Horace Adee, dated Dec 22, 1871 (Commissioner of the Revenue, 1954).”

On 30 April, 1955 Ralph A. and Mary Styer of the first part sold the land to Delight M. Sigilman of the second part, “containing one-half acre, more or less, known as the Conklin School (Commissioner of the Revenue, 1955).” Delight M. Sigilman then sold this land to Peter John Knop II on November 10, 1956. This deed also notes that the land includes an abandoned road (Commissioner of the Revenue, 1956).

In 1956, the Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to temporarily close the black public schools rather than integrate (Nadler, 2013).

**Statistical Summary for 1953/53**
A formal statistical report was not provided. No information was provided in the records on courses followed. Some physical exams were given, as well as 4 vaccinations and 18 diphtheria immunizations. There was also information on speech; but grades were redacted from the individual files. All students received public transportation. No physical defects requiring attention were detected.

10 had no prior experience in school
11 had 1 year of prior schooling
  5 had 2 years of prior schooling
  0 had 3 years of prior schooling.
  5 had 4 years of prior schooling.
  3 had 5 years of prior schooling.
  2 had 6 years of prior schooling.
  1 had 7 years of prior schooling and was in the 6th grade, age 15.

16 were in the first grade
  8 were in the second grade
  3 were in the third grade
  1 was in the fourth grade
  6 were in the fifth grade
  3 were in the sixth grade
  0 were in the seventh grade.
7. Instructor Bios:

This chapter, and indeed the book itself would have been impossible without the help of Donna Kroiz, Student Records Manager, Office of Information Management, Loudoun County Public Schools. The cluster of African-Americans being researched produced at least two public school teachers, Mary Dean Johnson and Christine Allen. This is a hugely important development not only for the Allen and Dean families; but for African-Americans in general, since progress can’t happen very easily without education. It is also a testament to Jennie Dean, who started Prosperity Baptist Church and was a strong advocate for education.

The records after 1919 were from the Loudoun County School Board. There are references to the School Board meeting at the Leesburg Courthouse as early as July 31, 1919…..and another meeting soon after that was held at the County Clerk’s Office in Leesburg……and another in the Director’s room at the Peoples National Bank in Leesburg. The meeting on April 6, 1920 was held in the “high school building at Lincoln.” Unfortunately, not every venue of the School Board meeting was documented. Some say Leesburg, some say Purcellville, and most don’t have any location at all. However, we do know that Superintendent Oscar Emerick served 1917 through 1957. His
first office was in his home in Purcellville, than above N.G. Miller’s Purcellville Pharmacy. The
school board remained there until 1935, then moved to Leesburg. Emerick’s sister Ruth was his
clerk from 1922, when the county school board were unified under a county system, until 1962

Before the Civil War, schooling was done by private schools, and free public education
was resisted for African-Americans, least it foment an end to slavery. Indeed, the education of
African-Americans was largely forbidden. With emancipation, the end of the war and then
Reconstruction, some citizens realized there was a need to educate both African Americans and
White children. That started the “separate but equal” which stayed until the 1960’s. Private
schools did exist of course, such as the education gained at Prosperity Baptist Church and in
1865 a school for African American children was also started by Sarah Steer, a Quaker in
Waterford. Public education in Loudoun as of 1870 was managed by independent school
boards for each District, then in 1922 all were unified. Those middle years are not totally
covered in the archives of the LCPS system maintained by Donna Kroiz, so I plan to do that
through country archives State records in Richmond to see if Brewer or his cluster participated
in the schools then in any way. Within Loudoun, District Board members began meeting
occasionally as the Loudoun County School Board in 1898; but mainly met at the District level
until 1922 when the state consolidated. Part of the reason was simple math. There were over
500 Districts in Virginia, with no central authority. Consolidation just made more sense, despite
political opposition at times to do things at a County level, what was described as the “County
Unit (Buck, 1952, p. 207).”

Until the car developed as a major means of transportation, and along with it, the bus,
public education throughout Virginia was controlled by District School Boards (Poland, 2005).
Transportation was by foot, horse and patronized horse-drawn school wagons. Jimmy Dean
remembered getting around by horse, which he said for his time was common to most of the
residents; but he walked to school (Dean J. C., 2014). There were no buses for African-
American children until 1941. Those children walked to school, or in the case of children from
Willard (now Dulles Airport) studying in Conklin, they might board in Conklin during the week
and then go back home on the weekend.

As for the Conklin Colored School and White buildings, on October 7, 1873, Horace
Adee sold to the school board of Broad Run Township (meaning the electoral district) two
parcels of land for separate schools for whites (see volume on McGraw’s Ridge School ) and
African-Americans. The school for white children was on present-day Braddock road, whereas
the school for African-Americans (then called colored) was on the south side of present-day Ticonderoga and adjacent to land owned by Hampton R. Brewer (Commissioner of the Revenue, 1873, pp. 11-12), just to the south of the J. Michael Lunsford Middle School line across from the Brewer Cemetery.

Some general observations are that children often had to walk to school, even whites, though wagons were hired in some locations. By 1911 the first buses appeared, horse drawn affairs. However, helping colored kids lagged behind. In 1941, the School Board did authorize the “Superintendent to investigate the possibility of making some arrangement to transport pupils from Conklin to Bull Run school (Loudoun County School Board, 1941, Aug 12).” One wonders why this wasn’t a requirement.

Teachers tended to be poorly paid because there were so many schools, due to the people having to walk, so pupil populations were small. But Colored teachers were definitely paid less than white teachers. Page two of the 1928 Term Report and that of the report for 1935/36 both indicate how many students were home schooled or visited by the instructor. Sometimes teachers visited students needing instructions; but in the case of Carter, teachers often boarded with student families. Indeed the daughter of Flossy Furr, a teacher at Conklin, indicated that at one point Ms. Furr has to support six children on $60 a month.

The level of instruction might have been good since some of the African-American teachers had credentials as good as the whites; but it also appears that kids at Conklin didn’t always receive instruction in all subjects. This wasn’t always the case of course as Christine Allen seems to have only graduated from High School; but at that time in history, a High School diploma was considered an important degree, enough to allow one to compete to enter the Foreign Service. In fact, the 1913-14 the official catalog of work for students covered a broad sweep of subjects.

The resources were likely less for African-Americans than whites. As an example, one of the major issues was also high school education. For a very long time, African-American students had to travel to Jennie Dean’s school in Manassas to receive a high school degree, whereas any white student was offered that opportunity in Loudoun. In that light, I was struck by a personal letter by a parent written as late of March 18, 1940 to the Superintendent of Schools in Loudoun in which the parent pleaded for an accredited high school for his child in Loudoun so that she might be able to attend college (see paper files associated with report)
(McK Jackson, 1940). Later in 1941, Douglas High School for African-Americans needed a brick and cinder block shop for its students. Rather than install one, the School Board required that it actually be built by the students, ostensibly as part of their industrial education (Loudoun County School Board, 1941, Aug 12, pp. 174-201).

The following list is all teachers at the Conklin Colored School from its inception in 1874 through closure. We also had a special interest in Christine Allen and Mary Dean Johnson, so showed their teaching experiences at Greggsville, Rock Hill and Bull Run.
Mrs. Gertrude Alexander

Mrs. Alexander was the Colored student Superintendent for 1939/40 (Superintendent of Schools, 1946). She didn't teach at Conklin; but as the Superintendent (or Supervisor) for “colored” instructors, she would have influenced the educational experience at that school. Not much is known about her except that she was a major force for positive change and for obtaining a high school for African-Americans in Loudoun.

Christine Allen

Christine Allen was the instructor at Conklin for 1928/29. Her home was in Clifton station and she operated on a local permit issued in 1928 and which expired in 1929. It was also endorsed by the Superintendent on Jan 4, 1929. She had two years of experience and received a public school education, including schooling at the Manassas Industrial School started by Jennie Dean (Superintendent, LCPS, 1929).

Figure 22 Christine Allen Certificate 1928/29 (a)

Figure 23 Christine Allen Certificate 1928/29 (b)
Christine Allen studied at the Armstrong Technical High School in Washington, DC, graduating in 1927. The school was one of two segregated African-American manual training schools.

Upon graduation, Christine taught at

- Greggsville school during the 1927-28 school year. Her salary then was only $45 a month.
- Conklin school during the 1928-29 and 1929-30 school years.

For the academic years of 1927-28, 1928-29, 1929-30, Christine’s home was listed as Clifton Station, which is in Fairfax (Superintendent of Schools, 1946). “On March 10, 1902 Clifton Station was established as a town by Charter from the General Assembly. However, the town has been around since the 1700’s when it was a plantation and has an early history as Indian hunting grounds. As with the outlying towns from the nation’s capital in the 1800’s, the railroad made Clifton into the town as it is today and its residents and government have worked to ensure that much of its original charm and character remains today. Clifton, Virginia is located in the southwest part of Fairfax County and is nestled between the towns of Fairfax Station and Centreville before you reach the Loudoun County border (McEnearney Associates).”
She’s not listed in the teacher register book after that, but it only goes up to 1945-46. She does not appear to have had a college degree. “The teacher register says that Christine was teaching with a local permit that was issued in 1927 and expired in 1928 and was endorsed by the superintendent 11-17-27. It says she was educated in “Public School”—but no other details. Line 37 says she received the educational periodical “Pathfinder (Kroitz, 2013)”. The May, 1916 issue of Teacher’s Journal described Pathfinder as a weekly periodical recommended for every school (Editorial Staff, 1916).

As already noted in the bio on William Allen, his estate taxes were paid by Christine Norris of Centreville. (Lucien, son of William, had a daughter named Christina, born about 1910; so it would not surprise me that Christine Norris is the same woman. That would certainly explain why she was maintaining links to the property by paying its taxes. It could be in fact this was the property she grew up on. Other records indicate that Christine E. Norris was born September 14, 1913 and died in Clifton, Fairfax, Va. Aug 3, 2006.

We knew that Christine also studied at the Armstrong Manual Training School, also known as the Samuel Chapman Armstrong Technical High School in Washington, DC, so I assumed from similar research I’d done on other projects in the Middle Western states that a search for school records in Washington would be relatively easy; but it isn’t. The school records are scattered around the city, sometimes misplaced in some musty basement. Also, only one digital copy of Armstrong yearbooks could be found, too late to be of value, 1946. Research Item: I plan to visit the building to see if I can figure out where archives now reside.

Christine was probably living with friends or relatives in DC during her school years here. African Americans (AAs) from all over sent their children there for schooling, especially at M Street/Dunbar, which was the academic high school for AAs. Graduates of either high school intending to become teachers at a minimum went on for 2 years at the old Miner Normal School (later Miner Teachers College), where they would have gotten experience in a model school or outside classroom. The VA system might not have required a normal school degree, however. A future research project will be to look for her at the Sumner School, check out whatever records there are for both Armstrong and Miner.
Christine was born in 1910. She appeared in the census that year listed as a month old. She also showed up in 1920 and 1930, always living with her family, but not 1940. Perhaps she married after 1930. Her father, Lucien Allen, owned his own farm in Broad Run, Loudoun County, which he valued at $5000 in 1930. My plan for the 2015 edition to greatly expand interviews of people who lived in Conklin in order to garner a clearer understanding of the way of life.

There is one June 13, 1930, Washington Post article that confirms Christine Allen had been appointed for the 1930 - 31 school year at Conklin but contains no personal information. During this period the Post also often listed the names of high school graduates. Sandy checked published listings for 1927 - 1930 but didn't find her, keeping in mind that there are often inaccuracies in news reports. I found it interesting that the story was on page 13 in the Sports section. It was a version of a similar article in the Loudoun Times Mirror Loudoun Times Mirror (Staff, 1930).

**Christine Allen’s 1927 Studies in Chemistry and other Topics.**

![Figure 25 Signature of Christine Allen](image)

Christine Allen left behind for future generations to ponder her 1927 exercise book for Chemistry and other topics, which she took at Armstrong Technical High School in Washington, DC. Her instructor was Mrs. Scott and her section was SD-3. **Armstrong Manual Training School**, also known as the Samuel Chapman Armstrong Technical High School, is an historic school, located at 1st Street and P Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C., in the Truxton Circle neighborhood. There are many personal notes in the book on Christine's experiments, as well as some poetry, a host of drawings related to the experiments and brief notes on friends. For the use of scholars, the original is in the Archives of the Prosperity Baptist Church in Conklin. An electronic version of her book is also available. Be aware that pages 87 through 106 had been removed, as well as many other pages before I scanned saw the book.
Figure 26  Page 17 from Chemistry Workbook
John L. Baker

Mr. Baker was “colored,” and for the 1914/1915 academic year at Conklin, earned $35 a month. He may have been from Baltimore or perhaps Cedarville, Virginia, worked on a 5 month contract and held a 1st grade Certificate: (Superintendent of Instruction, 1929). We have no other definitive information on him, except perhaps a reference to payments made in a Lucien Allen ledger. The note book says JJ Baker, but could be a misspelling. Baker gave something; but that’s erased. Following the erasure, the note discussed the school. I think this could also be John J. Baker of Facquier County. In Lucien Allen notebook is a genealogy of the Baker family which points to a JJ Baker, likely John Joseph Baker. He showed up in the 1900 and 1910 Census records for Facquier County and in 1910, appeared as a School Teacher.

Mrs. Mabel Carter Beal

Based on records at the Loudoun County school records office, Mrs. Mabel Carter Beal instructed in the 1949/50, 1950/51 and 1951/52 academic years. She was identified as “negro.” She was also the next to last instructor for Conklin, the last one being Mrs. Ernestine F, Stewart. Her summer address was Virginia State College.

From Richmond records, we learned she was a widow, had seven years of experience, or which two were in Loudoun. Mabel lived in Sterling and instructed grades 1-7 on a salary of $2136 for a contract of 9 months. She also operated on an NP certificate, which was due to expire in 1952. Richmond record confirmed that that she also went to Virginia State (Virginia Department of Public Instruction, 1892-1975, p. Reel 4468).

In 1930, there was a Mrs. Mabel C. Beal residing in Washington, DC at 1315 Q St., NW (Boyd Staff, 1930, p. 107). I don't know if this is the same person. She had a very common name.
Nannie C. Coles

During the 1941/42 academic year, Conklin and Rock Hill schools were combined. From 1942-43 to 1944-45 the teacher at the combined school was Nannie C. Coles, a “colored instructor,” teaching the first half year at Conklin and the second half-year at Rock Hill. (Loudoun County School Board, 1942), though the Lists of Teachers, 1892-1975, only showed her at Conklin, except in 1943/44, when the listed showed her instructing at both Rock Hill and Conklin (Virginia Department of Public Instruction, 1892-1975, p. 4457).

Coles was one of the more experienced instructors, listed in 1942 with 18 years of experience, of which 15 were in Loudoun (Virginia Department of Public Instruction, 1892-1975, p. 4456). In 1942-43 she had 19 years of experience, according to LCPS files but no salary info was available (Kroiz, Conklin School, 2013); but the Richmond records for 1942/43 showed she earned $74.70 a month, then $96 a month in 1943/44, when she was also listed as having 19 years of experience, 16 in the Division, meaning Loudoun (Virginia Department of Public Instruction, 1892-1975, p. reels 4456 and 4457).

| Nannie C Coles | 14 Sep 1930 | 485-3639 | 163 Devon Rd, Hempstead, NY, 11550 |

Coles lived in Bluemont for the 1942/43 and 1943/44 Academic years at the base of Snicker’s Gap in the Blue Ridge Mountains and at 620 feet, the highest community in Loudoun. During her stay at Bluemont, she likely instructed at Rock Hill. In 1942, that was for all grades 1-7 on a monthly salary of $74.70. In the 1943/44 academic year, Coles was also living in Bluemont and instructed at both Rock Hill and Conklin, was single and instructed grades 1-7 on a salary of $96 a month on a 12 month contract, though I think it is clear she only instructed for the normal period of about 180 days. Cole’s summer address in 1942/43 was 900 French Street, NW, Washington, DC, a two story brick structure on an alley. Also had a basement.

Ms Coles was educated at Virginia State College. Her grade of certificate was “NP” and was issued in 1941 and due to expire in 1946.

50 Possible address, but not confirmed.
William H. Cole, Jr.

William H. Cole, Jr. was the “negro” instructor for 1931/32 in Conklin, perhaps for 5 ½ months of the year and Mrs. Moats\(^{51}\) for 3 ½ months. He also instructed at Conklin in 1932/33, along with Flossie L. Sinclair. That year, Cole lived in Clifton Station, was single, instructed grades 1-7 for $54 a month on a C certificate, due to expire in 1935. He also attended Hampton Institute.

**School year 1931-32 for William H. Cole Jr.**


**H.E. Cook**

“Colored” instructor Mr. H.E. Cook served Conklin in the 1896/97 academic year on a 3\(^{rd}\) grade Certificate in so far as he instructed prior to December 15, 1896. His permanent home was Herndon, Fairfax County, Virginia (Superintendent of Public Instruction, 1897). No other biographical information known.

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\(^{51}\) I wasn’t able to read this name very clearly.
Mr. Curtis Ewing was a “colored” instructor for the 1923/24 academic year at a rate of $40 a month. He had a local permit for all topics and operated on a six month contract. He was also supposed to be the instructor for the 1924/25 academic year, but the school was closed, due to lack of attendance. See report for that academic year.

Ewing was supposed to be from Leesburg. I didn’t find one there; but the 1920 Census for Broad Run showed an 18 year old farm laborer of this name. He would have been about 21 or 22 in 1923, so this is possible. We do know from research on the Lincoln Colored School identifying Ewing as its’ last instructor and later became the Principal as well as an instructor at Carver in Purcellville, where he taught Lewis Jett, who became a prominent member of the Black History Committee of the Friends of the Balch Library (Jett L. , Discussion of Curtis Ewing, 2015).

Ewing could be tough about discipline. Lewis Jett remembered a story in particular to illustrate. “I always felt he liked me personally. I can’t say for sure, but if I had to
guess.. it was my handwriting. He loved beautiful penmanship. The one thing that stood out about him to me was he beautiful writing on the blackboard. He received an invitation on day for a function at the Middle Burg Community Center. Out of the classroom full of 7th grade students, he gave me the invitation. He would give up assignments to do while in class. With him being the principal, he would travel back and forth to this office.

“Directly outside of our 7th grade room was a water fountain. We could not leave the classroom and get a drink of water. We only get a drink of water before or after class. Because I had gotten this invitation .. showing off.. I left the room and got a drink of water. Just as I was coming back in. he was coming from his office. He caught me! He asked me for the invitation to the function back. Tore it up in front of the class and threw it in the trash can. I tried to play it off; but that really hurt. Mainly because it was in front of the whole class. I can remember it so clearly today.. every time the name of Curtis Ewing is mention (Jett L. , Story About Curtis Ewing, December, 2014).”

A kinder image of Ewing was related in 1982 by another student of his for the Lincoln Preservation Society. “Mr. Ewing, he’d taken care of everybody. He had the whole 1st grade and carried on through the 7th grade - one teacher and we had an old coal stove there, I forget what they call it. . . but anyhow when he came in in the mornings, especially in the wintertime, he’d put hot water on and have us bean soup. We’d have our bean soup dinner and I never will forget it. He’d bring little glass jars to put our bean soups and there were right many kids there, and well, we all got along fine (Collins, Maria Nicklin, 2004).”


- 1930/31 Academic Year. Curtis Ewing was elected instructor at Lincoln by the School Board on June 10th, 1930. (Times Mirror Staff, 1930).
• Ewing remained instructor at Lincoln for 1931-1934/35. We also know that in 1934, Lincoln Colored was very crowded, so the School Board decided on November 6th, 1934 that the Purcellville primary teacher was to supply half a day at Lincoln (Washington Post Staff, 1934).
• 1936/37 through 1941/42, Curtis Ewing was the instructor at Lincoln.
• 1946/47. Curtis Ewing returned to Lincoln, having instructed in Lovettsville in the 1942/43 through 1945/46 Academic years. Ewing’s tenure at Lincoln for the 1946/47 Academic Year was confirmed by the Washington Post (Washington Post Staff, 1946)
• Following the 1946/47 Academic Year, Curtis Ewing instructed at Carver from the 1947/48 academic year through at least 1951/52. The records for 1952/53 records show him still instructing; but don’t indicate the specific school.
• Ewing would also instruct at Purcellville and eventually become its Principal.

Flossie Sinclair Furr (Flossie L. Sinclair) (1908 – 2004)

Ms. Furr was a long time instructor in Loudoun County who was born in 1908 in Washington, DC and died in Purcellville in 2004, spouse of Omar Furr, a stone mason. I am looking for survivors who might have information on the school and Prosperity Baptist. Mrs. Furr received the Short Normal Certificate, which allowed her to teach, in 1932. According to county records, Mrs. Furr in 1933 received the Normal Professional Certificate, and in 1952 a bachelor of arts degree, from Storer College in West Virginia. According to Storer records accumulated by the Jefferson County Black History Preservation Society, she studied in 1934 as Flossie L. Sinclair and in 1948 as Flossie Sinclair Furr, presumably obtaining her Normal in 1934 and the BS in 1948, or at least beginning that, if 1952 was her true graduation date, as suggested by the county records. This is unclear (Jefferson County BHPS, 2007).

She began teaching in Loudoun County in the early 1930s and retired in 1981, after serving as the librarian at Douglass Elementary School. In 1941, she was transferred to
Bull Run (Loudoun County School Board, 1941, Aug 12, p. 176), following resignation of Mary Dean Johnson.

Mrs Furr was buried at the cemetery of Olive Baptist in Lincoln, which she joined in 1924, serving as organist until her retirement in 1982. I also spoke with Ms. Furr’s children; but they had no records (11/2/2013) (Loudoun Easterner Staff, 2004).

“FURRS intermarried with Mahoney/Griffith in late 1800ss-early 1900s--Lewis Jett of the Black History Committee is a descendant (Saunders, 2014).”

**JW Goldsberry**

“Colored” instructor J.W. Goldsberry served Conklin in the 1895/96 academic year on a 1st grade Certificate in so far as he instructed prior to December 15, 1895 (Superintendent of Public Instruction, 1896). His permanent home was Smoky Ordinary, Brunswick, County, Virginia. No other biographical information known.

**Martha E. Jackson**

Martha E. Jackson was the “colored” instructor at Conklin for the 1903/04 academic year. No information on her compensation or education. Source: (colored). (Superintendent of Instruction, 1929)

At this point, we don’t know who Martha was, however in 1900, there was a “colored” Martha Jackson, stepdaughter to Armistead Turner, living in the Mercer District of Loudoun. She was born Aug, 1866 and was 33 at the time, according to the 1900 Census.

**Robert A. Jones**

“Colored” instructor Robert A. Jones served Conklin in the 1893/94, 1894/95 academic years on a 3rd grade certificate (Superintendent of Public Instruction, 1895 and 1894).
We have very little biographical information on Mr. Jones, except that according to the 1895/96 Census for Colored Teachers, his home was in Willard. In addition, in 1893, in addition to serving as an instructor at Conklin, he also held the position of Chairman and Secretary of a business meeting of the Church. Question, did other instructors also integrate themselves into Church life. See volume on historical documents, which deals with a letter from Jones to Charles W. Dean in 1893 (Jones, 1893) (Roeder, A History of Conklin Village, Loudoun County: Historical Documents, 2014). We also found in the archives of the Prosperity Baptist Church an Infant Question Book bearing the signature “Robert A. Jones.”

![Signature of Robert A. Jones](image)

Figure 29 Signature of Robert A. Jones

Newcomb’s Infant School Question Book, published in Boston in 1841. That’s half a century before the opening of the Conklin Colored School, and before the advent of the Civil War, so its significance isn’t known. There were no public schools for slaves or free African-Americans in Loudoun at that time and precious few elsewhere in Virginia. However, because it was in the archives, it must have been used at some point to educate African-Americans. The only hint is that the book was probably owned by Robert A. Jones. Given the signature, that could be the instructor from 1893. The book was used to teach scripture and was published by Harvey Newcomb, Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, depository, no. 13 Cornhill., 1841 and is 105 pages in length. The founders of the school were orthodox Congregationalists and by 1825 their school was part of a union of Episcopalian, Methodist, Congregationalists and Baptists; but the union dissolved in 1832, each denomination agreeing on the importance of developing Sabbath schools under their own control. Perhaps the book was also used by Jennie Dean as part of her training of students in moral life.
Figure 30 Front Cover of Infant School Question Book
Figure 31 Back Cover of Infant School Book
Mary Dean Allen (Johnson) 1910

Christine Allen was Lucien Allen’s daughter, born about 1910. Lucien was also the husband of Mary Dean Allen (Johnson), who gained her BS from Hampton Institute and would teach at the Conklin School from 1936 to 1940 before returning to Hampton.

Taught at

- **Rock Hill** school during the 1935-36 school year.\(^{52}\)
- **Conklin** school during the 1936-37, 1937-38, 1938-39, and 1939-40 school years. Notice that she earned $293.72 during the 1935-36 school year!
- **Bull Run** school during the 1940-41 academic year. She was not listed in the teacher register after that.

Ms. Johnson had a BS degree from Hampton, graduating May 29, 1935. (biology and French teacher)

- 1936: Her address was listed as 1900 3rd St., NW, Apt 1, Washington, DC. She had 2 years of experience and operated on a ten year all-elementary certificate issued in 1935. (Superintendent of Schools, 1946)
- 1938-39: Her address was listed as in 1936.
- 1939: 925 Westminster St., NW, Washington, DC (Superintendent of Schools, 1946)
- 1939-40: After June 5th, Box 300, Waynesboro, Virginia
- 1941. Resigned from Bull Run (Loudoun County School Board, 1941, Aug 12, p. 176).
- **1940-41**: Hampton Institute, Virginia. This is now known as Hampton University, an historically African-American institute of higher learning in Hampton, Virginia. It was founded in 1868 by African-American and white leaders of the American Missionary Association. It appears she also taught at Bull Run in Loudoun and lived in Charlottesville (Superintendent of Schools, 1946).

\(^{52}\) 1872: The Rock Hill Methodist Church (known as Austin’s Grove since 1911), organized under the leadership of the Reverend Henry Carroll. It met at the Rock Hill School for African-Americans. (Source: Balch Library).
Helen L. Lee (1917 – 2004)

Helen L. Lee of Purcellville was the instructor in 1948/49, single, age 31 and assigned specifically to the first grade on an annual salary of $2568 for a nine month contract. She also had 12 years of experience, all in Loudoun, was educated at Hamilton and achieved a Bachelor of Science degree. She operated on a CP certificate, due to expire in 1958 (Virginia Department of Public Instruction, 1892-1975, p. Reel 4464). Judging from reports in the African-American, a Baltimore newspaper that covered Washington, DC and Loudoun, she also attended Storer (African-American Staff, 1934). This was probably Helen Louise Lee, who graduated in 1937 (Jefferson County BHPS, 2007).

In 1940, Lee lived on “Negro Side Street,” in Purcellville. I don’t know where that was yet. Interestingly, she was also the daughter of George W. Lee, Purcellville’s first black barber (Hamilton, 2002, p. 49), who also worked in a pawn shop, according to the 1940 US Census.

Preliminary research also indicates she married Arthur L. Gross of Washington, DC, October 20, 1955 in Saint Margaret’s Parish Hall, Seat Pleasant, Md, which is a Catholic Church. The wedding included Mrs. Hannah B. Daniel as matron of honor and Bernard Gross of Washington as best man. A reception was then held in Lee’s home on November 6th. They then lived in Purcellville (Staff of Blue Ridge Herald, 1955).

According to the cemetery database of the Balch Library in Loudoun, Lee was buried at Grace Annex Methodist, a prominent African-American cemetery in Purcellville; but no date of death is given (Balch Staff, 2010). However, the records of the cemetery indicate she died in 2004. Stones are also present indicating the plot of the family of George W. Lee (Helen Lee’s father). According to the tombstone, George died in 1951, Helen’s mother Nancy Robinson Lee in 1983 and Helen Lee in 2004. We don’t yet know yet when Gross died or if there were any children.

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Mattie Mathews (January 25, 1871 - March 31, 1942)

Miss Mattie Mathews is one of the few public school teachers for whom we know a lot. She is interesting in part because she instructed at both Conklin and at McGraws ridge, so she knew the Conklin community very well. She also instructed at other schools, such as Catharpin in Prince William County on Sudley Road (Phinney, 1993). In addition, her family history is interesting, since her homestead was Mathews Hill, which was recorded in the records of the Battle of Manassas. (see map for location). Given that, one imagines she had interesting things to say about the Civil War. A detailed discussion of Miss Matthews is provided in the volume on McGraw’s Ridge School (Roeder, A History of Conklin Village, Loudoun County: McGraw's Ridge School, 2014). She died March 31, 1942 at George Washington University Hospital from complications of paralysis stroke a week before at her home in Sudley. (Times Staff, 1942).

Times article showed

- Mattie was the daughter of Martin and and Martha Foley Mathew of Prince William county, Va.
- Joined Antibele Baptist Church at an early age.
- Teacher for over twenty years in Loudoun and Prince William Counties.
- Survived by three sisters, Mrs. Adad Hoal of Roanoke, Mrs. Ice Hawkins and Mrs. Laura Moncrief of Washington. One brother Joseph Mathew of Los Angeles.
- Funeral was on April 2nd, 1942 at Sudley Methodist Church

Mrs. Mattie Carrie Napper Moats

Mrs. Mattie Moats was paid $61.95 in 1931/32 per month for 8 months on an E certificate, due to expire in 1932, according to Richmond records. She was also graduated from Storer in 1915 (Jefferson County BHPS, 2007) and instructed most recently in Moyers, West Virginia, which is where Storer was. She had 9 years of experience of which one was in Loudoun. We have not learned anything else about either instructor.

C.L. Murray

An instructor at Conklin in 1917/18, along with Minnie Person (Superintendent of Schools, 1946). (see 1917/18 Academic Year for Conklin). At this point, that's all we know.
Minnie Pearson

Ms Pearson was a colored teacher at Conklin for the 1905/06 and 1917/18 Academic Years. We don’t know anything about her educational level, nor her salary. (Superintendent of Instruction, 1929) Virginia (Superintendent of Schools, 1946). Pearson might be from Fairfax County.

1910 Census for Burke Precinct, Fairfax.

- Charles T. Pearson, Head, Age 79, Born 1831, Farmer.
- Sarah J. Pearson, wife, Age 69, Born 1841
- William F. Pearson, son, Age 43, Born 1867, Farm labor.
- Albert S. Pearson, son, Age 30, Born 1880, Labor
- Minnie B. Pearson, dau, Age 23, Born 1887, Public School Teacher.

Mildred Peters

Ms. Peters was a “negro” instructor from Manassas and instructed in the 1948/49 academic year for Conklin.

Mae L. Presgraves

Mae Leon Presgraves was the white instructor at Conklin for the 1913/1914 academic year.

In the 1910 Census for Broad Run District, Loudoun she was listed as a public school teacher, 23 years old (born 1887), white, born in Virginia. She was also the daughter of a merchant named Eugene Presgraves and his wife Ida. C. Presgraves. Judging by the 1920 Census, they lived on Little River Turnpike. By then, Mae had left the home. I don’t know if she married or moved to a new location.

According to the Bradshaw Family History, Eugene Webster Presgraves was born Feb 26, 1855 in Chantilly, Virginia and died Dec 15, 1925 in Lenah, Loudoun County. His wife Ida Caldron Bradshaw was born September 2, 1857 in Loudoun (location unknown) and they married February 28, 1884 in Washington, DC. May also married Donald D. Isabell. (Unknown)

Mrs. Ann Virginia Ratcliffe (1874 - )
Listed in the school records as A.V. Ratcliffe, she taught at Conklin in the 1921/22 academic year, which was Conklin’s first year under the combined County system. She was “colored,” and in 1920 lived on Arcola Road in Broad Run, Loudoun County, where she was listed as “Mulatto.” It was her third year teaching at Conklin, having also taught in 1918 and 1919, which was under the Magisterial District system.

For 1918/19 Mrs. Ratcliffe was paid $237.62, about $40 a month. She operated on a six month contract, was certified for all subjects on a Local Permit. (Superintendent of Instruction, 1921, p. 472). She also taught at Conklin jointly with Mattie Mathew, a white instructor. Mattie was paid $413.37 for her teaching, or about $69 a month, assuming she only taught for six months; so I have assumed Ratcliffe was paid less since this was her introductory year, but also because of race. White instructors tended to be paid more than “colored” instructors. On July 18, 1918, Mrs. Ratcliffe had a special meeting with the Superintendent regarding a student, though we don’t know the purpose (Emerick O., 1918). This was also Emerick’s second year on the job. He started in 1917, then retired in 1957.

For 1919/20, Mrs. Ratcliffe was paid $45 a month on a Local Permit (LP). She traveled from Arcola and operated on a six month contract.

For 1921/22, Mrs. Ratcliffe was paid $45 a month on a Local Permit (LP). She traveled from Arcola and was qualified to teach all subjects for grades 1-7. She also received her training at Petersburg Normal (Superintendent of Schools, 1946), a school for colored teachers, as part of Virginia State University.

1920 Census (Lived two doors away from the Vetter family, whose white children studied at McGraw Ridge)


1910 Census Lived in Broad Run.


53 Source Donna Kroiz
Sarah E. Ratcliffe, dau, Age 2, Born 1908
Charles W. Ratcliffe, Age 0, Born 1910.

Re the 1930 census, I believe that Virginia’s son Richard stayed in Loudoun with his wife Lena identified in the 1920 census and operated a farm on Jackson Highway (probably today’s Route 50). Virginia and Richard (sr) however, had moved to Washington, D.C. Note that Richard and Lena were listed in the 1930 Census as White, not mulatto or colored. Richard and Lena had a son named Richard, born about 1918 and a daughter named Audrey born about 1920.

1930 Census for Washington, DC (2nd Street, 8th Precinct, Tract 14)

Richard Ratcliffe, Head, Age 78, Born 1852, No occupation.
Virginia Ratcliffe, wife, Age 55, Born 1875, worked as a dressmaker to a private family.
Minnie Hamilton, sister-in-law, Age 43, Born 1887, No occupation.
Sidney Ratcliffe, son, Age 16, Born 1914, worked a messenger at a Print Shop.

I lost track of the Ratcliffe family after 1930 with any certainly, though it is possible Sidney worked as an elevator operator at the Beacon Apartment in 1935. A Sidney Ratcliffe with that profile was also living at 2016 2nd St, NW. Note, it would be grand to find a living descendant, in case records of Virginia’s instructor stayed in private hands.

1930 Census for Loudoun:

The record for 1930 in Loudoun deserves special discussion. According to one of our primary contacts, Nellie Dean in 2014, the Ratcliff family lived in Ashburn. I didn’t find an African-American family with that name in the 1930 census for Loudoun, though there was a white family with Richard Ratcliff as Head of Family. He also had a son named Richard and daughter named Audrey, as well as a wife named Lena. My belief is that the census record was wrong and that these were African-Americans. A white child would not have attended a “colored” school, so it would be easy to reject that family; but keep in mind that the school records indicate that in the 1929/30 academic year, Christine Allen instructed Richard and Audrey Ratcliffe at Conklin.

My theory is that the census record for 1930 in Broad Run District is in error as to race and that the Ratcliffe family reported there is the one we are studying here. As noted, racial terms are a delicate matter; but perhaps also useful in this instance to note that in 1920, the Ratcliffes’ were considered mulatto. Is it possible, the enumerator in 1930 simply made a mistake based on lightness of skin? I realize that’s controversial, but the question has to be asked since the Richard and Lena (married couple) work as farmers in the same area as the
Ratcliffe family did in 1920 and have the same birth dates, with the exception of Richard, Jr. who is off by one year. That’s explainable because census records are estimates.

Richard Ratcliffe, Head, Age 34, Born 1896 Farmer
Lena Ratcliffe, wife, Age 31, Born 1899.
Richard Ratcliffe, son, Age 12, Born 1918.
Audrey Ratcliffe, daughter, Age 10, Born 1920.

Did pre-Civil War Teachers instruct after the Conflict as late as the post 1870 period?

There were many teachers involved with instructing poor children through the auspices of the Literary fund prior to the Civil War. Did any continue after the war, and if so, did any instruct African-Americans in Conklin? As of this edition, we don’t know of pre-Civil war teachers instructing in Conklin. The problem has a lot to do with the absence of records on students from the emancipation through the early 20th century, though we do have some teacher names.

While researching this point, which I plan to make a special study separate from the Conklin project, I came across the name of Mary E. Ratcliffe who was an instructor for common schools in Loudoun prior to the civil war who taught “poor children” from about 1845. When doing family research it is often a good idea to track such “coincidences.” Just because someone with the same last name lived 50 miles or more away from a known person is no proof that they are not related. Indeed, over the years, I’ve found many such instances of distinct relatives. In the case of Mary E. Ratcliffe and Ann Virginia Ratcliffe, they are likely not related; but the research I conducted may still be useful for further students of education in Loudoun.

Mary’s race wasn’t identified in any of the records, and since no one else’s race was identified, that usually means “white,” plus it is hard to believe Loudoun would have hired a “colored” teacher; but it is also true that a “colored” woman named Mary E. Ratcliffe lived in Broad Run District in 1900. Just a coincidence since the women in the 1900 census was born about 1858; but could they have been related through the husband? What I learned from the annual reports of School Commissioners for Loudoun was that in 1845, Mary E. Ratcliffe taught in the Waterford region of Loudoun 14 children for a total of 371 days of actual attendance. The price of tuition was 11 cents a day per student, plus a minor amount for stationary (School Commissioners, 1845).
I suspect this Ratcliffe was really Mary E. Ratcliffe, born Wednesday, January 24, 1827, according to a graves database at the Balch Library in Leesburg. She died Sunday, July 28, 1907, with a calculated age of 79 years, 6 months, 4 days. Her cemetery was FAIRFAX FRIENDS (Balch Staff, 2010).

Understanding that this Mary E. Ratcliffe was buried in a Friends (Quaker) cemetery, which led to the Waterford Foundation, which has access to many Quaker resources. What I learned was Mary Ratcliffe was a daughter of Joshua and Ann Taylor Ratcliffe (1804-1876), both white. Joshua was not a Quaker but Ann retained her membership in the local Fairfax Monthly Meeting as did Mary. Joshua died before 1840, leaving Ann with few resources and several children, including Mary and her sister Sarah (or "Sally"). To help make ends meet, Ann opened a school in her house on Main Street in Waterford with the assistance of Mary and Sally (1828-1907). It appears that this school was operating at least as early as the 1850s and that Mary continued to teach there as late as the mid 1880s, well after Waterford acquired a public school. The sketchy information readily at hand does not indicate whether the Ratcliffes' school operated without interruption over that long period.
Mary Frances Dutton Steer (1840-1833) fondly remembered her fellow Quaker in her poem "Old Memories":

Dear Cousin Mary kept the school;
    Patient and kind was she,
    And all the little tots in town
    She taught their A.B.C.

But "all the little tots" would probably not have included African Americans. While Waterford's Quakers were almost always very progressive on matters of race, they apparently did not try to buck the social norms of the time and integrate their private schools. There is evidence, however, that in some instances in the first half of the 19th century they did teach black children, but probably separately. Nor did they encourage black membership in their Society. There is also no evidence of an African American who was a member of Fairfax Meeting (Souders, 2014).

Zula Reiley (1888 - )
Ms. Reiley was a white instructor who taught in the 1911/1912 academic year at Conklin, earning $40 a month. She also had a BS degree (Superintendent of Instruction, 1921, p. 465).

Reiley came from a family of teachers.

1910 Census, Gladis Creek, Amsterdam District, Botetourt County, Virginia

Robert W. Reiley, Head, Age 71, Born 1839, Farmer.
Mary E. Reiley, wife, Age 63, Born 1847.
Lucy E. Reiley, dau, Age 31, Born 1879, Teacher.
Berta L. Reiley, dau, Age 25, Born 1885, Teacher.
Zula A. Reiley, dau, Age 22, Born 1888, Teacher.
Allie C. Reiley, son, Age 41, Born 1869, Engineer at a Pump Station.
Harvey M. Reiley, son, Age 35, Born 1875, Operator at Station Agent.
Philip B. Reiley, son, Age 18, Born 1892, no occupation.

1920 Census Botetourt County, Virginia

Reiley was listed in 1920 as boarding and working as a school teacher in a county school. According to their archives, she instructed at the first, second and third for 1912/1913 school year. They have no other records (Pate, 2014).

1900 Census for Botetourt Count, Virginia showed that Zula’s older brother George P. Reiley, Born 1872, had also been a school teacher.

Angela Robinson

All we know about Angela Robinson was that she operated in the 1912/13 academic year on a Normal School Degree; but we have no salary information.

She operated the same year as Mary E. Stuart, who was paid, so perhaps was interning.
Clara V. Robinson

Ms. Robinson taught the 1927/28 Academic year at Conklin and studied at Storer College in 1924 (Jefferson County BHPS, 2007) and (Virginia Department of Public Instruction, 1892-1975).

Edna Virginia Russ

Ms Russ taught when for the 1926/27 academic year when the School Board resolved on February 9, 1926 to reopen “Conklin Colored School (School Board, 1926).” On September 14, 1926, the School Board also “elected” Edna Russ to teach at Conklin (Emerick R., 1926). I suspect this was Edna Russ, born 1906, enumerated in the 1920 census for Leesburg Road in Ashburn, Broad Run District, as the county school records also showed her living in Ashburn (Superintendent, LCPS, 1929). According to those records, she was also certified to teach all grades and was paid $45 a month on a 7 month contract. I’ve not found another mention of her.

1920 Census.  Lived in Rented home on Leesburg Road in Ashburn Village, Broad Run District. They are also listed in the 1920 Census for Ashburn, in that case with the road being labeled Ashburn to Ridge Road.

William Russ  Head, Age 40,  Born 1880  Farm Labor
Ella M. Russ  Wife,  Age 31,  Born 1889
Edna V. Russ  Dau,  Age 14, Born 1906
Lula E. Russ  Dau,  Age 12,  Born 1908
Rebecca W. Russ,  Dau,  Age 9, Born 1911
Aubrey A. Russ,  Son,  Age 6, Born 1914
Orland Russ,  Sub,  Age 3, 1917.

Christine Scott

Christine Scott: Negro, Conklin Opened Oct 1, Grade of certification was NP which was issued in 1941 and expired in 1946. She had one year of experience in 1941-42 and was educated at St. Paul. I haven’t found any other biographical information. She was appointed as instructor for Conklin for that year “provided that this school may be closed if attendance is too low (Superintendent of Instruction, 1941, p. 179). Christine later instructed at Waterford in 1942 (Loudoun Times Staff, 1942).

Her summer address was Piners, PO, Glouchester, Va.

Carrie Spriggs

Mrs. Carrie Spriggs was a “colored” instructor at Conklin for the 1930/31 academic year. A Black woman named Carrie Spriggs was a public school teacher in 1920 in Berryville, the neighboring county of Clarke. Born Washington, DC, then 34 years old, she was also married to a clergyman named Silas Spriggs, a Clergymen. According to Clarke County, Carrie Spriggs taught grades 1-3 in 1928-29 at a monthly salary of $65 (O’Brien, 2014).

While living in Berryville, Silas registered for the WWI draft, which gave his birth as Sept 12, 1918. At the time, he was the Pastor of Free Baptist Church in Berryville and Carrie was listed as his nearest relative (Spriggs S. S., 1918).

Neither shows up in the 1930 census in Loudoun, though the 1930 Census for Biloxi City, MS does show a Silas Spriggs (Paster), though the wife had a different name, Sarah A, who worked as a laundress. Age of Spriggs was 75 and his wife was 65.
**School year 1930-31 for Mrs. Carrie L. Spriggs.** Taught at Marble Quarry
Address: 2411 E (or C) Street NE, Washington, DC. Grade of Certification: elementary
When Issued or renewed: 1930. When expired: 1931. Years Experience: 12

**G. F. Sterling**

**Ernestine F. Stewart**

Instructor at Conklin for 1952/53. Her summer address was Box 173 Brunswick, Md, and her race was identified as “negro.”

Is this her?

SSN:

Ernestine Stewart 1 Feb 1922 Jul 1989 Baltimore, Baltimore City, Maryland
Mary E. Stuart

Ms. Stuart was a “colored” teacher who taught at Conklin for the 1908/09 and 1912/13 academic year, earning $30 a month in 1912 and $25 in 1908 for which she was contracted for five months. She appears to have been well educated and experienced. Her permit dated from 1909 and she may have earned a BS Degree in 1912. May have had a Masters Degree. In 1916-17, she earned $175.00 (Superintendent of Instruction, 1921, p. 458) 1917-18, she earned $176.66 for year (Superintendent of Instruction, 1921, p. 465). The List of Instructors maintained by the Library of Virginia showed she may have been from Herndon and in 1914 instructed at Sterling (Virginia Department of Public Instruction, 1892-1975, p. Reel 4428).

Chas L. Willis

Charles H. Willis was a public school teacher in 1935/36, born in 1887 and lived on the Carolina Road (today’s Route 15), once known as Rogue’s road due to its many robberies (Williams, 1938).

School year 1935-36 for Charles H. Willis  
Address: Aldie, Grade of  

Sylvia Wright

For the 1922/23 Academic year, Sylvia Wright was the instructor at Conklin, earning $45 a month. She was from Nellington; had a Provisional 2nd Grade certificate and operated on a seven month contract, Source: (Superintendent of Instruction, 1929).

School year 1922-23 for Sylvia Wright,  
Address: Wellington (or Nellington?), Grade of  
8. About the List of Students

This is a draft chart examining specific students. We tried firstly to show all students who were taught by Christine Allen (C.A.) and Mary Dean Johnson (M.D.J), this because those teachers were related to the cluster of former slaves brought to Loudoun by Hampton Brewer or to Jennie Dean. As students of Allen and Johnson, those students were in the Loudoun school system between 1917 and 1941, mostly at the Conklin Colored School; but also at Greggsville, Rock Hill and Bull Run, which were also “colored schools,” from the days of segregation.

In addition, another goal of the project is to show all students who ever attended the Conklin Colored school, which we understood was closed in 1952/53 and began shortly after October 7, 1873 when Horace Adee sold to the school board of Broad Run Township (meaning the electoral district) two parcels of land for separate schools for whites and African-Americans. The school for white children was on present-day Braddock road, whereas the school for African-Americans (then called colored) was on the south side of present-day Ticonderoga and adjacent to land owned by Hampton R. Brewer (Commissioner of the Revenue, 1873, pp. 11-12), which was south of the J. Michael Lunsford Middle School line and on the east side of Ticonderoga. Unfortunately while records for Conklin do exist for the 19th Century, those held in the archives of the Loudoun County Public School system and the archives of the Loudoun County Courts are sparse. None exist in the Virginia Historical Society in Richmond (McClure, 2014). We are hopeful of archival records in the Library of Virginia or the Department of Education in Richmond, possibly files in private hands and memories of former students. We do have records for 1921 through 1953. 1921 is significant because that’s when the system of District level schools was abandoned for the more efficient unified county system; but it may be that with the change, past records were not retained.

Mistakes are evident in the Term Reports. For example, sometimes reports show a student with only a year of prior schooling when other records show several. I’d appreciate any suggestions or corrections from readers. For example, handwriting on original documents was sometimes hard to read and sometimes had errors. Children emerging in the 1940’s often didn’t appear in the 1940 Census for Loudoun, meaning that genealogical information wasn’t possible. All I had to work with in those situations were on the Teacher Term Reports for the relevant years.
If you know anyone listed in the chart, and especially if you find errors or have additional information please send information to Larry Roeder at roederaway@yahoo.com.

8.1 Levels of Education

Because the context of this chapter is on education, I tried to mention the highest level of education reached by anyone mentioned in my sources. This doesn't mean I found the highest level, however. As an example, the 1940 Census mentions education levels as of that year; but I don't have access to later census years, so someone who reached the 7th grade as of 1940, might have gone much further in actuality.

8.2 Race:

Since “colored” schools only taught African-Americans, I have not made any reference to race in this section of the book, unless it was an important distinction. Census and other records used Negro, Black and Colored, etc. There is no need for that in this section, though the designations are important in other chapters in order to retain historical accuracy.
8.4 List of Students:

**Annie Bell Allen (1944)**

**Teachers and Attendance:**
- Ernestine F. Stewart, 1952/53, Conklin

**Bio:**
- 1952/53, 7 years old, 1st grade, no prior schooling.

**Annolia Allen (1912-1982)**

**Teachers and Attendance:**
- Ann Virginia Ratcliffe 1921/22, Conklin. Annolia attended 108 out of 120 enrolled. Lived ¼ mile from the school.
- Sylvia Wright, 1922/23, Conklin. Annolia attended 105 days of the 112 for which she was enrolled. Lived ¼ mile from the school.
- Curtis Ewing, 1923/24, Conklin. Annolia attended 103 days out of an enrolled 119. Lived ¼ mile from the school.
- Edna Virginia Russ, 1926/27, Conklin. Annolia attended 133 days out of an enrolled 140. Lived ¼ mile from school.

Christina Allen (1910 -)

**Teachers and Attendance:**
- Ann Virginia Ratcliffe 1921/22, Conklin. Christina attended 101 days out of 121 enrolled. Lived 4 miles from the school.

**Bio:**
- Christina Allen was the daughter of Lucien Allen. Her biography is described in the introductory volume as well as a specific volume on Ms. Allen (Roeder, A History of Conklin Village, Loudoun County: Christine Allen At Armstrong Technical High School, 2014).

Edward Allen (Brn about 1925 - ?)

**Teachers and Attendance:**
- Mary Dean Johnson, 1936/37, Conklin. Edward lived 3.5 miles from school and was present for 149 of an enrolled 160 days.
- Mary Dean Johnson, 1937/38, Conklin. Edward's distance from school was redacted from the Term Report; but we do know he was present for 153 of the 160 days for which he was enrolled.
- Mary Dean Johnson, 1938/39, Conklin. No record was kept this term of distances to school, nor days of attendance or enrollment. Edward had five years of prior schooling, according to the Term Report. We only found two, so perhaps he attended elsewhere before 1936.
- Mary Dean Johnson, 1939/40, Conklin. No record was kept this term of distances to school, nor days of attendance or enrollment. Edward had six years of prior schooling, according to the Term Report. We only found three, so perhaps he attended elsewhere before 1936.

**Bio:** There were two Edward Allen's living in Loudoun in 1940; but most likely this student was born in 1925 and lived on Route 659 (US Route 50) in Broad Run.

**1940 Census**
- Isach Allen, Head, Age 52, Born 1888. Rose to the 3rd Grade and worked as a carpenter's helper.
- Sallie E. Allen, Age 50, Born 1890 and rose to the 4th grade.
- Edward Allen, Age 15, Born 1925 and rose to the 6th Grade.
Gladys Allen (Brn About 1928 - ?)

**Teachers and Attendance:**

- Flossie Sinclair Furr, 1933/34, Conklin. No recording was made this year of the distance from home to school. Gladys attended 73 out of an enrolled 117.
- Charles Willis, 1934/35, Conklin. Gladys attended 141 days out of 154 enrolled and lived 3.5 miles from school.
- Charles Willis, 1935/36, Conklin. Gladys attended 146 days out of 157 and lived 3.5 miles from the school.
- Mary Dean Johnson, 1936/37, Conklin. Gladys attended 138 days out of 160 and lived 2.5 miles from school.
- Mary Dean Johnson, 1937/38, Conklin. Gladys attended 149 of her enrolled 160 days and lived 2.5 miles from the school.

**Bio:** According to the 1930 Census, Gladys Allen (age 2, Born 1928) was a boarder living in the Broad Run District of Loudoun in the home of Henry Wilkerson, born 1899, Age 31. Wilkerson was a general farm laborer and had five boarders living at his home, including two children of the Hill family born in Washington, DC and three members of the Allen family, born in Virginia. Possible student at Loudoun County Training School, though the age of the child in the 1939 class was shown as 14 (Lucas, 1940). I found Gladys Lee Allen listed as graduating in 1942 from Douglas High School (50th Anniversary 1941-1991 of Douglas High School, 1991).

- Emma Wilkerson, wife, Age 37, Born 1893
- Eaton Wilkerson, son, Age 24, Born 1906, General farm laborer.
- Katie B. Wilkerson, dau, Age 11, Born 1919
- Edwin M. Wilkerson, son, Age 6, Born 1924
- Nellie Allen, Boarder, Age 32, Born 1898, Laundress, Private Home
- Gladys Allen, Boarder, Age 2, Born 1928
- Mary Allen, Boarder, Age 1, Born 1929
- Dorothy V. Hill, Boarder, Age 5, Born 1925 in Washington, DC, though parents from Virginia.
- William E. Hill, Boarder, Age 1, Born 1929 in Washington, DC, though parents from Virginia.

See also in 1930 Isiah Allen, a farmer in Broad Run (and citation for Laura Smith). Perhaps she could not get into the Leesburg colored school, so her parents had her board with the Allen family.

- Isiah Allen, Head Age 42, Born 1888
- Sallie Allen, wife, Age 40, Born 1890
- Gladis Allen, Dau, Age 5, Born 1925
Lee Roy Allen (1917 - )

Teachers and Attendance:

- Ann Virginia Ratcliffe, 1921/22, Conklin. LeRoy attended 87 of 105 enrolled. Lived ¼ mile from the school.
- Sylvia Wright, 1922/23, Conklin. LeRoy attended 105 out of 123 enrolled. Lived ¼ mile from the school.
- Curtis Ewing, 1923/24, Conklin. LeRoy attended 104 of 119 enrolled. Lived ¼ mile from the school.
- Edna Virginia Russ, 1926/27, Conklin. LeRoy attended 137 of an enrolled 140. Lived ¼ mile from the school.
- Clara V. Robinson, 1927/28, Conklin. LeRoy attended 137 of the enrolled 140 days and lived ¼ mile from the school.
- Christine Allen, 1928/39, Conklin. LeRoy attended 135 of the enrolled 147 and lived ¼ mile from school.
- Mrs. Carrie Spriggs, 1930/31, Conklin. LeRoy attended 151 days out of an enrolled 153. He lived ¼ miles from the school.
- William H. Cole, Jr., 1931/32, Conklin. LeRoy attended 105 days out of an 145 and lived ¼ mile from the school.
- Flossie Sinclair Furr, 1932/33, Conklin. LeRoy attended 24 out of an enrolled 39. No figures were provided on distances from homes and the school this year.

Bio: LeRoy (frequently spelled Lee Roy) Allen is an important figure in the main Conklin History study. See introductory volume for biographical details. He was a son of Lucien and Mary E. Allen and sister to Christina Allen, whose records as Church Clerk for the Prosperity Baptist Church were important in developing our formal history study. According to the 1930 Census, the Allen family lived on Conklin Road and LeRoy was born in 1917.

Margaret Allen (1909 - )

Teachers and Attendance:

- Ann Virginia Ratcliffe, 1921/22, Conklin. Margaret attended 112 of 122 enrolled. Lived 3 miles from school.
- Sylvia Wright, 1922/23, Conklin. Margaret attended 76 of the 113 days she was enrolled. Lived 2 miles from the school. Did her family moved over the previous year?
• Curtis Ewing, 1923/24, Conklin. Attended 58 of an enrolled 173. Lived 2 miles from the school.

**Bio:** Sister of Marvin Allen.

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**Marvin Allen  (1909 - )**

**Teachers and Attendance:**

- Ann Virginia Ratcliffe, 1921/22, Conklin, Marvin attended 86 of 100 days. Lived 2 miles from school, according to Term Report
- Sylvia Wright, 1922/23, Conklin, Marvin attended 21 days on an enrolled 37. Lived 2 miles from school, according to Term Report.

**Bio:** 1920. Lived on Braddock Road a few doors down from Thomas and Charles Dean, according to Federal Census.

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**1920 Census**

Jacob Allen, Head, Age 56, Born 1864, General Farmer. Owned home on a mortgage.
Hattie Allen, Wife, Age 45, Born 1875, Washerwoman in own home.
Alberta Allen, dau, Age 27, Born 1893
Ellsworth Allen, son, Age 29, Born 1891. Laborer on a dairy farm54. To cater to a growing market in Washington, DC, the first dairy farms emerged in the 1870’s in Loudoun, near railway depots. (Grove & Poland, Jr., 2007)
Jacob Allen, son Age 23, Born 1897. Laborer on a dairy farm.
Albert Allen, son, Age 18, Born 1902, General Farm Labor
Philip Allen, son, Age 15, Born 1905, General Farm Labor.
Marvin Allen, son, Age 11, Born 1909
Ardell Allen, dau, Age 18, Born 1902.
Margaret Allen, Age 11, Born 1909.

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**Mildred Allen  (Abt 1921 - )**

**Teachers and Attendance:**

- Flossie Sinclair Furr, 1933/34, Conklin. No recording was made this year of the distance from home to school. Mildred attended 17 out of an enrolled 19.
- Charles Willis, 1934/35, Conklin. Mildred attended 138 out of an enrolled 154 and lived 1.25 miles from school.
- Charles Willis, 1935/36, Conklin. Mildred attended 135 days out of an enrolled 157 and lived 1.25 miles from the school.

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54 To cater to a growing market in Washington, DC, the first dairy farms emerged in the 1870’s in Loudoun, near railway depots.
• Mary Dean Johnson, 1936/37, Conklin. Mildred attended 153 of 160 days and lived 1 mile from the school.
• Mary Dean Johnson, 1937/38, Conklin. Mildred attended 157 of 160 days and lived 1 mile from the school.

**Bio:** I didn’t find a Mildred Allen in Loudoun County

**Philip Allen (1905)**

**Teachers and Attendance:**

• Sylvia Wright, 1922/23, Conklin. Philip (age 18) attended 1 day and was only enrolled for a single day, according to the Term Report. He lived 2 miles from school.

**Bio:**

• Brother of Marvin Allen.

**Luvenia Anderson**

**Teachers and Attendance:**

• Mary Dean Johnson, 1940/41 Bull Run.

**Bio:**

• I didn’t find a Luvenia Anderson in Loudoun County

**Margaret Anderson**

**Teachers and Attendance:**

• Mary Dean Johnson, 1940/41 at Bull Run.

**Bio:**

• I didn’t find a Margaret Anderson in Loudoun County

**Mary Anderson (1939 - )**

**Teachers and Attendance:**
• Mary Dean Johnson, 1940/41 at Bull Run.

**Bio:**
• According to the 1940 Census for the Mercer District, Mary lived in a rented home on Route 623.

**1940 Census**
• James Anderson, head, age 37. Born 1903. Rose to the 3rd grade and worked as a Stable Boss.
• Annie Anderson, wife, Age 32, Born 1908. Respondent, and rose to the 9th grade (1st year of High School).
• Mary A. Anderson, Age 4, Born 1936. No schooling.
• Marion W. Anderson, Age 1, Born 1939, No schooling.

The note about Annie is very interesting since the first major public high school in Loudoun for "colored" children was Douglas, built in 1941, so clearly she didn't go there; our record is the 1940 Census. “Until the Douglass High School was built, Loudoun County provided secondary education to black students in quarters within the Loudoun County Training School. This building on Union Street in Leesburg housed the black elementary school on the ground floor and the high school on the second floor. The building was an antiquated frame structure with no proper safety devices. For example, the windows opening onto the fire escapes would not open, and an open oil drum was stored under the stairs. Only a very sparse curriculum was offered and the school was not accredited with the State of Virginia. No laboratory science classes were offered. There were not even any facilities for a home economics course because there was no equipment. Bus transportation was not offered to all students, so some had to live in Leesburg or their parents had to arrange to get them to the school. Those children who planned to go to college had to go to the boarding school for black high school students in Manassas in Prince William County, resulting in extra expense for their parents as the boarding school charged tuition.” Source, Black History Committee, Balch Library. http://www.balchfriends.org/Glimpse/DouglasHSStatementofSignificance.htm.

Finding Annie will require some digging. Virginia kept no birth or death records between 1896 and 1912, in order to cover the costs of Confederate pension. As for the period after 1912, the county has them until 1917; after that I’ll have to request a birth certificate from Vital Records in Richmond. If I can find the birth certificate for Mary or Marion, it should provide me the maiden name for Annie. With that, perhaps I’ll find school records related to Loudoun County Training School. Another person I am researching (one of the teachers) attended Armstrong in
Washington, DC, so perhaps that's another angle. Perhaps if we can tie her to a school, we can find a photo

**Bernice Ashton (1929 - )**

**Teachers and Attendance:**

- Charles Willis, 1935/36, Conklin. Bernice attended 122 out of an enrolled 157 days and lived 1.5 miles from the school.
- Mary Dean Johnson, 1936/37, Conklin. Bernice lived ½ mile from the school and attended 157 of the 160 days for which was enrolled.
- Mary Dean Johnson, 1937/38, Conklin. Bernice lived ½ mile from the school and attended 134 of the 160 days for which was enrolled.
- Mary Dean Johnson, 1938/39, Conklin. Bernice had four years of prior schooling, according to the Term Report. We found only three.
- Mary Dean Johnson, 1939/40, Conklin. Bernice had four years of prior schools, according to the Term Report. We found only four prior years as well; but notice that her reportage for 1938/39 also said she had four years of prior schooling.
- 1940/41. Conklin was closed.
- Christine L. Scott, 1941/42, Conklin. Bernice attended 159 days out of 160. Term report showed 5 years of prior schooling, which would be correct if she didn’t attend a school in 1940/41 when Conklin was closed.
- Nannie C. Coles, 1942/43, Rock Hill/Conklin. Bernice attended for 80 of the 90 days Conklin was open, participated in the joint Rock Hill/Conklin project. Age 14, grade 7.

**Bio:** The Ashton family is one of the core families in the Conklin study. Bernice lived on Conklin Road in the home of her Grandfather Lucien Ashton and was born in 1929. The US Census for 1930 had her living with Christina Allen, daughter of Lucien, who was listed in 1930 as a public school teacher. The 1942/43 Term Report for Conklin showed Bernice as 14 and in the 7th grade.

**1930 Census**

- Lucien Allen  Head, Age 65, Born 1865, General Farmer, Home worth $5,000.
- Mary E. Allen  Wife, Age 50, Born 1880. The 1940 Census for Broad Run showed Mary E. (widow) and Leroy living on Route 620 in a home worth 3000. Boarding with them was Mary Dean Johnson, a Public School Teacher (M.D.J) in this book. Mary E. is shown as the owner of a farm and with a 4th grade education. Mary Dean Johnson graduated from High School. She was also shown as living at Hampton, probably the Hampton Institute where she earned her BS.

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55 Route 620 was Braddock Road.
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- Christina Allen Dau, Age 20, Born 1910 (See separate study on Christina), Public School Teacher.
- Leroy Allen, Son, Age 13, Born 1917. (See also notes for Mary E. Allen). In the 1940 census, LeRoy is shown as the Manager of Mary E. Allen’s (his mother) farm and had risen to a 7th grade education.
- Annolia Ashton, Dau, Age 17, Born 1913. Annolia, according to the 1940 census, had a 4th grade education.
- Ernest Ashton, Son in Law, Age 32, Born 1898, General Farmer, Veteran. See chapter on soldiers. According to 1940 Census, he might have become a lodger in Washington, DC and a car washer. According to the 1940 Census, he was a farmer and living as a neighbor to Mary E. His home was worth $800. Ernest was listed with a 6th grade education.
- Bernice Ashton, G-Dau, Age 1, Born 1929. Living with her father Ernest in the 1940 Census and had risen to a fifth grade education.
- William Allen, Brother, Age 58, Born 1872, Laborer at general farms. He didn’t show up in the 1940 Census

Jerome Basil (1926 - )

Teachers and Attendance:  Mary Dean Johnson, 1935/36. Rock Hill

Bio: Jerome Basil:  According to the 1940 Census, Jerome J. Basil lived in the Mercer District on Route 626. I think this is the same child mentioned in school records, as he was also listed as the sister of Winifred and Josephine, also in school list for the same year.

1940 Census

- Carrie G. O. Basil, Head of family, Age 69, Born 1871. Achieved the 3rd grade. Was a nurse to a “private family.” Question: Why was Carrie head of family instead of her husband, Richard. Perhaps she earned more money and had a more prestigious job?  Note submitted 6/14/2015 by Alva Lewis: “As a descendant of the Basil and Grooms families, I have additional information for your chart from Data on Conklin Students. From what I know about my great-grandparents' marriage, Carrie Basil always called herself the head of the household, and her husband Richard never had a problem with it. Money and prestige would not have factored into the matter. You could not find the Groom students in the census records because the correct spelling of their surname was Grooms. My paternal grandmother, Josephine Grooms, married Douglas Chester Lewis in 1940 and lived with him in his parents' home that year. She had reached the 7th grade. Betty, Carlene, Lendon and Lucille Grooms were my grandmother's siblings. Their cousin Leon had obtained a 3rd-grade education by 1940 (Lewis, 2015).”
- Richard H. Basil, husband, Age 60, Born 1880, Achieved the 5th grade. Worked as a farm laborer.
• Bruce Basil, son, Age 29, Born 1911, Achieved the 6th grade. Farm laborer.
• Sallie M. Basil, dau, Age 24, Born 1916, Achieved the 5th grade. Cook.
• Astor Basil, son, Age 21, Born 1919, Achieved the 4th grade. Farm laborer.
• Josephine Basil, dau, Age 19, Born 1921, Achieved the 7th grade. Did not attend school in 1940.
• Winifred Basil, dau, Age 16 Born 1924, Achieved the 7th grade.
• Jerome J. Basil, son, Age 14, Born 1926, Achieved the 4th grade.
• Rudolph Basil, Grandson, Age 5, Born 1935. No schooling.

Josephine Basil (1921 - )

**Teachers and Attendance:** Mary Dean Johnson, 1935/36. Rock Hill

**Bio:** See Jerome Basil

Rudolph Basil (1935 - )

**Teachers and Attendance:**

Nannie C. Cole, 1942/43, Rock Hill-Conklin. No info was provided on Mr. Basil for this year, other than he took his instruction at Rock Hill. A RH is penciled next to his name, so perhaps he was only at Rock Hill, not also at Conklin.

**Bio:**

See Jerome Basil.

Winifred Basil (1924 - )

**Teachers and Attendance:** Mary Dean Johnson, 1935/36. Rock Hill

**Bio:** See Jerome Basil

Louvenia Bentley

**Teachers and Attendance:** Mary Dean Johnson, 1940/1941, Rock Hill

**Bio:** I didn’t find a Louvenia Bentley in the Census for Loudoun either in 1930 or 1940

Estelle Bowman

**Teachers and Attendance:** Mary Dean Johnson, 1940/1941, Rock Hill

**Bio:** There were Bowman’s in Loudoun in 1940; but I didn’t find Estelle
Calvin Brent (1927 - )

Teachers and Attendance:

- Flossie Sinclair Furr, 1933/34, Conklin. Calvin was present for 6 days out of an enrolled 22. No distance to school was recorded this year.
- Charles Willis, 1934/35, Conklin. Calvin was present for 45 out of 60 days enrolled and lived 3.5 miles from school.
- Charles Willis, 1935/36, Conklin. Calvin was present for most of the 47 days for which he was enrolled (Willis C., 1936). The exact number is illegible. He lived 3.5 miles from school.
- Mary Dean Johnson, 1936/37, Conklin. Calvin lived 4 miles from school and attended 140 of an enrolled 160 days.
- Mary Dean Johnson, 1937/38, Conklin. Calvin’s distance from school was redacted this term; but we do know he attended 156 days out of an enrolled 160.
- Mary Dean Johnson, 1938/39, Conklin. No record was kept this term of distances to school, nor days of attendance or enrollment. Calvin had four years of prior schooling, according to the Term Report; but we found five prior years, going back to 1933.

Bio: Calvin Brent: According to the 1930 Census (there is no 1940 record) Calvin was probably born in 1927 to Eli and Fannie Brent of Broad Run, possibly as far north as Sterling.

1930 Census

- Eli Brent was head of family, 50 years old and born in 1880, according to the 1830 census for Loudoun. He also worked as a house painter. Because records from the times can have errors in dates, it is also worth mentioning that an Ely Brent (widow) lived on Little River Pike in 1920 and was a store merchant. That person’s birth date was given as 57, born 1863. The 1910 Census also shows an Eli Brent (widow), born 1862 who occupation was “working out.” He was also the neighbor to John Brent, who had a substantial family. Perhaps they were brothers. No Eli Brent appeared in Loudoun in 1900; but there was an Eli Brent, single servant and farm laborer living in nearby Dranesville District, Fairfax County, so possibly the same fellow. His birth date was given as 1865. Eli (from the 1930 Census) and Fannie had four children, the first born in 1916 and 1923, were also born in South Carolina, so perhaps Eli met his wife there.

- Fannie Brent, wife Age 30, Born 1900, Born in South Carolina, as were her parents. She was a laundress in private homes.

- Curtis Brent, son, Age 14, Born 1916 in South Carolina.

- Thelma Brent, dau, Age 7, Born 1923 in South Carolina

- Calvin Brent, son, Age 3, Born 1927 in Virginia
• William Brent, son, Age 2, born 1928 in Virginia

Catherine Brent (About 1924 )

**Teachers and Attendance:**  Mary Dean Johnson, 1936/1937, Conklin.  Lived 4 miles from the school and attended 140 of her enrolled 160

**Bio:** Not in Loudoun County census records.  I wonder is related to Curtis and Calvin Brent.  Similar distances from the school

Curtis Brent (About 1926 - )

**Teachers and Attendance:**

  o Flossie Sinclair Furr, 1932/33, Conklin.  Curtis attended 57 out of an enrolled 103 days.  Miles to school were not noted this year.
  o Flossie Sinclair Furr, 1933/34, Conklin.  Curtis was present 6 days out of 22 enrolled.  No distance to school was recorded this year.

**Bio:** See Robert and Calvin Brent citation.  Lived on Highway 50.  (source, Nellie Dean 1/26/2014)  Curtis lived 3 miles from the school and Calvin and Robert lived 3.5 miles in 1934/35 Academic year.  Could be brothers, though this has not been confirmed yet.

Lydia Brent (About 1931 - )

**Teachers and Attendance:**

  o Mary Dean Johnson, 1936/37, Conklin.  Lived 4 miles from the school and attended 140 of the enrolled 160.
  o 1937/38 — No school record found for Conklin.  Lydia’s records for 1938/39 do not indicate how much prior schools she achieved.  Perhaps she didn’t attend school in 1937/38 or went elsewhere
  o Mary Dean Johnson, 1938/39, Conklin.  No distance to school recorded this term, nor any details on attendance.  Lydia was supplied with legal texts for school.  She was one of only four that year with legal texts.  Lydia’s records do not indicate how much prior schools she achieved.  She was a resident.

**Bio:** Not in Loudoun County census records; but I suspect might be related to Robert, Calvin and Catherine Brent, due to distance from school.
Robert Brent (About 1927/29 - )

**Teachers and Attendance:**

- Charles Willis, 1934/35, Conklin. Robert attended 45 of 60 days enrolled and lived 3.5 miles from the school.
- Charles Willis, 1935/36, Conklin. Robert attended 37 of the 46 days for which he was enrolled and lived 3.5 miles away from the school.
- Mary Dean Johnson, 1936/37, Conklin. Robert attended 140 of an enrolled 160 days and lived 4 miles from school.
- Mary Dean Johnson, 1937/38, Conklin. Robert attended 156 days out of 160. The distance from home to school was not legible this year.
- Mary Dean Johnson, 1938/39, Conklin. No record was kept this term of distances to school, nor days of attendance or enrollment. Robert was given a legal text this term, only of only four children so provided. He had 4 years of prior school, according to the Term Report, which appears to be correct.

**Bio:** Based on distance of home from school and in the absence of other data, I suspect Robert was the brother of Calvin Brent, whose home was equally distant. The 1930 Census showed an 80 year old “negro” gardener in Purcellville. Relative?

Thelma Brent (1923 - )

**Teachers and Attendance:**

- Flossie Sinclair Furr, 1932/33, Conklin. Thelma attended 50 out of an enrolled 103. Miles to school were not noted this year.
- Flossie Sinclair Furr, 1933/34, Conklin. No recording was made this year of the distance from home to school. Thelma attended 6 of the enrolled 22.
- Charles Willis, 1934/35, Conklin. Thelma attended 45 out of an enrolled 60 and lived 3.25 miles from school.
- Charles Willis, 1935/36, Conklin. Thelma attended 41 out of an enrolled 48 and lived 3.5 miles from the school.
- Mary Dean Johnson, 1936/37, Conklin. Thelma lived 4 miles from the school and attended 140 out of 160 days of enrollment.
- Mary Dean Johnson, 1938/39, Conklin. No record was kept this term of distances to school, nor days of attendance or enrollment. Thelma was one of four children who received legal texts this term. She was also recorded in the
Term Report as having had only 6 prior years of school. We found seven years of schooling.

**Bio:** See citation for Calvin Brent. Sister of Curtis (Source, Nellie Dean 1/26/2014). Nellie’s note was confirmed from the census record. She was born in 1923 in South Carolina.

**Martha Briggs (1927)**

**Teachers and Attendance:** Mary Dean Johnson, 1935/36, Rock Hill.

**Bio: Martha Briggs:** This might be Martha Briggs of Mount Gilead in Loudoun, according to the 1930 Census, born 1927 to Silas and Lula.

**1930 Census**
- Silas Briggs, Head, Age 43, Born 1887, Laborer.
- Lula Briggs, Wife, Age 43, Born 1887
- Wineford Briggs, son, Age 18, Born 1912
- David Briggs, Son, Age 16, Born 1914
- Lula E. Briggs, dau, Age 15, Born 1915
- Martha Briggs, dau, Age 3, Born 1927

A Martha Briggs also lived in Mount Gilead in 1940 and of the appropriate age, though her father is known as Gus. No mother is listed. They lived on Rural Route 725 in a rented home. Compare with the 1920 census and we see essentially the same children and wife listed as in 1930, though again in 1920, the father is listed as Gus.

- Gus Briggs, Head, Age 43, Born 1897, Widowed, reached 7th grade. Farm Dairyman.
- Martha Briggs, dau, Age 13, Born 1927, reached 4th grade. Note. Martha is the respondent, which account for different in birth year for father.
- Louis, Son, Age 9, Born 1931, reached 1st Grade.

According to the 1920 Census for Mount Gilead, the family lived on Alexandria Pike
- Gus Briggs, Head of family Age 34, Born 1886, Laborer and working out.
- Lula Briggs, Wife, Age 33, Born 1887
- Winifred J. Briggs, Son, Age 9, Born 1911. Look at the 1930 Census which spells the name Wineford.
- David Briggs, Son, Age 7, Born 1913
- Lula Briggs, Dau, Age 5, Born 1915
- Henry P. Son, Age 0, Born 1920. (what happened to Henry?)

Going back to the 1910 Census for the Briggs family reveals 2 brothers living in Mercer District, Silas and Gustavus
1910 Census
- Sophia Briggs, Head and Widowed, Age 67, Born 1843. No occupation.
- Silas Briggs, Son, Age 32, Born 1878, Married, Farm labor.
- Julia Briggs, Daughter in Law, Age 35, Born 1875, married, Wash woman for private homes.
- Gustavus Briggs, Son, Age 29, Born 1886. Married. Coachman to a private family.
- Lula Briggs, Daughter in Law, Age 21, Born 1889, Married. No occupation.

1900 Census for Briggs family, we find:
- Silas Briggs, Head, Age 44, Born Jan, 1856. Farm Labor
- Sophia Briggs, Wife, Age 46, Born Oct, 1853, Mother of 14 children, of which 7 were alive.
- Silas J. Briggs, Son, Age 28, Born Dec, 1871, Farm Labor.
- Charles J. Briggs, Son, Age 25, Born Dec, 1874, Farm Labor.
- Gussie Briggs, Son, Age 13, Born Oct, 1886, at school.
- Bertha Briggs, Dau, Age 10, Born Oct, 1889, at school.

In the 1880 Census for Scott, Facquier County was a family associated with Silas W. Briggs, married to a Sophia. Also in the 1870 Census for the Southern District of Loudoun. More research is needed to determine if the families are related. There are differences in ages reported; but that’s not uncommon. There are larger differences in names of children, but some might have passed away by 1900. As for the 1890 Census, over 99% of the 1890 records were destroyed by fire and flooding. Of the 62,979,766 people enumerated, only 6,160 names could be extracted.

Laurence Brooks 1935

Teachers and Attendance:
- Nannie C. Coles, 1942/43, Rock Hill/Conklin. A RH is penciled next to his name, so perhaps he was only at Rock Hill, not also at Conklin. Had 1 year of prior schooling, was in the 1st grade.

Bio:
- We don’t know Mr. Brooks family.

James Brown, Jr. (1945)

Teachers and Attendance:
- Mrs. Mabel Beal, 1951/52, Conklin

Bio:
• 1951/52 Term Paper showed James to be 6 and in the 1st grade, with no prior schooling.

**Virginia Brown 1945**

**Teachers and Attendance:**

• Mabel Beal, 1951/52, Conklin

**Bio:**

• 1951/52, Term Report said Virginia was 6 years old, in the 1st grade, had received no prior schooling and only attended 81 days.

**Wilbur F. Brown (1917)**

**Teachers and Attendance:**

• Christine Allen, 1927/1928, Greggsville


• J. Walter Brown, Head, Age 57, Born 1873, Labor and Odd jobs
• Hattie E. Brown, Wife, Age 50, Born 1880 in West Virginia, as was her mother. Father was from Va.
• Walter Brown, Son, Age 22, Single, Born 1908. House servant to a private family.
• Wilbur F. Brown, grandson, Age 13, Born 1917 in Maryland.
• Carrie H. Lee, Sister in Law, Single, Age 48, Born 1882. Servant to a private family.

I assume that Walter and Carrie were a couple, but both are listed as Single.

According to the 1920 Census for Jefferson District on the Paeonia and Hamilton Pike were:

• J. Walter Brown, Age 49, Born 1871. Public School Teacher.
• Hattie W. Brown, Wife 49, Born 1871
• Walter H. Brown, Age 14, Born 1906
• Harry A. Brown, Age 17, Born 1903.

No records in 1940 for the Brown family.

**Barbara Burke,**

**Teachers**

• Mabel C. Beal, 1950/51, Conklin

**Bio:**
• 1950/51 Term Report, gave no age, 6th grade, with 5 years of prior schooling.

**Margaret Christian (Abt 1911 )**

**Teachers and Attendance:**

• Flossie Sinclair Furr, 1932/33, Conklin. Margaret attended 85 of an enrolled 87 days. Miles to school were not noted this year

**Bio:** No information.

**George Combs (About 1914 )**

**Teachers and Attendance:**

• William H. Cole, Jr., 1931/32 Conklin. Attended 76 of an enrolled 79 and lived 1 mile from the school.

**Bio:** No records found.

**Frank Corum (1938 - )**

**Teachers and Attendance:** Mary Dean Johnson, 1940/41, Bull Run

**Bio: Frank Corum:** According to the 1940 Census, Frank was the son of Frank and Susie Corum in a rented house on Route 625. Not in 1930 Census.

• Richard Corum Head, Age 38, Born 1902. Reached 3rd Grade. Farm
• Susie Corum, wife, Age 23, Born 1907. Reached 2nd Grade. Worked as a laundress in private homes.
• Mary Corum, dau, Age 15, Born 1925. Reached 3rd Grade.
• Ella Corum, dau, Age 13, Born 1927, Reached 4th Grade.
• Thomas Corum, son, Age 7, Born 1933, Reached 1st Grade.
• Pauline Corum, dau, Age 6, Born 1934, No Schooling
• Lavania Corum, dau, Age 3, Born 1937, No schooling.
• Frank Corum, son, Age 2, Born 1938, No schooling

**George Corum (Cowan) (1915 - )**

**Teachers and Attendance:**

• Edna Virginia Russ, 1926/27, Conklin. George attended 128 of 140 enrolled. Lived 1/2 mile from the school.
• Clara V. Robinson, 1927/28, Conklin. George attended 128 of the 140 days enrolled and lived ½ mile from the school.
Christine Allen, 1928/1939, Conklin. George attended 121 of 143 days and lived ½ mile from school.
Christine Allen, 1929/1930, Conklin. George attended 116 of 148 days and lived ½ mile from school.
Mrs. Carrie Spriggs, 1930/31, Conklin. George attended 143 days of an enrolled 153 and lived ½ mile from school.


Fred Corum, Head, Age 57, Born 1873. Farmer
Nettie Corum, wife, Age 58, Born 1872.
Willie Corum, Son, Age 17, Born 1913
George Corum, Son, Age 15, Born 1915

The 1940 Census showed Fred and his son Willie living together on Route 621 in Loudoun, Home worth $1,000. Fred owned a farm and was a widow.
Fred G. Corum, Head, Age 67, Born 1873, Reached 3rd Grade. Farmer, worked 48 hours a week.
Willie O. Corum, son, Age 32, Born 1908, No education or job. (this is contradicted by the School record, which showed Willie attend school in Conklin in 1928/29 period.

The 1930 Census. Living on Conklin Road in Loudoun. Home worth $500.
Fred Corum, Head, Age 57, Born 1873, General Farmer
Nettie Corum, Wife, Age 58, Born 1872 No job
Willie Corum, Son, Age 17, Born 1913 No job
George Corum, Son, Age 15, Born 1915, No job.

The 1920 Census appears to track the family in a rented home in Gainsville, Prince William County
George F. Corum (F is probably for Frederick), Head, Age 47, Born 1873. General Labor

Joseph Corum

Teachers and Attendance:
Mary Dean Johnson, 1937/38, Conklin. Joseph lived 1 mile from the school and attended 93 of 156 days enrolled.

Bio:
Joseph Corum not found in Loudoun, though people of that name lived in Prince William County

Mary Corum (1925 - )
Teachers and Attendance:

- Mary Dean Johnson, 1937/38, Conklin. Lived 1 mile from the school and attended 93 of the 160 days for which she enrolled.

Bio: Mary Corum: See citation for Frank Corum.

Willie Corum (1908 - )

Teachers and Attendance:

- Edna Virginia Russ, 1926/27, Conklin. Willie attended 91 of the 97 days he enrolled for, though the school year was 140 days long. He also lived ½ mile from the school.
- Clara V. Robinson, 1927/28, Conklin. Willie attended 91 of the enrolled 140 days and lived ½ mile from the school.
- Christine Allen, 1928/29, Conklin. Willie attended 28 of the 143 days he enrolled for in a year that extended to 157. Lived ½ mile from school.

Bio: Willie Corum: See citation for George Corum, son of Fred and Nettie.

Rush Colbert (1921 - )

Teachers and Attendance: Mary Dean Johnson, 1935/36, Conklin

Bio: Rush Colbert: According to the 1940 Census, a Rush Colbert, (Born 1921) lived in a rented home in Facquier County on Route 721. Could this be the same person? I didn’t find him the 1930 Census. Might have moved to Warrenton, Scott Magisterial District, Facquier County by 1940.

1940 Census

- James B. Smith   Head   Age 36   Born 1904, Married, Reached 7th Grade. Occupation groom in private stable.
- Eliza R. Smith (respondent), wife. Age 36, Born 1904, Reached 4th Grade. No occupation.

Carolyn Crabbe, (1947)

Teachers and Attendance:
• Mildred Peters, 1948/49, Conklin. Age 7 in 2nd grade.
• Mabel C. Beal, 1949/50, Conklin. Term Report showed Carolyn as 8, with 2 years of prior schooling.
• Mabel C. Beal, 1950/51, Conklin. Term Report showed Carolyn as 9 in the 4th grade with 3 years of prior schooling.
• Mabel C. Beal, 1951/52, Conklin. Term Report showed Carolyn as 10 in the 5th grade with 4 years of prior schooling.

Bio: Glenda Crabbe (1942 - )

Teachers and Attendance:
• Mildred Peters, 1948/49, Conklin. Age 6 in preschool
• Mabel C. Beal, 1949/50, Conklin. Age 7 with one year of prior education
• Mabel C. Beal, 1950/51, Conklin. Age 8, 2nd grade with 1 year of prior schooling.
• Mabel C. Beal, 1951/52, Conklin. Age 9, 3rd grade with 2 years of prior schooling
• Ernestine F. Stewart, 1952/53, Conklin. Age 8, 3rd grade, with 2 years of prior schooling

Bio: No genealogical data. Notice anomalies in age and years of prior schools.

Herman Crabbe 1946

Teachers and Attendance:
• Mrs. Ernestine F. Stewart, 1952/53, Conklin

Bio:
• 1952/53 Term Report showed Herman was 6 years old, in the 1st grade and had received no prior schooling.

Shirley Crabbe (1936 - )

Teachers and Attendance:
• Mildred Peters, 1948/49, Conklin
• Mabel C. Beal, 1949/50, Conklin
• Mabel C. Beal, 1950/51, Conklin
Bio: No genealogical data.

• 1948/49 Term Report showed Shirley as 12 years old and in the 7th grade.
• 1949/50 Term Report showed Shirley as 12 with five years of prior schooling.
• 1950/51 Term Report showed Shirley as 13 in the 7th grade, with 6 years of prior schooling.

Mabel Davis 1946
Teachers and Attendance:

• Ernestine F. Stewart, 1952/53, conklin

Bio:

• 1952/53, Age 6, 1st grade, no prior schooling.
• 1952/53 Term paper has initials WH after her name.

Charles Day (Abt 1918-1920 - )

Teachers and Attendance:

• Edna Virginia Russ, 1926/27, Conklin. Charles attended 138 of the 140 days for which he was enrolled. Lived ½ mile from the school.
• Clara V. Robinson, 1927/28, Conklin. Attended 115 of the enrolled 140 days. Lived ½ mile from the school.
• Christine Allen, 1928/29, Conklin. Attended 139 of 147 days enrolled. Lived one mile from school. Did he move in the previous year?
• Christine Allen, 1929/30, Conklin. Attended 124 of 148 days enrolled. Lived one mile from school.
• Mrs. Carrie Spriggs, 1930/31, Conklin. Attended 130 ½ days out of an enrolled 152. Lived 1 mile from school.
• William H. Cole, Jr., 1931/32 Conklin. Attended 109 of 144 days and lived 1 mile from school.
  ° Flossie Sinclair Furr, 1932/33, Conklin. Charles attended 105 out of an enrolled 134. Miles to school were not noted this year.

Bio: Charles Day: Was raised by someone outside Day family, according to Nellie Dean 1/26/2014. This may explain why he didn’t show up in the census for 1920-1940.

Clara Day

Teachers and Attendance: Mary Dean Johnson, 1940/41 Bull Run
Bio: Clara Day: I didn’t find a Clara Day in the Census for Loudoun, though there was one in Warrenton, Fauquier, Virginia, Born 1875. Couldn’t be the same person; but perhaps a relative?

Arthur H. Dean (1923 - )

Teachers and Attendance:

- Christine Allen, 1928/29 Conklin. Present for 150 days of an enrolled 144 in a year that officially stretched to 157. Lived ½ mile from the school.
- Christine Allen, 1929/30 Conklin. Present for 138 days of an enrolled 148. Lived ½ mile from the school.
- Mrs. Carrie Spriggs, 1930/31, Conklin. Present 151 of an enrolled 152. Lived ¼ mile from the school.
- Flossie Sinclair Furr, 1932/33, Conklin. Attended 134 days out of 152. Miles to school were not noted this year.
- Flossie Sinclair Furr, 1933/34, Conklin. Attended 143 out of 153 days enrolled. No distance to school was recorded this year.
- Charles Willis, 1934/35, Conklin. Arthur attended 141 days out of an enrolled 154. Lived ¾ of a mile from the school.
- Charles Willis, 1935/36, Conklin. Arthur attended 155 of an enrolled 157 days and lived ¾ of a mile from school.
- Mary Dean Johnson, 1936/37, Conklin. Arthur attended 160 of an enrolled 160 days, even though the school was only open 159 days. He lived .5 miles from school.
- Mary Dean Johnson, 1937/38, Conklin. Arthur attended 158 days out of an enrolled 160. He lived 1 mile from school.
- Mary Dean Johnson, 1938/39, Conklin. No record was kept this term of distances to school, nor days of attendance or enrollment. Arthur had six years of prior schooling, according to the Term Report. We found 10 in Conklin.
- Mary Dean Johnson, 1939/40, Conklin. No record was kept this term of distances to school, nor days of attendance or enrollment. Arthur had six years of prior schooling, according to the Term Report (just as reported in 1938/39). We found 11 prior years of schooling at Conklin.
- 1940/41. Conklin School was closed.
- Christine L. Scott, 1941/42, Conklin. Arthur attended 158 days out of 160. He was also supposed to have had 5 previous years of schooling, though we found 12. A 13th might be 1940/41, when Conklin was closed, as he might have attended a different school.
**Bio: Arthur Dean:** Brother of Nellie Dean. Retired as custodian at Fairfax Government Center. (source, Nellie Dean 1/26/2014.) According to the 1930 Census, Arthur H. Dean was Born in 1923, the son of Thomas H and Mary S. Dean of Broad Run. I’ve also included 1940 education and occupation records.

In 1940, they lived on Route 620 in Loudoun. See also See also Family of Charles W. and Helen Dean

- Thomas Dean was born in 1894 and worked as a farm laborer in 1930. No one else in the family had an occupation in 1930.
- Mary S. Dean was born in 1894 and worked at home in 1930. The 1940 Census shows Thomas as passed away and Mary owning a farm worth $4,000. (S stands for Susan, which we learn from the 1920 Census for her parents, Arthur and Phoebe Brooks)
- Nellie M. Dean: Age 23 in 1940, Born 1917. Reached the 7th grade by 1940. One of the most important collaborators in the Conklin History project. Nellie worked as a maid in a home.
- Theodor V. Dean: Age 21 in 1940. Born 1920. By 1940, had reached the 6th grade. Worked as a farm laborer.
- Rhoda Dean was 18 in 1940, born in 1921. By 1940, she had reached the 7th grade. No occupation.
- Arthur M Dean, Age 17 in 1940. Born 1923. By 1940 had reached the 6th grade.

1920 Census: In 1920, Thomas and his family were living on Braddock Road in Broad Run District, Loudoun with his in-laws, Arthur and Phoebe Brooks (See also citation for Charles Dean.)

- Arthur Brooks, Age 58, Born 1862. Farmer
- Phoebe Brooks, Age 54, Born 1866. Servant in a private home.
- Thomas Dean, Son-in-Law. Age 22, Born 1898, Farm Labor
- Mary S. Dean, daughter, Age 23, Born 1897
- Nellie M. Dean, granddaughter, Age 3, 1917
- Theodore Dean, grandson, Age 0, Born 1920.

1910 Census for Arthur and Phoebe Brooks, Broad Run District.

- Arthur Brooks, Head, Age 49, Born 1861. General Farmer
- Phoebe Brooks, Wife, Age 46, Born 1864. General Nurse. Census indicates she had four children as of 1920; but only 1 was alive. However, we know that Mary Susan and Wilson were alive.
- Mary Susan Brooks, daughter, Age 14, Born 1896.

**Family of Charles W. and Helen Dean**

Charles W. Dean (born about 1858) inherited the Settle Dean Cabin and its farm and was married to Helen (born about 1870). Charles also donated the land which houses the Prosperity Baptist Church.

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56 Route 620 was Braddock Road
The children of Charles W. Dean and Helen were:

- **Naomi Augusta Dean**, Born 1902 and married Sept 6, 1928 to Raymond J. Greene. Naomi graduated from the Manassas Industrial School, started by Jennie Dean, in 1927. (School Officials, 1927).

- Thomas H. Dean (born about 1897), who married Mary (born about 1897)
- Hester W. Dean (born about 1898)
- Charles T. Dean (born about 1906)

In 1920, the family lived on Braddock Road

Thomas H. Dean and Mary had the following children:

- Nellie M Dean (Brn about 1916)
• Arthur H. Dean (Brn about 1923),
• Rhoda Dean (Born about 1921 and
• Teodor (Theodor) Dean (Brn about 1920)

Charles J. Dean (About 1938)

Teachers and Attendance:
• Christine Scott, 1941/42, Conklin.  I year of prior schooling, according to the Term Report.  Present for 160 days.  Was supplied legal texts.
• Nannie C. Cole, 1942/43, Rock Hill/Conklin. was 9 years old and in the 1st grade.
• Nannie C. Cole, 1943/44, Rock Hill/Conklin. Perhaps 2nd grade. Attended 88 days. 10 years old and had attended school for 4 years

Bio:  No information.

Charles M. Dean (1929 - )

Teachers and Attendance:
• Christine Scott, 1941/42, Conklin.  Charles attended 158 out of 160 days and Term Report showed him with 4 years of prior schooling.  We didn't find such records.  There was also another Charles J. Dean born about 1934.  Perhaps there is some confusion.
• Nannie C. Cole, 1942/43, Rock Hill/Conklin.  5th grade.

Bio: Charles Dean: According to the 1940 Census, lived with Arthur and Phoebe Brooks in their $2,000 home on Route 62057.  Charles Dean was Born about 1929 and lived in the Broad Run District on Route 620 as a lodger in the home of Arthur and Phoebe Brooks.  (See also 1920 Census citation for Arthur Dean, brother of Nellie Dean).  Home was worth $2,000.
• In the 1941/42 Term Report for Conklin, there are two people listed as Charles Dean, Charles J. Dean (age 8) and Charles M. Dean, age (12).  This citation is for Charles M. Dean.
• I assume that in the 1942/43 report, this is for Charles M. Dean, as the child’s age was given as 14, which would be about 1928.  That other Charles was only 9, so I assume that’s Charles J. Dean.  In 1942/43, Charles M Dean was in the 5th grade.

1940 Census:
• Arthur Brooks, Head, Age 80, Born 1860. Reached the 2nd Grade. No occupation.

57 Route 620 was Braddock Road
- Phoebe Brooks, wife, Age 76, Born 1864. Reached the 3rd Grade. Worked as a midwife.
- Charles Dean, lodger, Age 11, Born 1929. Reached 4th Grade.

Charles (Charlie) Dean (About 1933)

**Teachers:**
- Mary Dean Johnson, 1938/39, Conklin. No distance to school recorded this term. Had not attended school prior to this term. Appears to have been in the first grade, though possibly kindergarten.
- Mary Dean Johnson, 1939/40, Conklin. No distance to school recorded this term. Term Report indicated no prior schooling, though we know Charles attended in 1938/39.
- 1940/1941. Conklin closed. Students would have had to elsewhere.
- Christine L. Scott, Conklin, 1941/42. Term Report indicated Charles had received 1 year of prior schooling; but we know he had been attending Conklin since 1938, with the exception of 1940/41, when the school was closed. Charles had his teeth examined and had a medical exam.
- Nannie Coles, Conklin, 1942/43. 1st grade.
- Nannie Cole, Conklin, 1943/44. Attended 88 days. 4 years of prior schooling. Grade 2/3 (see discussion of grades in the section on Term Reports in Catalog of Sources (Catalog of Major Sources Used For Special Study on the Conklin Village, and Related African-American History Research in Loudoun County, Va, 2014))
- Mabel C. Beal, 1949/50, Conklin

**Bio:**

*Are we confusing this Charles Dean with Charles M. Dean?*
No genealogical data. See also Charles M. Dean 1929 and Charles J. Dean, 1938.
- 1948/49 Term Report showed Charles Dean, born about 1933, Age 15, in the third grade
- 1949/50 Term Report showed Charles (Charlie) as 16 years old and having received 2 years prior education.

Ester Mae Dean (1944 -)

**Teachers**
- Mabel C. Beal, 1950/51, Conklin
- Mabel C. Beal, 1951/52, Conklin
- Ernestine F. Stewart, 1952/53, Conklin

**Bio:**
- Important source of information for study. Notice anomalies on official reporting of age and schooling.
- 1950/51, 7 years old, in the 1st grade with no prior schooling. Attended 131 days of school that year.
• 1951/52, 8 years old, in 1st grade with 1 year of prior schooling. Attended 145 days of school.
• 1952/53, 7 years old, 2nd grade, 1 year of prior schooling.

James C. Dean (1935 - ) (Known as Jimmy)

Teachers and Attendance:
• Mary Dean Johnson 1936-37, Conklin. James attended 140 of an enrolled 160 days and lived 1.5 miles from school.
• Mary Dean Johnson 1937-38, Conklin. James attended 143 of an enrolled 160 days and lived 1.5 miles from school.
• Mary Dean Johnson, 1938/39, Conklin. James had two years of prior schooling, according to the Term Report, which appears correct. No distance to school recorded this term, nor any details on attendance.
• Mary Dean Johnson, 1939/40, Conklin. No distance to school recorded this term, nor any details on attendance. James had three years of prior education, according to the Term Report.
• Christine L. Scott, 1941/42, Conklin. Term report said James had 2 years of prior schooling; but we know he attended Conklin from 1936. Attended 159 days out of 160.
• Nannie C. Coles, 1942/43, Rock Hill/Conklin. 4th grade.
• Nannie C. Coles, 1943/44, Rock Hill/Conklin. Attended 88 days. Had five years prior schooling, according to the Term Report, but we found six. 5th grade.
• Mildred Peters, 1948/49, Conklin (see note on Term Report below) Jimmy was age 17 and in the 5th grade.
• Mabel C. Beal, 1949/50, Conklin

Bio: James Dean: According to the 1940 Census, James C. Dean was born in 1932, the son of Colbert T and Susie E. Dean. They also lived in Broad Run on Route 621. This was confirmed by Jimmy (Dean J. C., 2014).
• 1942/43 Term Report showed James as 11 years old and in the 4th grade.
• 1943/44 Term Report showed James as 12 years old. He had attended school for five years.
• 1948/49 Term Report showed James as 17 years old and in the 5th grade. I wonder if this is a different James Dean, as being 17 would mean he was born in 1931, not 1935. The 1942/43 Term Report is the same. Of course, the 1940 Census could also be in error.
• 1949/50 Term Report showed James as 18 with five years prior schooling. In an interview on April, 2014, James revealed that he worked on his father’s 55 acre farm on the north side of Braddock Road, on the east side of Conklin, tending cows and bailing hay. Jimmy only attended Conklin and his career was mainly day work and farm duties. Eventually, he and his siblings sold the land to make room for South Riding. (Dean J. C., 2014).

58 Photo by Larry Roeder, 4/13/2014, done in Manassas Park at residence of Audrey Jett.
1940 Census

- Colbert T. Dean, Head, Age 68, Born 1872, Reached 5th Grade.
- Susie E. Dean, Wife, Age 35, Born 1905, Reached 7th Grade
- James C. Dean, son, Age 8, Born 1935, Reached 2nd Grade.
- Mary E. Dean, Age 10, Born 1930, Reached 4th Grade.
- Charlie J. Dean, Age 6, Born 1934, Reached 1st Grade.

Maurice Dean (About 1930 - )

Teachers and Attendance:

- Mary Dean Johnson, 1939/40, Conklin. No distance to school recorded this term, nor any details on attendance. Maurice was listed with three years of prior education, but we have found nothing prior to 1939 in Conklin. Perhaps he studied elsewhere. This will require research.

Bio: Maurice Dean: Not in 1940 Loudoun Census. In 1930 Fairfax Census, a Maurice Dean was in Dranesville, Born 1929. Was he related to Mary E. Dean of similar age?

Mary E. Dean (About 1930 - )

Teachers and Attendance:

- Mary Dean Johnson, 1936/37, Conklin. Mary E. Dean lived 1.5 miles from the school and attended 140 out of 160 days enrolled.
- Mary Dean Johnson, 1936/37, Conklin. Mary E. Dean lived 1.5 miles from the school and attended 143 out of 160 days enrolled.
- 1937/38. No school records.
- Mary Dean Johnson, 1938/39, Conklin. Mary E. Dean had 2 years of prior education, which seems to be confirmed by our not finding any record of schooling in 1937/38.
- Mary Dean Johnson, 1939/40. No distance to school recorded this term, nor any details on attendance. Mary was shown to have had three years of prior education.
- 1940/41. Conklin Closed.
- 1941/42. Christine L. Scott. Mary attended 156 days out of 160 and had 3 years of prior school, according to the Term Report. We documented four prior years and she might have attended other schools in 1937/38 and 1940/41.
• Nannie C. Coles, 1942/43, Rock Hill/Conklin. Mary E. Dean attended for 75 of the 90 days the school was open and was part of the combined Rock Hill/Conklin project that year. Age 13, Grade 5.
• Nannie C. Coles, 1943/44, Rock Hill/Conklin. Attended 25 days. 6th grade. 6 years of prior school, according to Term Report, though we found 7.
• Mildred Peters, 1948/49, Conklin. Term paper described Mary as 19 years old and in 7th grade

Bio: Mary Dean: Probably Mary E. Dean, daughter of Colbert T. and Susie Dean (above), and sister to James C. Dean.
• 1942/43 Term Report for Conklin showed Mary Dean as 13 in the 5th grade.
• 1943/44. Middle initial of E. shows up for first time. Shown as 14 years old with 6 years of schooling.
Nellie Mae Dean (1916 - )

Teachers and Attendance:

- Curtis Ewing, 1923/24, Conklin. Attended 82 days out of enrolled 118. Lived 3/8ths of a mile from school.
- Edna Virginia Russ, 1926/27, Conklin. Nellie attended 137 out of an enrolled 140. Lived 1 mile from the school, which represents a change from 1923.
- Clara V. Robinson, 1927/28, Conklin. Nellie attended 133 days out of 140 and lived 1 mile from the school.
- Christine Allen, 1928-29, Conklin. Nellie attended 150 days, but had only enrolled for 144. Her home was ½ mile from the school, a shorter distance than previously reported.
- Christine Allen, 1929-30, Conklin. Nellie attended 138 of 149 enrolled and lived ¼ mile from school.
- Mrs. Carrie Spriggs, 1930/31, Conklin. Nellie attended 148 of an enrolled 153 days. Lived ¼ mile from the school.

Bio: Nellie Dean. Born October 13, 1916. Valuable source for this book. See citations for Arthur Dean and Ed Harris. See also Family of Charles W. and Helen Dean

Rhoda Dean (1921 - )

Teachers and Attendance:

- Edna Virginia Russ, 1926/27, Conklin. Attended 138 days of the enrolled 140. Lived 1 mile from the school.
- Clara V. Robinson, 1927/28, Conklin. Rhoda attended 132 days of 140. Lived 1 mile from the school.
- Christine Allen, 1928-29, Conklin. Rhoda attended 138 days, but had only enrolled for 125. She lived ½ mile from school.
- Christine Allen, 1929-30, Conklin. Rhoda attended 140 days of 148. She lived ½ mile from school.
- Mrs. Carrie Spriggs, 1930/31, Conklin. Rhoda attended 152 of an enrolled 153 days. Live ¼ mile from school.
• Flossie Sinclair Furr, 1932/33, Conklin. Rhoda attended 143 out of an enrolled 152. Miles to school were not noted this year.
• Flossie Sinclair Furr, 1933/34, Conklin. No recording was made this year of the distance from home to school. Rhoda attended 131 of and enrolled 153.

Bio: Rhoda Dean: Sister of Nellie Dean. Passed away at an early age (Dean N., Discussion on Conklin Families, 2014). See also citation for Arthur Dean. See also See also Family of Charles W. and Helen Dean.

Theodore Dean (1920 - )

Teachers and Attendance:
• Edna Virginia Russ, 1926-1927, Conklin. Theodore attended 138 of the 140 days enrolled. Lived ½ mile from the school.
• Clara V. Robinson, 1927/28, Conklin. Theodore attended all 140 days for which he was enrolled, an excellent record. Lived 1 mile from the school. Did he move the previous year.
• Christine Allen, 1928-29, Conklin. Theodore attended 152 days, but was only enrolled for 147. The year itself ran for 157. He also lived ½ mile from the school. Notice the difference in distances, 1926-1929.
• Christine Allen, 1929-30, Conklin. Theodore attended 135 days of an enrolled 148. Lived ½ mile from school.
• Mrs. Carrie Spriggs, 1930/31, Conklin. Theodore attended 150 out of an enrolled 153. Lived ¼ mile from the school.
• William H. Cole, Jr., 1931/32 Conklin. Theodore attended 125 days out of an enrolled 144 and lived ½ mile from school.
  o Flossie Sinclair Furr, 1932/33, Conklin. Theodore attended 113.5 days out of 152. Miles to school were not noted this year.

Bio: Theodore Dean: Brother of Nellie Dean and husband of Esther Mae Dean, another wonderful source of information. Career was in landscaping. Source, Esther Dean 1/26/2014. See citation for Arthur Dean. See also See also Family of Charles W. and Helen Dean

Thurman Dean (Abt 1906 - )

Teachers and Attendance:
• Ann Virginia Ratcliffe, 1921/22, Conklin. Thurman attended 23 out of 36 days enrolled. Lived ¼ mile from school.
• Edna Virginia Russ, 1926/27, Conklin

Bio: No census record but see citations for Hazel and Glover Page.
Thomas Dean (Abt 1943 - )

Teachers and Attendance

- Mildred Peters, 1948/49, Conklin. Thomas was six and in Preschool.

Helen Dixon (1928 - )

Teachers and Attendance: Mary Dean Johnson, 1940/41, Bull Run

Bio: Helen Dixon: According to the 1940 Census, Helen lived in Mercer District on Route 632 with her parents. Their home was rented and worth $3.

1940 Census:

- Stanley Dixon, Head, Age 45, Born 1895 in Washington DC, Reached the 3rd grade. He worked as a farm laborer.
- Susie Dixon, Wife, Age 40, Born 1900, reached 4th grade.
- Helen Dixon, dau, Age 12, Born about 1928, reached the 2nd grade.
- Irene Dixon, dau, Age 18, Born 1922 and reached the 7th grade.
- Philip Dixon, son, Age 13, Born 1927, reached 3rd grade.

Philip Dixon (1927 - )

Teachers and Attendance: Mary Dean Johnson, 1940/41, Bull Run

Bio: see Helen Dixon:

John Farr (About 1914 -)

Teachers and Attendance:

- Sylvia Wright, 1922/23, Conklin. John attended 19 out of an enrolled 31. Also lived 3 miles from the school, according to the Term Report.

Bio:
- No direct records found in Loudoun. There was in 1920 an African-American of this name living on Compton Road in the Centreville District of Fairfax County. Compton Road intersected with Bull Run Post Office Road, which ran north into Conklin, but about 8 miles in distance.

Alma Gaskins

**Teachers and Attendance:** Christine Allen, 1927/28, Greggsville.

**Bio:** Alma Gaskins: She didn’t show up in Loudoun Census records; but could be related the Hampton Brewer group.

Margaret Gibson

**Teachers and Attendance:** Mary Dean Johnson, 1935/36, Rock Hill.

**Bio:** Margaret Gibson: A white child named Margaret Gibson was in Jefferson Magisterial District in the 1940 census and Born in 1913; but this was a “colored school,” so these have to be different kids. The 1930 census showed another white child of the same name in Purcellville.

Houstin Green  (1918 - )

**Teachers and Attendance:** Mary Dean Johnson, 1935/36, Rock Hill.

**Bio:** Houstin Green: This is probably Houston Green, a child mentioned in the 1930 census as Born in 1917. No mother was listed.

1930 Census:

- Willey Green  Head  Age 45, Born 1885. No job
- Raymond Green, Son, Age 26, Born 1904. Farm labor.
- Edgar Green, Son, Age 20, Born 1910. Farm labor.
- Wesley T. Green, Son, Age 17, Born 1913.
- Alean Green, Daughter, Age 14, Born 1916.
- Houston Green, Son, Age 12, Born 1918.

Walter Green

**Teachers and Attendance:** Mary Dean Johnson, 1935/36, Rock Hill.

**Bio:** Could be a brother of Houstin Green, but I am uncertain.

Betty Grooms (school records said Groom)

**Teachers and Attendance:** Christine Allen, 1927/28, Greggsville.
• **Bio: Betty Groom:** Note submitted 6/14/2015 by Alva Lewis: “As a descendant of the Basil and Grooms families, I have additional information for your chart from Data on Conklin Students. From what I know about my great-grandparents’ marriage, Carrie Basil always called herself the head of the household, and her husband Richard never had a problem with it. Money and prestige would not have factored into the matter. You could not find the Groom students in the census records because the correct spelling of their surname was Grooms. My paternal grandmother, Josephine Grooms, married Douglas Chester Lewis in 1940 and lived with him in his parents’ home that year. She had reached the 7th grade. Betty, Carlene, Lendon and Lucille Grooms were my grandmother’s siblings. Their cousin Leon had obtained a 3rd-grade education by 1940 (Lewis, 2015).”

**Josephine Grooms**

**Teachers and Attendance:** Christine Allen, 1927/28, Greggsville.

**Bio: Josephine Groom:** See note on Betty Groom

**Carlen Grooms**

**Teachers and Attendance:** Christine Allen, 1927/28, Greggsville.

**Bio: Carlen Groom:** See note on Betty Groom.

**Lenmi Grooms**

**Teachers and Attendance:** Christine Allen, 1927/28, Greggsville.

**Bio: Lenmi Groom:** See note on Betty Groom.

**Lucille Grooms**

**Teachers and Attendance:** Christine Allen, 1927/28, Greggsville.

**Bio: Lucille Groom:** See note on Betty Groom.

**Leon Grooms**

**Teachers and Attendance:** Mary Dean Johnson, 1935/36, Rock Hill.

• **Bio:** Leon had obtained a 3rd-grade education by 1940 (Lewis, 2015)."

**Albert Harris (1903 - )**
**Teachers and Attendance:** Ann Virginia Ratcliff, 1921/22, Conklin, Harris attended 20 of 27 days enrolled. Term report showed him living ¼ mile from school.

**Bio:** See Wesley Harris

**Albert Harris (1940)**

**Teachers and Attendance:**
- Mabel C. Beal, 1949/50, Conklin
- Mabel C. Beal, 1950/51, Conklin
- Mabel C. Beal, 1951/52, Conklin
- Ernestine F. Stewart, 1952/53, Conklin

**Bio:** No genealogical data.
- 1949/1950 Term Report said that Albert was 9 years old, without prior education.
- 1950/51 Term Report said Albert was 10, in the 1st grade and with 1 year of prior education.
- 1951/52 Term Report said Albert was 11, in the 2nd grade with 2 years of prior education.
- 1952/53 Term Report said Albert was 12, in the 1st grade and with 4 years of prior education.

**Arlene Harris (1943 - )**

**Teachers and Attendance:**
- Mabel C. Beal, 1949/50, Conklin

**Bio:**
- 1949/50 Term Report said Arlene was 6 years old and had no prior schooling.

**Beatrice Harris (Abt 1928 )**

**Teachers and Attendance:**
- Flossie Sinclair Furr, 1933/34, Conklin. No recording was made this year of the distance from home to school. Beatrice attended 97 of an enrolled 128 and lived 1.25 miles from the school.
- Charles Willis, 1934/35, Conklin. Beatrice attended 98 out of 154
• Charles Willis, 1935/36, Conklin. Beatrice attended 137 days out of an enrolled 157 and lived 1.5 miles from school.
• Mary Dean Johnson, 1936/37, Conklin. Beatrice lived 1 mile from school and attended 93 out of 160 miles.
• Mary Dean Johnson, 1937/38, Conklin. Beatrice lived 1 mile from school and attended 155 out of 160 miles.
• Mary Dean Johnson, 1938/39, Conklin. Beatrice had six years of prior schooling, according to the Term Report. If so, we are missing one year. I checked the Term Report for 1932/33 but nothing was found. This term, no record was kept of the distance to school, nor of the record of attendance.
• Mary Dean Johnson, 1939/40. No distance to school recorded this term, nor any details on attendance. The Term Report said Beatrice had 5 years of prior education. We found six prior years. (Johnson M. D., Term Report: Conklin Colored School, 1939–40, 1940)
• 1940/41. Conklin closed.
• Christine L. Scott, 1941/42, Conklin. Beatrice attended 151 days out of 160. Appears to have been in the 6th grade. Term Report indicated had five years of prior schooling; but we documented 7 years at Conklin.
• Nannie C. Coles, 1942/43, Rock Hill/Conklin. A Conklin student, but part of the combined Rockhill/Conklin project that year. Age 15, 7th Grade. Present for 80 days of the total 90 the school was open.
• Nannie C. Coles, 1943/44, Rock Hill/Conklin. Was present for 24 days. 8 years of prior schooling, according to Term Report. We documented nine prior years. Grade 7/8.

Bio: To be done.

• 1942/43 Term Report for Conklin showed Beatrice as being 14 years old and in the 7th grade.
• 1943/44 showed Beatrice as 16 years old and having received eight years of instruction.

Clarence Harris (1905 - )

Teachers and Attendance:

• Ann Virginia Ratcliff, 1921/22, Conklin. Clarence attended 20 days out of 27 enrolled and lived ¼ mile from the school.
• Sylvia Wright, 1922/23, Conklin. Clarence attended 14 days out of 28 enrolled and lived ¼ mile from school.

Bio: See Wesley Harris
Corine (Corene) Harris (About 1912 - )

**Teachers and Attendance:**

- Sylvia Wright, 1922/23, Conklin. Corene attended 35 out of an enrolled 56. Lived 1/16th of a mile from School.
- Curtis Ewing, 1923/24, Conklin. Corene attended 63 of the enrolled 113. Lived ¼ mile from school.
- Edna Virginia Russ, 1926/27, Conklin. Corene attended 136 of the enrolled 140 days and lived ¼ mile from the school.
- Clara V. Robinson, 1927/28, Conklin. Corene attended 138 days out of 140 and lived ¼ mile from school.
- Christine Allen, 1928/29. Conklin. Corene attended 154 days, though had only enrolled for 147. She lived ¼ mile from the school.
- Christine Allen, 1929/30. Conklin. Corene attended 140 days of an enrolled 148. She lived ¼ mile from the school.
- Mrs. Carrie Spriggs, 1930/31, Conklin. Corene attended 151 of an enrolled 153 days and lived ¼ mile from school.
- William H. Cole, Jr., 1931/32 Conklin. Corene attended 142 days of an enrolled 145 and lived ¼ mile from school.
- Flossie Sinclair Furr, 1932/33, Conklin. Corene attended 152 out of an enrolled 152 days. Miles to school were not noted this year.
- Flossie Sinclair Furr, 1933/34, Conklin. No recording was made this year of the distance from home to school. Corene attended 100 of an enrolled 101.

**Bio:** Corine Harris became a house cleaner (source, Nellie Dean 1/26/2014). See Walter Harris.

Earl Harris (1940)

**Teachers and Attendance:**

- Mabel C. Beal, 1949/50, Conklin. Term Report showed Earl as 9 years old and having not had previous instruction. Present for 12 days of instruction.
- Mabel C. Beal, 1950/51, Conklin. Term Report showed Earl as 10 years old, in the 1st grade and no prior schooling, which is interesting, since we know he had at least one year.
- Mabel C. Beal, 1951/52, Conklin Term Report showed Earl as 11, in the 1st grade and with only 2 years of prior schooling.
- Ernestine F. Stewart, 1952/53 Conklin. Term Report showed Earl as 12, in the 2nd grade with 2 years prior schooling.

**Bio:** No genealogical info.
Edward Harris  (About 1918 - )

Teachers and Attendance:

- Edna Virginia Russ, 1926/27, Conklin. Edward attended 138 days of an enrolled 140. Lived ½ mile from the school.
- Clara V. Robinson, 1927/28, Conklin. Edward attended 133 days of 140 and lived ½ mile from the school.
- Christine Allen, 1928/29. Conklin. Edward attended 121 days out of an enrolled 143 and lived ½ mile from the school.
- Christine Allen, 1929/30. Conklin. Edward attended 99 days out of an enrolled 146 and lived ½ mile from the school.
- Mrs. Carrie Spriggs, 1930/31, Conklin. Edward attended 71 ½ days out of an enrolled 80. Lived ¼ mile from school.

Bio: Edward Harris:  This is likely an adopted son to a farmer name Arthur Harris (Born 1861) and his wife Phoebe (born 1864), judging by the 1930 census for Broad Run, Loudoun. The census listed Edward simply as Ed. According to the 1920 Census, Arthur and Phoebe lived on Braddock Road, further supporting this theory. Edward was not listed in the 1920 Census; but interestingly, Arthur was documented that year as the father in law of Thomas Dean, Thomas’ wife Mary then being his daughter. Nellie Dean (who has helped in this research) and her brother Theodore were Arthur’s grandchildren.

Elizabeth Harris (1943 )

Teachers and Attendance:

- Mabel C. Beal, 1949/50, Conklin
- Mabel C. Beal, 1950/51, Conkin
- Mabel C. Beal, 1951/52, Conklin
- Ernestine F. Stewart, 1952/53, Conklin

Bio: No genealogical data.

- 1949/50 6 years old with no prior education. She was probably in preschool.
- 1950/51 7 years old, in first grade with no prior schooling. I wonder why they didn't count the 1949/50 experience unless they didn't count preschool.
- 1951/52 8 years old, 1st grade, with one year of prior.
- 1952/53, 9 years old, 2nd grade, 1 year of prior schooling.

Elizabeth G. Harris 1942

Teachers and Attendance:
• Ernestine F. Stewart, 1952/53, Conklin

Bio:

• 1952/53. Age 6, 1st grade, no prior schooling.

Frederick Harris (1943)

Teachers and Attendance:

• Mabel C. Beal, 1949/50
• Mabel C. Beal, 1950/51
• Mabel C. Beal, 1951/52
• Ernestine F. Stewart, 1952/53, Conklin

Bio: No genealogical data.

• 1949/50 Term Report said that Fred was 6 years old without prior schooling.
• 1950/51 Term Report said Fred was 7 with one year of schooling.
• 1951/52 Term Report said Fred 8, in the 2nd grade with 2 years of prior schooling.
• 1952/53 Term Report said Fred was 9, in the 1st grade, with 2 years of prior schooling. Like Albert Harris, was he sent back one year, or was this is a typo?


Teachers and Attendance:

• Edna Virginia Russ, 1926/27, Conklin. Harris attended 126 days of the 140 enrolled and lived ½ mile from school.
• Clara V. Robinson, 1927/28, Conklin. Harris attended 96 of 140 days and lived ¼ miles from school, a different distance than recorded in 1926/27.
• Christine Allen, 1928/29, Conklin. Herbert attended 77 days out of an enrolled 147 and lived ¼ mile from school.
• Christine Allen, 1929/30, Conklin. Herbert attended 113 days out of an enrolled 148 and lived ¼ mile from school.
• Mrs. Carrie Spriggs, 1930/31, Conklin. Herbert attended 144 days out of an enrolled 153. Lived ¼ mile from school.
• Flossie Sinclair Furr, 1932/33, Conklin. Herbert attended 127 days out of 152. Miles to school were not noted this year.
• Flossie Sinclair Furr, 1933/34, Conklin. Herbert attended 134.5 days out of 153. No distance to school was recorded this year.
• Charles Willis, 1934/35, Conklin. Herbert lived 102 out of 154 days enrolled and lived 1 mile from the school.
• Charles Willis, 1935/36, Conklin. Herbert lived 1 mile from school and attended 134 of an enrolled 153 days.
• Mary Dean Johnson, 1936/37. Herbert lived ¾ mile from school and attended 148 of an enrolled 160 days.
• 1937/38. No schooling at Conklin for Herbert.
• Mary Dean Johnson, 1938/39, Conklin. No record was kept this term of distances to school, nor days of attendance or enrollment. Herbert was shown in the Term Report as having received 7 years of prior schooling. We found evidence of 10 years, plus a gap year in 1937/38.
• Mary Dean Johnson, 1939/40, Conklin. No record was kept this term of distances to school, nor days of attendance or enrollment. Herbert was shown in the Term Report as having received 7 years of prior schooling, same as in the Term Report for 1938/39. We found evidence of 11 years, plus a gap year in 1937/38.

**Bio: Herbert Harris**: became Deacon at Prosperity Baptist Church. (source, (Dean N., Discussion on Conklin Families, 2014). See also 1920 Census for Mary Harris under Wesley Harris.

**1930 Census**, Herbert was born in 1921 to Fred and Mary Harris of Broad Run, perhaps on Jackson Highway. They also lived next to Thomas Dean’s family. All could read.
• Fred Harris, head, Age 35, Born 1895, Farm Laborer
• Mary Harris, wife, Age 40, Born 1890
• Herbert Harris, son, Age 9, No job. Note: Born Wednesday, November 03, 1920.
  **Died**: Friday, August 11, 1989. Buried PROSPERITY BAPTIST. (Balch Staff, 2010)
• Albert Harris, son, Age 27, Born 1903, Farm Labor
• Clarence Harris, son, Age 25, Born 1905, Farm Labor
• Watley Harris, son, Age 12. Born 1918, Farm Labor

**1940 Census**: Herbert was living in rented home of John B. Harris on Route 620, next door to Fred and Mary Harris.
• John B. Harris, Head, Age 44, Born 1896, reached 4th Grade, Farm Labor.
• Viola B. Harris, Wife, Age 42, Born 1898, reached 5th grade.
• Ottomer A. Harris, son, Age 18, Born 1922, reached 5th grade, Farm Labor.
• Isariah E. Harris, son, Age 16, Born 1924 reached 4th grade.
• Beatrice E. Harris, dau, Age 12, Born 1928, reached 5th grade.
• John W. Harris, son, Age 1, Born 1939, not in school yet.
  Herbert Harris, boarder, Age 19, Born 1921, Reached 6th grade, farm laborer

**Isiah Harris (1924 - )**

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59 Route 620 was Braddock Road
Teachers and Attendance:

- Christine Allen, 1929/30, Conklin. Isiah attended 114 of and enrolled 148. Lived ¼ mile from the school.
- Mrs. Carrie Spriggs, 1930/31, Conklin. Isiah attended 153 of his enrolled 153 and lived ¼ mile from the school. Isiah was listed twice in the term report, the second time attended 148 days of an enrolled 153, and age 8 vs 7 for the first citation.
- Flossie Sinclair Furr, 1932/33, Conklin. Isiah attended 152 days out of an enrolled 152. Miles to school were not noted this year.
- Flossie Sinclair Furr, 1933/34, Conklin. Isiah attended 147 days out of 153 enrolled. No distance to school was recorded this year.
- Charles Willis, 1934/35, Conklin. Isiah attended 154 of 154 days. Lived 1.5 miles from the school.
- Charles Willis, 1935/36, Conklin. Isiah attended 144 out of 157 and lived 1.5 miles from school.
- Mary Dean Johnson, 1936/37, Conklin. Isiah attended 156 of an enrolled 160 days and lived ¾ of a mile from school.
- Mary Dean Johnson, 1937/38, Conklin. Isiah attended the full 160 days for which he enrolled and lived 1 mile from school.
- Mary Dean Johnson, 1938/39, Conklin. No record was kept this term of distances to school, nor days of attendance or enrollment. Isiah had 5 years of prior schooling, according to the Term Report. We found 9 years of schooling, all in Conklin.
- Mary Dean Johnson, 1939/40, Conklin. No record was kept this term of distances to school, nor days of attendance or enrollment. Isiah had 6 years of prior schooling, according to the Term Report. We found 10 years of schooling, back to 1929, all in Conklin.
- 1940/41. Conklin Closed.
- Christine L. Scott, 1941/42, Conklin. Isiah attended 157 out of 160 days. Term report indicated he had 5 years of prior schooling, but we have him documented, going back to 1929. According to the 1940 US Census for Broad Run, Isiah had reached the 4th grade by that year. There is no confusion I think on grade, as the column on the form the number of years is drawn from says “No Years in School Previous to This Year,” whereas for 1941/42, a separate column marked Grade reads 5/6, likely meaning 5th grade out of 6.

Bio: Isiah Harris was Herbert’s brother (Dean J. C., 2014). See also Herbert Harris citation. Note: Isiah may have been double counted in Carrie Spriggs’s 1930/31 report.

James Harris (About 1914 – )
• Sylvia Wright, 1922/23, Conklin. James attended 10 days and was only enrolled for 10. Lived ¼ miles from the school.

Bio:
• No data. It might be that the parents of Melvina and James moved into Loudoun after the 1920 census was enumerated and left before the 1930 census.

John Harris (1941 –)

Teachers and Attendance:
• Mildred Peters, 1948/49, Conklin. John was 7 years old in the first grade
• Mabel C. Beal, 1950/51, Conklin. John was 10 years old, in the second grade, with two years of prior schooling. Notice the distinct difference in ages, but really no so much. 7 from 1948 is 1941. 10 from 1950 is 1940. Seen that way, not a big difference.
• Mabel C. Beal, 1951/52, Conklin

Bio: No genealogical data.
• 1948/49 Term Report showed John as 7 years old in the first grade.
• 1950/51 Term Report showed John as 10 years old, in the second grade, with 2 years of prior schooling. Notice the distinct difference in ages, but really no so much. 7 from 1948 is 1941. 10 from 1950 is 1940. Seen that way, not a big difference.

Melvina Harris (Abt 1911 - )

Teachers and Attendance:
• Sylvia Wright, 1922/23, Conklin. Melvina attended 9 days of the 9 for which she was enrolled and lived 1/16th of a mile from school.

Bio:
• No data. It might be that the parents of Melvina and James moved into Loudoun after the 1920 census was enumerated and left before the 1930 census. This was an agricultural society. It’s possible the parents were migrant or seasonal workers.

Mary E. Harris (1907 - )

Teachers and Attendance:
• Ann Virginia Ratcliff, 1921/22, Conklin. Mary attended 104 out of 110 enrolled. Lived ¼ mile from the school.
• Curtis Ewing, 1923/24, Conklin. Mary attended 50 of the 117 days enrolled. Lived ¼ mile from the school.

**Bio:** See Wesley Harris

**Mary Francis Harris (1943 - )**

**Teachers and Attendance:**

• Mabel C. Beal, 1949/50, Conklin. Mary Francis Harris. Age 7 with no prior schooling
• Mabel C. Beal, 1951/52, Conklin. Mary Francis Harris. Age 9, 1st grade, with one year of prior schooling.
• Ernestine F. Stewart, 1952/53, Conklin. Mary Francis Harris. Age 10, 2nd grade, with 1 year of prior schooling

**Bio:** No genealogical data.

**Ottoman Harris (abt 1920 or 1922 - abt 1992)**

**Teachers and Attendance:**

• Edna Virginia Russ, 1926/27, Conklin. Ottoman attended 130 of the enrolled 140 days and lived ¼ from school.
• Clara V. Robinson, 1927/28, Conklin. Ottoman attended 133 of an enrolled 140 days and lived ¼ mile from school.
• Christine Allen, 1928/29, Conklin. Ottoman attended 153 days of an enrolled 147 and lived ¼ mile from school.
• Christine Allen, 1929/30, Conklin. Ottoman attended 139 days of an enrolled 148 and lived ¼ mile from school.
• Mrs. Carrie Spriggs, 1930/31, Conklin. Ottoman attended 148 out of an enrolled 153 and lived ¼ mile from school.
• William H. Cole, Jr., 1931/32 Conklin. Ottoman attended 136 of an enrolled 145 and lived ¼ mile from school.
• Flossie Sinclair Furr, 1932/33, Conklin. Ottoman attended 149 out of an enrolled 152. Miles to school were not noted this year
• Flossie Sinclair Furr, 1933/34, Conklin. Ottoman attended 139 out of 153 enrolled. No distance to school was recorded this year.
• Charles Willis, 1934/35, Conklin. Ottoman attended 132 out of 154 days enrolled and lived 1.5 miles from the school.
• Charles Willis, 1935/36, Conklin. Ottoman attended 145 days out of an enrolled 157 and lived 1.5 miles from school.
• Mary Dean Johnson, 1936/37, Conklin. Ottoman attended 159 out of an enrolled 160 days. His distance from school was not listed.
• Mary Dean Johnson, 1937/38, Conklin. Ottoman attended 136 days out of an enrolled 160 days. His distance from school was 1 mile.
• 1938/39. Conklin was open; but no record for Ottoman. Perhaps he attended a different school.
• 1939/40. Conklin was open; but no record for Ottoman. Perhaps he attended a different school.
• 1940/41. Conklin was closed.
• Christine L. Scott, 1941/42, Conklin. Ottoman had five years of prior school, according to the Term Report; but we found 12 going back to 1926. This particular year we think he was in the 6th grade.

Bio: **Ottoman Harris**: This is likely Ottomer Harris, brother of Herbert (see Herbert’ Harris citation). Passed away, source, Nellie Dean 1/26/2014. Note: **Born:** 1920 (exact date unknown)  **Died:** 1992 (exact date unknown). Buried: Prosperity Baptist Church. Records show UNCLE NEWT as a source of information (Balch Staff, 2010). The 1940 census for Broad Run indicated that Ottomer only reached the 5th grade by that year, but he had 14 years of schooling. Indeed, it appears from the 1937/38 Term Report that he reached the 5th grade that year (Johnson M. D., 1938). This may be an indication of how poor the educational system for African-Americans could be, though more research would be needed before we know if this one case is indicative.

**Rosalie Harris 1942**

**Teachers and Attendance:**
• Ernestine F. Stewart, 1952/53, Conklin

**Bio:**
• 1952/53, Age 6, 1st grade, no prior schooling.

**Susie Harris (About 1907 - )**

**Teachers and Attendance:**
• Sylvia Wright, 1922/23, Conklin. Susie attended 60 of the 95 days for which she was enrolled. Lived ¼ mile from the school.

**Bio:**
• No data.
Walter Harris (1917 - )

**Teachers and Attendance:**

- Ann Virginia Ratcliffe, 1921/22, Conklin. Walter attended 50 of 68 days enrolled. Lived ¼ mile from the school.
- Sylvia Wright, 1922/23, Conklin. Walter attended 105 of 123 enrolled. Lived ¼ mile from the school.
- Curtis Ewing, 1923/34, Conklin. Walter attended 108 days of an enrolled 119. Lived ¼ mile from the school.
- Edna Virginia Russ, 1926/27, Conklin. Walter attended all 140 days for which he enrolled, an excellent record. Still lived ¼ mile from school.
- Clara V. Robinson, 1927/28, Conklin. Walter attended 139 out of 140 days. Lived ¼ mile from the school.
- Christine Allen, 1928/29, Conklin. Walter attended 157 days, was enrolled for 147. The year itself ran a full 157, so an excellent record that year. He even was present more than the instructor, who missed 4 days in 1928/29. He lived ¼ mile from the school.
- Christine Allen, 1929/30, Conklin. Walter attended 141 days, was enrolled for 148. Lived ¼ mile from the school.
- Mrs. Carrie Spriggs, 1930/31, Conklin. Walter attended 151 days, was enrolled for 153 and lived ¼ miles from school.
- William H. Cole, Jr., 1931/32 Conklin. Walter attended 127 days of an enrolled 145 and lived ¼ mile from school.
- Flossie Sinclair Furr, 1932/33, Conklin. Walter attended 34 days of an enrolled 52. Miles to school were not noted this year.

**Bio:** Walter Harris: Problems with diabetes, (source, Nellie Dean 1/26/2014). This was probably the Walter Harris reported by the 1920 Census to be living on Braddock Road in Broad Run. There are two Water Harris’s in this study.

**1920 Census:** Living on Braddock Road

- Ella Allen (head of family), Widow, Age 63, Born 1857, owned farm and was a general farmer.
- John Harris, Son in Law, Age 23, Born 1897, Born Penn, Married, Farm Laborer.
- Viola Harris, Daughter, Age 24, Born 1896, Married, Washer woman in her own home.
- Walter Harris, Grandson, Age 3, Born 1917
- Corinne Harris, Granddau, Age 1, Born 1919
- Ernest Ashton, Grandson, Age 23, Born 1897, General Farm Labor
- George Allen, Grandson, Age 24, Born 1896, General Farm Labor

Walter Harris (1944 - )

**Teachers and Attendance:**
Mabel C. Beal, 1950/51, Conklin

**Bio:**

- 1950/51 Term Report said Walter was 6 years old, in the first grade and with no prior educational experience.

**Wesley Harris (1913 - )**

**Teachers and Attendance:**

- Ann Virginia Ratclife, 1921/22, Conklin. Wesley attended 100 of 100 days enrolled. Lived ¼ mile from school.
- Sylvia Wright, 1922/23, Conklin. Wesley attended 110 of 123 days enrolled. Lived ¼ mile from school.
- Curtis Ewing, 1923/24, Conklin. Wesley attended 95 of 120 days enrolled. Lived ¼ mile from school.
- Edna Virginia Russ, 1926/27, Conklin. Wesley attended 134 of the 140 days for which he was enrolled and lived ½ mile from school. Does this mean he moved after the 1923/24 academic year? Between then and the 1926/27 academic year, Conklin was closed.
- Clara V. Robinson, 1927/28, Conklin. Attended 84 out of an enrolled 120 and lived ¼ mile from the school. This is the same distance recorded in 1923/24 but different than in 1926/27. There must have been an error.

**Bio:** In 1920 lived on Braddock Road

1920 Census  
See also 1930 Census for Herbert Harris. My thinking is that the widow Mary married Herbert between 1920 and 1930. Appears to be the same woman.

- Mary Harris, Head, Widow, Age 35, Born 1885. Washerwoman. Owned own home.
- Albert Harris, son, Age 17, Born 1903. General Farm Labor.
- Clarence Harris, son, Age 15, Born 1905. General Farm Labor.
- Mary E. Harris, dau, Age 13, Born 1907
- Wesley Harris, son, Age 7, Born 1913.

Wilson Harris (1944 - )

**Teachers and Attendance:**

- Mabel Beal, 1951/52, Conklin
- Ernestine F. Stewart, 1952/53, Conklin
Bio:

- 1951/52 Term Report said Wilson was 7, in the 1st grade, with 1 year of prior schooling.
- 1952/53 Term Report said Wilson was 8, in the 2nd grade, with 1 year of prior schooling.

**Maggie Holmes (1928 - )**

**Teachers and Attendance:** Mary Dean Johnson, 1935/36, Rock Hill.

**Bio:** Maggie V. Holmes: Doesn’t appear in 1940 Census records for Loudoun.

**1930 Census:** Born 1928 was living in Mt Gilead Magisterial District with her family
- Thomas J. Holmes, Head, Age 22, Born 1908, Painter (Ancestry.com thinks Age 27)
- Beatrice Holmes, Wife, Age 24, Born 1906.
- Tomas W. A. Holmes, Son, Age 3, Born 1927. Note: Yet to be confirmed. Could be: **Born:** 1926 (exact date unknown) **Died:** 1984 (exact date unknown) Buried: ROCK HILL (Balch Staff, 2010).
- Maggie V. Holmes, Dau, Age 2, Born 1928.
- Walter E. Holmes, Son, Age 0, Born 1930.
- Jane Holmes, Grandmother, Age 82, Born 1848.

**Thomas Holmes (Abt 1927 - 1984)**

**Teachers and Attendance:** Mary Dean Johnson, 1935/36, Rock Hill.

**Bio:** Thomas Holmes: Brother of Maggie V. Holmes.

**Arlene Jackson (1943)**

**Teachers and Attendance:**

- Mabel C. Beal, 1950/51, Conklin. Arlene 7 years old, 1st grade, 1 year of prior schooling
- Mabel C. Beal, 1951/52, Conklin. Arlene 8 years old, 1st grade, 2 years of prior schooling.
- Ernestine F. Stewart, 1952/53, Conklin. 8 years old, 1st grade, 1 year of prior schooling, which is odd.
Bio:

David Jackson (1929 - )

Teachers and Attendance:

- Flossie Sinclair Furr, 1933/34, Conklin. No distance to school was recorded this year. David attended 149 out of 151 enrolled.
- Charles Willis, 1934/35, Conklin. David attended 129 out of 138 days enrolled. Lived ¾ miles from the school.
- Charles Willis, 1935/36, Conklin. David attended 62 of an enrolled 64 days and lived ¾ of a mile from the school.

Bio: Brother of Emerson Jackson

Donald Jackson 1942

Teachers and Attendance:

- Ernestine F. Stewart, 1952/53, Conklin

Bio:

- 1952/53 Term Report said Donald was 6, in the 1st grade, with no prior schooling.

Edward Jackson (1935)

Teachers and Attendance:

- Mabel C. Beal, 1949/50, Conklin. Edward 13 years old and with 2 years of prior schooling.
- Mabel C. Beal, 1950/51, Conklin. Edward 14 years old in the 4th grade, with 3 years of prior schooling.
- Mabel C. Beal, 1951/52, Conklin. Edward 15 years old in the 4th grade, with 6 years of prior schooling.

Bio: No genealogical data
Emerson Jackson (1919 - )

**Teachers and Attendance:**
- Mrs. Carrie Spriggs, 1930/31, Conklin. Emerson attended 83 of an enrolled 83 days. Lived 1 mile from the school.
- William H. Cole, Jr., 1931/32 Conklin. Emerson attended 120 of an enrolled 135 days and lived 1 mile from school.
- Flossie Sinclair Furr, 1932/33, Conklin. Emerson attended 132 days out of an enrolled 152. Miles to school were not noted this year.
- Flossie Sinclair Furr, 1933/34, Conklin. Emerson attended 63 out of 107 enrolled days. No distance to school was recorded this year.

**Bio:** In 1930 the family lived in a rented home worth $5 on Evergreen Mill Road

**1930 Census**
- Charles Jackson, Head, Age 57, Born 1873, Farmer.
- Cinderella Jackson, wife, Age 44, Born 1886.
- William Jackson, dau, (obviously the son) Age 15, Born 1915.
- Foster Jackson, son, Age 13, Born 1917.
- Emerson Jackson, son, Age 11, Born 1919.
- Walter Jackson, son, Age 8, Born 1922
- Samuel Jackson, son, Age 6, Born 1924
- Frances Jackson, dau, Age 3, Born 1927
- David Jackson, son, Age 1, 1929
- Ross Jackson, grandson, Age 13, Born 1917
- Josephine Hollins, dau, Age 18, Born 1912.
- Laurence Hollins, son-in-law, Age 21, Born 1909, Farm Labor
- Claude Hollins, grandson, Age 2, Born 1928

Foster Jackson (1917 - )

**Teachers and Attendance:**

**Bio:** Brother of Emerson Jackson, 1919

Frances Jackson (1927)

**Teachers and Attendance:**
• William H. Cole, Jr., 1931/32 Conklin. Attended 105 days of an enrolled 144 and lived 1 miles from school.
• Flossie Sinclair Furr, 1932/33, Conklin. Frances attended 138 days out of an enrolled 152. Miles to school were not noted this year
• Flossie Sinclair Furr, 1933/34, Conklin. No recording was made this year of the distance from home to school. Frances attended 148 of an enrolled 153.
• Charles Willis, 1934/35, Conklin. Frances attended 140 out of an enrolled 154 days and lived ¾ of a mile from the school.
• Charles Willis, 1935/36, Conklin. Frances attended 61 of an enrolled 67 and lived ¾ of a mile from the school.

Bio: Sister of Emerson Jackson.

George H. Jackson (1920 –

Teachers and Attendance:

• Sylvia Wright, 1922/23, Conklin. Attended 26 of an enrolled 38. Lived 2 miles from the school.

Bio:
• In 1920 lived in a rented home on Arcola Road in Broad Run.

1920 Census:

• Clinton H. Jackson, Head, Age 35, Born 1885, Farm Labor.
• Irene J. Jackson, wife, Age 29, Born 1891
• Carinda Jackson, dau, Age 7, Born 1913.
• Maud E. Jackson, dau, Age 5, Born 1915.
• Ethel Jackson, dau, Age 2, Born 1918.
• George H. Jackson, son, Age 0, Born 1920.
• Robert Bigbsy, Brother-in-law, Age 24, Born 1896, Farm Labor.
• Elizabeth Laskins, Sister-in-law, Age 23, 1897, Cook in Houses.

Georgina Jackson (About 1930)

Teachers and Attendance:

• Mary Dean Johnson, 1937/38, Conklin. Attended 93 of 160 days.

Bio: Georgina Jackson: No census record.
Grafton Jackson (1938 - )

Teachers and Attendance:

- Mildred Peters, 1948/49, Conklin. Grafton was 10 years old, in first grade.
- Mabel C. Beal, 1949/50, Conklin. Grafton was 10 years old and had received 2 years of education.
- Mabel C. Beal, 1950/51, Conklin. Grafton was 11 years old, in the 3rd grade, with 2 years of prior schooling.
- Mabel C. Beal, 1951/52, Conklin. Grafton was 12 years old, in the 4th grade with 3 years prior schooling.
- Ernestine F. Stewart, 1952/53, Conklin. Grafton was Graxton, age 13, 5th grade, with 5 years of prior schooling.

Bio: No genealogical data

James A. Jackson - 1934

Teachers and Attendance:

- Mary Dean Johnson, 1939/40, Conklin. No distance to school recorded this term, nor the amount of attendance. According to the Term Report, James had no prior schooling. 1940/1941. Conklin closed. Students would have had to elsewhere.
- Christine Scott, 1941/42, Conklin. Term report was that James had only one year of prior school.
- Nannie C. Coles, 1942/43, Rock Hill/Conklin. Conklin student in the joint Rock Hill/Conklin project. 8 years old. 1st. grade. Attended 76 days out of 90.
- Nannie C. Coles, 1943/44, Rock Hill/Conklin. Attended 65 days. 5 years of prior schooling. James was also shown to 9 years old and have been in school for 4 years.
- 1948/49: Term Report showed James as 14 years old and 4 years of prior schooling. I wonder what happened to him between 1945 and 1948.
- Mabel C. Beal, 1949/50, Conklin. Term Report showed James as 15 years old and 4 years of prior schooling. I wonder what happened to him between 1945 and 1948.
Bio: James Jackson was a popular name in 1940 in Loudoun County. I have assumed this is actually James A. Jackson, son of Andrew G. Jackson, but caution is warranted. See bio on Richard L. Jackson for more bio information. 1943/44. The middle initial of A was confirmed by the Term Report.

Lester Jackson (Abt 1917 - )

Teachers and Attendance:
- Flossie Sinclair Furr, 1932/33, Conklin. Lester attended 101 days out of an enrolled 152. Miles to school were not noted this year

Bio: No records found.

Leslie Jackson (Abt 1937)

Teachers and Attendance:

Bio: No genealogical data.

- 1943/44 Term Report showed Leslie 6 years old with no prior schooling.

Margaret Jackson (About 1929 - )

Teachers and Attendance:
- Mary Dean Johnson, 1937/38, Conklin. Lived 1 mile from the school and attended 93 of 160 days enrolled.

Bio: Margaret Jackson was a popular name, but I didn’t find a proper fit in the 1930 or 1940 Census for Loudoun

Mary Jackson 1945

Teachers and Attendance:
- Mabel C. Beal, 1951/52, Conklin
- Ernestine F. Stewart, 1952/53, Conklin

Bio:
- 1951/52, 6 years old, 1st grade, no prior schooling.
- 1952/53, 7 years old, 1st grade, 1 year prior schooling.
Mildred Jackson (1930 - )

Teachers and Attendance:
- Mary Dean Johnson, 1940/41, Bull Run.

Bio: Mildred Jackson: Sister of Preston Jackson

Peggy Jackson (1943 - )

Teachers and Attendance:
- Mabel C. Beal, 1949/50, Conklin. Peggy 6 years old and had received no prior instruction
- Mabel C. Beal, 1950/51, Conklin. Peggy 7 years old, in 1st grade with one year of prior education. In this case preschool seems to have counted as schooling; but not for other kids. I wonder why.
- Mabel C. Beal, 1951/52, Conklin. Peggy 8 years old in 1st grade with 1 year of prior schooling
- Ernestine F. Stewart, 1952/53, Conklin. Peggy 10 years old, 2nd grade with 1 year of prior schooling

Bio:

Preston Jackson (1926 - )

Teachers and Attendance: Mary Dean Johnson, 1940/41, Bull Run.

Bio: Preston Jackson: Born in 1926 and in 1940 lived in the Mercer District on Route 50.

1940 Census: They owned their own home on Route 50, which was worth $200.
- George Hamilton Jackson, father, Age 59, Born in 1881, reached a 4th grade education. Farm labor. (See introductory volume: Section on Soldiers and Sailors, for military records).
- Ruth H. Jackson, mother, Age 56, Born in 1884, reached a 5th grade education. Cook in a private home
- Preston Jackson, son, Age 14, Born 1926, reached the 6th Grade
- Edward Jackson, son, Age 07, Born 1923, reached the 5th grade. Farm Laborer.
- Mildred Jackson, dau, Age 10, Born 1930, reached the 3rd grade.

Raymond Jackson (1938 - )

Teachers and Attendance:
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- Mildred Peters, 1948/49, Conklin. Term Report has Raymond 9 years old in the second grade
- Mabel C. Beal, 1949/50, Conklin. Term Report showed Raymond as 9 years old with 2 years schooling.
- Mabel C. Beal, 1950/49, Conklin. Term Report showed Raymond as 10 years old, in the 4th grade with 3 years of prior schooling
- Ernestine F. Stewart, 1952/53, Conklin. Term Report showed Raymond as 12, in the 5th grade with 5 years prior schooling

**Bio:** See Richard L Jackson (1938).

**Richard L. Jackson (1936 - )

Teachers and Attendance:

- 1940/1941. Conklin closed. Students would have had to attend elsewhere.
- Christine L. Scott, Conklin, 1941/42. Term report showed he had no prior schooling.
- Nannie C. Coles, 1942/43, Rock Hill/Conklin. Age 6 and in the 1st grade. Conklin student in the joint Rock Hill/Conklin project and attended 77 days out of 90.
- Nannie C. Coles, 1943/44, Rock Hill/Conklin. 6 years of age with 3 years of prior.
- 1944/45. Conklin Closed
- 1945/46. Conklin Closed.
- 1946/47. No file on Conklin.
- Mabel C. Beal, 1949/50, Conklin. 12 years old with 3 years of prior schooling
- Mabel C. Beal, 1950/51, Conklin 13 years old, 4th grade with 4 years of prior schooling
- Mabel C. Beal, 1951/52, Conklin. 14 years old, 5th grade, with 5 years of prior schooling
- Ernestine F. Stewart, 1952/53 Conklin. 15 years old, 6th grade with 7 years prior schooling

**Bio:** In 1940 lived in a rented home in Broad Run.

**1940 Census**

- Andrew G. Jackson, Head, Age 30, Born 1910, Reached 5th Grade. Worked as a Railroad section man. This was a highly dangerous job, essentially moving track,
section by section. Often railroads took no responsibility for safety of such workers.

- Corine E. Jackson, wife, Age 22, Born 1918, Reached 7th Grade.
- James A. Jackson, son, Age 6, Born 1934
- Richard L. Jackson, son, Age 2, Born 1938
- Raymond L. Jackson, son, Age 1, Born 1939.

Robert Jackson (1939 -

**Teachers and Attendance:**

- Mabel C. Beal, 1949/50, Conklin

**Bio:**

- 1949/50 Term Report, Age 10, 2 years of prior schooling.

Rosie Jackson (1929 - )

**Teachers and Attendance:** Mary Dean Johnson, 1940/41, Bull Run.

**Bio:** Rosie Jackson: There were 3 Rosie Jackson’s in the 1940 Census for the Mercer District of Loudoun County, 2 of whom were children. **One** was Rosie, Born 1929, who had by 1940 reached the 3rd grade. She was the daughter of a farm laborer named Fenton Jackson (age 30) who had reached the 4th grade and Francis (age 26) who had reached the 4th grade. They lived on Route 632. Rosie’s sister was Mary Alice (age 4) and Nathaniel (age 2). I believe the first Rosie is the obvious choice because the other daughter named Rosie (daughter of Robert), was white, and the final Rosie, though “negro,” was a wife, Born about 1905.

1940 Census Lived on Route 632

- Fenton Jackson, Head, Age 30, Born 1910, Reached 4th Grade. Loudoun Cemetery Database in the Balch Library showed a Fenton Jackson, Born 1907 as having died April 08, 1972 and then buried in the MOUNT PLEASANT MEMORIAL PARK, section B16. (Balch Staff, 2010)
- Francis Jackson, Wife, Age 26, Born 1914, Reached 5th Grade.
- Rosie Jackson, dau, Age 11, Born 1929, Reached 3rd Grade.
- Mary Alice, dau, Age 4, Born 1936.
- Nathaniel, son, Age 2, Born 1938.

Rosa Jackson (1916 - )
**Teachers and Attendance:**

- Sylvia Wright, 1922/23, Conklin. Rosa attended 46 of an enrolled 72 days. Lived 2 miles from the school.
- Curtis Ewing, 1923/24, Conklin. Rosa attended 103 of the 119 days enrolled and lived 2 miles from the school.

**Bio:** No data.

**Samuel Jackson (1924 - )**

**Teachers and Attendance:**

- Mrs. Carrie Spriggs, 1930/31, Conklin. Samuel attended 80 of an enrolled 83 days and lived 1 mile from school.
- William H. Cole, Jr., 1931/32 Conklin. Samuel attended 125 days of an enrolled 144 and lived 1 mile from school.
- Flossie Sinclair Furr, 1932/33, Conklin. Samuel attended 150 out of an enrolled 152. Miles to school were not noted this year.
- Flossie Sinclair Furr, 1933/34, Conklin. Samuel attended 149 days out of an enrolled 153. No distance to school was recorded this year.
- Charles Willis, 1934/35, Conklin. Samuel attended 147 out of 154 enrolled and lived ¾ miles from the school.
- Charles Willis, 1935/36, Conklin. Samuel attended 59 out of an enrolled 67 and lived ¾ of a mile from school.

**Bio:** Brother to Emerson Jackson (1919)

**Stanley Jackson (1915)**

**Teachers and Attendance:**

- Sylvia Wright, 1922/23, Conklin. Attended 66 days out of an enrolled 75. Lived 2 miles from school.
- Curtis Ewing, 1923/24, Conklin. Attended 102 days out an enrolled 119. Lived 2 miles from the school.

**Bio:** In 1920 lived in a Rented home on Braddock Road.

**1920 Census**

- George Jackson  Head, Age 39, Born 1881, Farm Labor
- Ruth A. Jackson, Wife, Age 33, Born 1887, Washerwoman, Private Home
- General Jackson, Son, Age 14, Born 1906, Farm Labor
- Hamilton Jackson, Son, Age 9, Born 1911.
• Stanley W. Jackson, Son, Age 5, Born 1915.
• Mahaley Jackson, Dau, Age 2, Born 1918.
• Frederick Jackson, Son, Age 0, Born 1920.

**Walter Jackson (1922 - )**

**Teachers and Attendance:**

- Mrs. Carrie Spriggs, 1930/31, Conklin. Walter attended 82 of an enrolled 83 days and lived 1 mile from the school.
- William H. Cole, Jr., 1931/32 Conklin. Walter attended 115 days of an enrolled 145 and lived 1 mile from school.
- Flossie Sinclair Furr, 1933/34, Conklin. Walter attended 90 days of an enrolled 110. No distance to school was recorded this year.
- Charles Willis, 1934/35, Conklin. Walter attended 146 out of 145 days enrolled and lived ¾ of a mile from school.
- Charles Willis, 1935/36, Conklin. Walter attended 58 out of an enrolled 67 and lived ¾ of a mile from school.

**Bio:** Brother to Emerson Jackson, 1919.

**William Jackson (1915)**

**Teachers and Attendance:**

- Mrs. Carrie Spriggs, 1930/31, Conklin. Attended 83 of an enrolled 83 days and lived 1 mile from school.

**Bio:**

**William Jackson (1938)**

**Teachers and Attendance:**

- Mabel C. Beal, 1949/50, Conklin.

**Bio:**

- 1949/50 Term Report, Age 11, 2 years of prior schooling.

**Audrey Jett (Aby 1929 )**

**Teachers and Attendance:**
• Mary Dean Johnson, 1938/39, Conklin. Had no prior schooling, according to the term report. No distance to school recorded this term, nor any details on attendance; however, the Term Report recorded Audrey as a non-resident.
• Mary Dean Johnson, 1939/40, Conklin. No distance to school recorded this term, nor any details on attendance; however, the Term Report recorded Audrey as a non-resident. Term Report showed Audrey as having 3 years of prior schooling.

Bio: Audrey Jett:

Figure 37  Audrey Jett (r) and Jimmy Dean (l) with his step daughter.\(^{60}\)

\(^{60}\) Photo by Larry Roeder, 4/13/2014 at residence of Audrey Jett.
1940 Census: Audrey lived in the home of Norman Sterman (her stepfather) on Rt. 608 in Broad Run. The title stepfather seems wrong. We are really talking nieces and nephews. Norman owned his own home, with a value of $75.

- Sterman Newman, Head Age 32, Born 1908, Reached 5th Grade. Farm Labor
- Rosa W. Newman, Wife, Age 25, Born 1915, Reached the 6th grade.
- Ray Dell Jett, sister, Age 28, Born 1912, Married, Reached the 7th grade.
- Sherman Jett, Brother-in-Law, Born Age 30, Born 1910, married. Reached 5th grade, Farm Labor
- Audrey Jett, Stepdaughter, Age 11, Born 1929, Reached 4th Grade.
- Jean Jett, Stepdaughter, Age 8, Born 1932, Reached 2nd grade.
- Willie Jett, Stepdaughter, Age 7, Born 1933, Reached the 1st grade.
- Barbara Jett, Stepdaughter, Age 4, Born 1936.
- Betty Jett, Stepdaughter, Born, July, 1939

61 Photo courtesy of Audrey Jett, 4/13/2014.
**Interview:** In April, 2014, Audrey revealed that her mother died when she was only 13. The mother was 35 at the time, leaving siblings for whom Audrey had to be a mother to. She didn’t start school until age 11; but passed all of her tests. Until her mother died, she boarded with Mary Ellen Allan who paid by Audrey’s mother to look after the girl.

**Basil Jett (1943 -)**

**Teachers and Attendance:**
- Mabel C. Beal, 1950/51, Conklin

**Bio:**
- 1950/51. Term report showed 7 years old, 2\textsuperscript{nd} grade, one year of prior schooling.

**Betty Jett (1939)**

**Teachers and Attendance:**
- Mildred Peters, 1948/49, Conklin. Betty was age 9 in the 4\textsuperscript{th} grade.
- Mabel C. Beal, 1949/50, Conklin. Term Report showed Betty as age 10 with 4 years of prior schooling.
- Mabel C. Beal, 1950/51, Conklin. Term Report showed Betty as age 12, in the 6\textsuperscript{th} grade, with 5 years of prior schooling

**Bio:** See Audrey Jett

**Jean “Nina” Jett (About 1932 - )**

**Teachers and Attendance:**
- Mary Dean Johnson, 1938/39, Conklin. No distance to school recorded this term, nor any details on attendance. Nina was considered a non-resident with no prior schooling, one of three that year, all Jett family members.
- Mary Dean Johnson, 1939/40, Conklin. No distance to school recorded this term, nor the amount of attendance. Nina was considered a non-resident with two years of prior schooling.

**Bio:**
- The school records listed a Nina, also known as Nana by the Jett family. I didn’t find references to a Nina Jett, and then discovered in 2014, that this was Jean

**Rosie Jett (about 1942 -)**

**Teachers and Attendance:**
- Mildred Peters, 1948/49, Conklin. Rosie was 6 years old and in preschool
- Mabel Jett, 1949/50, Conklin. Rosie was 6 and had one year of instruction.

**Bio:** Father was Warren Newman (Jett A. , 2014).

**Willie Jett (1933 - )**

**Teachers and Attendance:**
- Mary Dean Johnson, 1938/39, Conklin. No distance to school recorded this term, nor any details on attendance. Willie was a non-resident with no prior schooling.
- Mary Dean Johnson, 1939/40, Conklin. No distance to school recorded this term, nor the amount of attendance. Willie was a non-resident with 2 years of prior education. We are only aware of 1938/39 as a prior year, so perhaps he attended another school before then.

**Bio:**
- Sister to Audrey Jett. Married a member of the Johnson family and moved to Aldie (Jett A. , 2014). See Audrey and Nina Jett as well.

**Georgina Johnson (About 1930 - )**

**Teachers and Attendance:**
- Mary Dean Johnson, 1937/38, Conklin. Georgina lived 1 mile from the school and attended 93 of the 160 days.

**Bio**
- No records so far.
Gladys Johnson (1936-)

**Teachers and Attendance:**
- Mabel C. Beal, 1949/50, Conklin

**Bio:**
- 1949/50 Term Report showed Gladys as 13 years old and with 4 years of prior schooling.

Gloria Jean Johnson (1943-)

**Teachers and Attendance:**
- Mabel C. Beal, 1949/50, Conklin

**Bio:**
- 1949/50 Term Report said Gloria was 6 years old and had no prior instruction.

Maxine Johnson

**Teachers and Attendance:** Mary Dean Johnson, 1940/41, Bull Run.

**Bio:** Maxine Johnson: No reference in 1930/1940 Census for Loudon.

Rosetta Johnson (1929-)

**Teachers and Attendance:** Mary Dean Johnson, 1940/41, Bull Run.

**Bio: Rosetta Johnson:** According to the 1940 Census for the Mercer District, the proper spelling was Rositta. The family lived one Route 632 in a rented home worth $5.

**1940 Census:**
- Addie Johnson, Head (widow) Age 50, Born 1890, reached 5th grade.
- Delfert Johnson, son Age 28, Born 1912, single. Reached 3rd grade and worked as a farm laborer.
- Vadius Johnson, daughter, Age 25, Born 1915, single, reached 5th grade.
- Rositta Johnson, granddaughter, was Born 1929 and had reached the 2nd grade.
- Alberta, Johnson, Granddaughter, Age 6, Born 1934.
Fordoria Johnson, Daughter and I assume the mother of the grandkids. Age 35, Born 1905, Reached 7th grade.

**Joseph King (Abt 1942)**

**Teachers and Attendance:**
- Mildred Peters, 1948/49, Conklin. 6 years old in preschool. Received public transport.
- Mabel C. Beal, 1949/50, Conklin. 6 years old. Showed no previous schooling, though we know he attended preschool in 1948/49.

**Bio:** No genealogical data.

**Paul King (1943 -)**

**Teachers and Attendance:**
- Mabel C. Beal, 1950/51, Conklin

**Bio:**
- 1950/51, Age 7, first grade with ½ year of prior schooling.

**Annie Layne (1915 - )**

**Teachers and Attendance:**
- Ann Virginia Ratcliffe, 1921/22, Conklin. Annie Layne attended 101 out of 122 days enrolled.

**Bio:** Sister of Harry Layne

**Ethel Layne (1908 - )**

**Teachers and Attendance:**
- Ann Virginia Ratcliffe, 1921/22, Conklin. Ethel attended 116 out of 122 days enrolled. Lived 3 miles from the school.

**Bio:** Sister of Harry Layne.

**Harry F. Layne (Lane) (1911 - )**

**Teachers and Attendance:**
• Ann Virginia Ratcliffe, 1921/22, Conklin, Harry attended 120 days out of 122 enrolled. Lived 3 miles from school

**Bio:** School records say Layne; but census for 1920 in Broad Run, Loudoun, said Lane. In 1920, Harry lived in Braddock Road in a home owned by his father.

**1920 Census:**

- Joe F. Lane, Head, Age 39, Born 1881, General Farmer
- Arabella Lane, Wife, Age 37, Born 1883 (Born, Washington, DC)
- Ethel M. Lane, Dau, Age 12, Born 1908
- Harry F. Lane, son, Age 9, Born 1911
- Stephen W. Lane, son Age 7, Born 1913
- Annie B. Lane, dau, Age 5, Born 1915

Steven Layne (Lane) (1913 - )

**Teachers and Attendance:** Ann Virginia Ratcliffe, 1921/22, Conklin

**Bio:** Brother of Harry F. Layne.

Gladys Landsdowne (1929 )

**Teachers and Attendance:**

- Charles Willis, 1934/35, Conklin. Gladys attended 40 out of an enrolled 79 days and lived 1 mile from school.
- Charles Willis, 1935/36, Conklin. Gladys attended 18 of an enrolled 25 days and lived 1 mile from school.
- Mary Dean Johnson, 1936/37, Conklin. No information was provided this term for how far she lived from school, nor how many days she attended, only that she enrolled for 86 days, like Violet Page. Violet and Gladys enrolled for the least number of days of anyone that Term.

**Bio: Gladys Landsdowne.** See also citation for Hazel Page. The 1930 Census for Broad Run indicated that Gladys was a granddaughter.

**1930 Census**

- Mack Page, Age 33, Born 1897, Hostler on breeding stock. This would imply that he worked on a horse farm.
- Mary Page, Wife, Age 35, Born 1895, Laundress in a private home.
- Emory Page, Son, Age 12, Born 1918.
- Hazel Page, Daughter, Age 11, Born 1919.
- Violet Page, Daughter, Age 5, Born 1925.
- Mattie Landsdown, Daughter, Married, Age 15, Born 1915.
• Gladys Landsdown, granddaughter, Age 1, Born 1929.
• Susan Landsdown, sister-in-law named, Age 36, Born in 1894. Servant in a private home.
• The family disappeared by 1940.

Alice Lee (1922 - )

**Teachers and Attendance:** Christine Allen, 1927/29, Greggsville.

**Bio:** Alice Lee:

1930 Census: Lived in Jefferson District of Loudoun.
• Jonathin Lee, Head, Age 31, Born 1899. Laborer on a state road.
• Mary A Lee, wife, Age 30, Born 1900.
• Jonathin Lee, Son, Age 12, Born 1918
• Amy L Lee, Age 9, Born 1921.
• Alice L Lee, Age 8, Born 1922.
• Burnell Lee, Age 4, Born 1926
• Arthur Lee, Age 1, Born About January/February, 1929 (age 1).

Delsie Lee

**Teachers and Attendance:** Christine Allen, 1927/29, Greggsville.

**Bio:** No record found.

Lessle Lee

**Teachers and Attendance:** Christine Allen, 1927/29, Greggsville.

**Bio:** No record found

Edward Lee (1916 - )

**Teachers and Attendance:** Christine Allen, 1927/29, Greggsville.

**Bio:** Edward Lee: Of Mount Gilead.

1930 Census (See Clifton Lee reference as well for possible Trummel/Trammel connection)

• James Grooms, Head, Age 29, Born 1901. Dairy Farm Laborer. Loudoun Cemetery Database shows James as born 1902 and died in 1981 (exact dates unknown). Buried at MOUNT OLIVE BAPTIST. (Balch Staff, 2010) We know this is the right Grooms, as he is listed as the spouse of Malinda Grooms.
William H. Grooms, Son, Age 5, Born 1925. Loudoun Cemetery Database shows William H. Grooms buried at Mount Olive Baptist, Born 1925, died unknown date. Husband of EVA MAE GROOMS.
Florence V Grooms, Dau, Age 2, Born 1928.
James F. Grooms, Son, Born 1930, not yet a year old.
Edward Lee, Nephew, Age 14, Born 1916
Walter Trummel, brother in law, Age 18, Born 1912. General laborer

Clifton Lee (1920 – 1963)

**Teachers and Attendance:** Christine Allen, 1927/29, Greggsville.

**Bio:** Clifton Lee. Lived in Mount Gilead

1930 Census had Clifton living as grandnephew with Amos Trammel in Mount Gilead District.

- Amos Trammel, Head of Household Age 42, Brn 1888 Laborer and Truck Driver. Loudoun Cemetery Database showed Amos W. Trammel, born 1889, died 1954 and buried at Mount Olive Baptist (Balch Staff, 2010).
- Glovie Trammel, wife, Age 39, Born 1891. Servant in private home. The Loudoun Cemetery Database showed Glovie E. Trammel as buried at Mount Olive Baptist, born 1893, died 1964 (Balch Staff, 2010).
- Ralph Trammel, Son, Age 19, Born 1911. Laborer to private family. The Loudoun Cemetery Database showed Ralph A. Trammel, born 1910, died 1937. Buried at Mount Olive Baptist.
- Elizabeth Trammel, Dau, Age 18, Born 1912. Cook for private family.
- Edna Trammel, Dau, Age 14, brn 1916
- Benjamin Trammel, Son, Age 10, Born 1920. The Loudoun Cemetery Database showed Benjamin Trammel as born 12/13/1919 and died March 14, 1956 (Balch Staff, 2010). See section on Soldiers and Sailors in introductory volume for military record in World War Two.
- Detrie Lee, Grandniece, Age 12, Born 1918 Servant to Private family

Mary Frances Lucas 1946

**Teachers and Attendance:**
- Ernestine F. Stewart, 1952/53, Conklin

**Bio:**
- 1952/53, 6 years old, 1st grade, no prior schooling.

Shirley Ann Lucas 1945

**Teachers and Attendance:**

- Ernestine F. Stewart, 1952/53, Conklin

**Bio:**

- 1952/53, 7 years old, 1\textsuperscript{st} grade, no prior schooling.

Glandwood Moore (1930 -- )

**Teachers and Attendance:**

- Mary Dean Johnson, 1940/41, Bull Run

**Bio: Glandwood Moore:** now lives in Dover, between Aldie and Middleburg. According to Glandwood in an interview of 1/27/14, she lived in Aldie when attending Bull Run, which was described as a one room school house that was eventually sold to be a home, which still stands. She said it sat on a hill on the right hand side of Bull Run road. According to Google Maps, the structure was on a side road on the west side of Rt 631 (Blue Mountain Road) and North of the junction with 798 or Bluegrass Lane. **See reference for Kenneth Moore.**

Census showed Glandwood as Glendwood and a son. I wonder how often that mistake is made.

Kenneth Moore 1928

**Teachers and Attendance:** Mary Dean Johnson, 1940/41, Bull Run.

**Bio: Kenneth Moore:** Based on 1940 Census Kenneth Moore, Born 1928 was living in home of Herbert E. Moore, Mercer on Rt. 631. He owned his home, worth $500.

1940 Census

- Herbert E. Moore Head Age 45 Brn 1895. Reached 4\textsuperscript{th} Grade Farm Laborer
- Sadie V. Moore, wife, Age 48, Brn 1892. Reached 4\textsuperscript{th} grade
- Glorine V. Moore, Dau. Age 18, Brn 1922. Reached 6\textsuperscript{th} grade.
- Dulcie F. Moore, Dau. Age 17, Brn 1923. Reached 7\textsuperscript{th} grade.
- Thomas C. Moore, Son, Age 15, Brn 1925. Reached 5\textsuperscript{th} grade.
- Kenneth Moore, Son, Age 12, Brn 1928. Reached 4\textsuperscript{th} grade.
- Glendwood D., Son, Age 10, Brn 1930. Reached 3\textsuperscript{rd}
- Calvert O., Son, Age 8, Brn 1932. Reached 1\textsuperscript{st}.
- Lula M., Dau Age 5, Brn 1935 –
- Christine E. Dau, Age 3, Brn 1937. -
Lular Moore (1935 - )

**Teachers and Attendance:** Mary Dean Johnson, 1940/41, Bull Run

**Bio:** Probably Lula. See Kenneth Moore citation.

Thomas Moore (1925 - )

**Teachers and Attendance:** Mary Dean Johnson, 1940/41, Bull Run.

**Bio:** See Kenneth Moore.

James Murray (1933 - )

**Teachers and Attendance:** Mary Dean Johnson, 1940/41, Bull Run.

**Bio:** James Murray According to the 1940 Census, James lived on Route 632 in Mercer District with his family, that of Emery Murray who owned a house worth $500.

1940 Census

- Emery Murray. Age 58, Born 1882, Reached 7th Grade. Occupation Farmer
- Mary Murray, wife Age 44, Born 1896, Reached 7th Grade
- Lester, son Age 25, Born 1915, Reached 6th Grade, Occupation Farm Laborer
- Charlie, son Age 20, Born 1920, Reached 5th Grade, Occupation Farm Laborer
- Raymond, son. Age 15, Born 1925, Reached 6th Grade
- James, son ...Age 7, Born 1933, Reached 2nd Grade as 1940: Note: Possible burial information: **Born:** Monday, August 22, 1932 **Died:** Sunday, August 23, 1998. **Cemetery:** MOUNT PLEASANT MEMORIAL PARK, Section C6. PFC US ARMY – KOREA (Balch Staff, 2010)
- Jeonette...................................................... Age 4, Born 1936, Not in school yet.

Carroll Newman (Abt 1942 - )

**Teachers and Attendance:**

- Mildred Peters, 1948/49, Conklin. Age 6, in preschool
- Mabel C. Beal, 1949/50, Conklin. Age 8 with 1 year of prior schooling
- Mabel C. Beal, 1950/51, Conklin Age 9, in 1st grade with 1 year of prior schooling
- Mabel C. Beal, 1951/52, Conklin. Age 10, in 2nd grade with 2 years of prior schooling

**Bio:**

- No genealogical data.
- Research Question. Are the Newmans in this chapter related to Basil Newman? "Basil NEWMAN was the ferryman at Edwards Ferry 1850s-c.1860 who is "suspicioned" of ferrying slaves to freedom at what is now
River Creek development. BHC helped with a monument to him there—Elaine Thompson could give you more info (Saunders, 2014)."

**Earl Newman (1937 -)**

**Teachers and Attendance:**
- Mabel C. Beal, 1949/50, Conklin. Earl Age 11, with 4 years of prior schooling.
- Mabel C. Beal, 1950/51, Conklin. Earl Age 12, 6th grade, with 5 years of prior schooling.
- Mabel C. Beal, 1951/52, Conklin. Age 13, 7th grade with 6 years of prior schooling.

**Bio:**
- No genealogical data.

**Edward Newman (1940 -)**

**Teachers and Attendance:**
- Mabel C. Beal, 1949/50, Conklin. Edward. Age 8, 2 years of education
- Mabel C. Beal, 1950/51, Conklin. Edward. Age 9, 3rd Grade, with 2 years of prior schooling.
- Mabel C. Beal, 1951/52, Conklin. Age 10, 4th grade with 3 years of prior schooling.

**Bio:**
- No genealogical data.

**Paul Newman (1940/41 -)**

**Teachers and Attendance:**
- Mildred Peters, 1948/49, Conklin
- Mabel C. Beal, 1949/50, Conklin
- Mabel C. Beal, 1950/51, Conklin
- Mabel C. Beal, 1951/52, Conklin

**Bio:**
- No genealogical data.
- 1948/49. Age 9, 1st grade
- 1949/50. Age 8 (interesting) and 1 year of education.
- 1950/51. Age 9, second grade with 2 years of prior schooling.
- 1951/52. Age 10, 3rd grade, with 2 years of prior schooling.
Phyllis Newman (1944 - )

Teachers and Attendance:
- Mabel C. Beal, 1950/51, Conklin
- Mabel C. Beal, 1951/52, Conklin
- Ernestine F. Stewart, 1952/53, Conklin

Bio:
- 1950/51, 6 years old, 1st grade, with no prior schooling.
- 1951/52, 7 years old, 1st grade, with 1 year of prior schooling.
- 1952/53, 8 years old, 2nd grade, with 1 year of prior schooling.

Richard Newman 1942

Teachers and Attendance:
- Ernestine F. Stewart, 1952/53, Conklin

Bio:
- 1952/53, Term Report showed Richard as 6 years old, in the 1st grade with no prior schooling.

Warren Newman (1937 )

Teachers and Attendance:
- Mildred Peters, 1948/49, Conklin. Warren was Age 11, 2nd grade.
- Mabel C. Beal, 1949/50, Conklin. Warren was Age 11, with 2 years of prior schooling
- Mabel C. Beal, 1950/51, Conklin. Warren was Age 12, 4th grade, with 3 years of prior schooling
- Mabel C. Beal, 1951/52, Conklin. Warren was Age 13, 5th grade, with 4 years of prior schooling
- Ernestine F. Stewart, 1952/53, Conklin. Warren was Age 14, 6th grade, with 6 year of prior schooling.

Bio:
- No genealogical data.

Josephine Nickens (1913 - )

Teachers and Attendance:
- Ann Virginia Ratcliffe, 1921/22, Conklin. Josephine attended 46 out of 60 enrolled. Lived 3 miles from the school.
- Sylvia Wright, 1922/23, Conklin. Josephine attended 23 of 36 days enrolled. Lived 3 miles from school.
• Curtis Ewing, 1923/24, Conklin. Present for 50 of the 118 days enrolled. Lived 3 miles from the school.

Bio:
• Lived on Arcola/Sudley Road in 1920. Research point. We need to determine if the Nickens family being reported in this chapter is related to Miss Aura NICKENS. According to John Saunders of the Black History Committee, Aura “seems to have totally vanished from the census record--she taught at Waterford 1888 or thereabouts. She is the woman whose classes the Waterford Foundation now re-enacts with the Second Street School program—a living history program for the black children of Waterford (At "Colored School 'A', Jefferson District") of 1880--I, along with other volunteers, role played her for 24 years--the program continues with new volunteers ( Saunders , 2014).”

Rena Nickens (1911 - )

Teachers and Attendance:
• Ann Virginia Ratcliffe, 1921/22, Conklin. Rena attended 47 out of 65 enrolled. Lived 3 miles from the school

Bio:
• Lived on Arcola/Sudley Road in 1920

Roosevelt Nickens (1910 - )

Teachers and Attendance:
• Ann Virginia Ratcliffe, 1921/22, Conklin. Roosevelt attended 80 of 104 days enrolled. Lived 3 miles from school.
• Sylvia Wright, 1922/23, Conklin. Roosevelt attended 49 of 111 he was enrolled. Lived 3 miles from school.
• Curtis Ewing, 1923/24, Conklin. Roosevelt lived 34 of an enrolled 113. Lived 3 miles from the school.

Bio: Lived on Arcola/Sudley Road in 1920

Rosalie Nickens (Abt 1912 - )

Teachers and Attendance:
• Ann Virginia Ratcliffe, 1921/22, Conklin. Rosalie attended 48 days out of 63 enrolled. Lived 3 miles from school.
- Sylvia Wright, 1922/23, Conklin. Rosalie attended 23 of an enrolled 36 days. Lived 3 miles from school.
- Curtis Ewing, 1923/24, Conklin. Rosalie attended 47 of the 188 days enrolled. Lived 3 miles from the school.

**Bio:** Lived on Arcola/Sudley Road in 1920. Also known as Rosa (Ewing, 1924). There is a possibility of a mistake. The attendance records do place the birth record at about 1912, but the 1920 Census for Arcola (see reference to Samuel) points to 1915. Birth records are often in error in census and older records. Could also be a different person.

**Samuel Nickens (1907 - )**

**Teachers and Attendance:**

- Ann Virginia Ratcliffe, 1921/22, Conklin. Samuel attended 32 of 39 days enrolled. Lived 3 miles from the school.
- Sylvia Wright, 1922/23, Conklin. Samuel attended 2 of the 2 days he was enrolled, a significant reduction from the year prior. Lived 3 miles from school. Did he move during the year?

**Bio:** Lived on Arcola/Sudley Road in 1920

**1920 Census**

- Rueben Nickens, Head, Age 72, Born 1848, General Farm Labor
- Mary Nickens, wife, Age 34, Born 1886, Works out of private home.
- Sam Nickens, son, Age 13, Born 1907.
- Roosevelt Nickens, son, Age 10, Born 1910.
- Rena Nickens, dau, Age 9, Born 1911.
- Josephine Nickens, dau, Age 7, Born 1913.
- Rosalie Nickens, dau, Age 5, Born 1915.

One Samuel Nickens also lived in Rented home on Royville Road, In Broad Run. This is I think at the corner of Belmont Ridge Road and Nickens Place. (Is this a coincidence of names?)

**1920 Census**

- Robert Nickens, Head, Age 25, Born 1895, Dairy Farm Laborer
- Fannie Nickens, Wife, Age 20, Born 1900,
- Pauline Nickens, Dau, Age 2, Born 1918
- William R. Nickens, Son, Age 1, Born 1920.
- Virginia Vergees, Age 9, Born 1911 (Servant)

**Charles Nooks**
**Teachers and Attendance:** Christine Allen, 1927/28, Greggsville

**Bio:** No records found.

Emerick (Emory) Page (About 1913 - )

**Teachers and Attendance:**

- Edna Virginia Russ, 1926/27, Conklin. Attended 102 of the 140 days for which he was enrolled. Lived 2 miles from the school.
- Clara V. Robinson, 1927/28, Conklin. Emerick attended 23 of an enrolled 37 days and lived 2 miles from school, circumstantial evidence of being a sibling to Glover and Hazel Page. Note: Sibling relationship was confirmed by Nellie Dean (Dean N., Discussion on Conklin Familes, 2014).
- 1928/28. He was not on the Conklin roles.
- Christine Allen, 1929/30, Conklin. Attended 26 of an enrolled 148 days and lived 3 miles from the school.

**Bio: Emerick Page** lived in Oak Grove, (source, Nellie Dean 1/26/2014). Oak Grove is located in Loudoun on the Fairfax County line between Sterling Park and Herndon. Emerick didn’t appear in the census records as such, but could be Emory Page mentioned in citation for Gladys Landdowne.

Glover Page (1902 - )

**Teachers and Attendance:**

- Edna Virginia Russ, 1926/27, Conklin. Glover attended 102 days of the 140 for which he was enrolled. Lived 2 miles from the school.
- Clara V. Robinson, 1927/28, Conklin. Glover lived 2 miles from the school, which makes me think he was a brother to Hazel Page. He attended 24 days out of an enrolled 37, identical to the enrollment for Hazel that year, further circumstantial evidence.

**Bio:** No records. I found Page’s in Broad Run and Mercer districts, but was unable to definitely tie them to Glover. Perhaps Glover and Hazel boarded with a different family, resided in a nearby county or simply didn’t live in Loudoun in the 1910 or 1920 census periods. See bio on Hazel Page.

Hazel Page (Abt 1919 - )

**Teachers and Attendance:**
• Edna Virginia Russ, 1926/27, Conklin. Hazel attended 38 of an enrolled 41 days and lives 2 miles from the school.
• Clara V. Robinson, 1927/28, Conklin. Hazel attended 24 days and only enrolled for 37. She lived 2 miles from the school. That’s similar to her record for 1926/27. I wonder why. Did she have a job or was 2 miles just too far to walk?
• 1928/29. No academic record for Hazel at Conklin for this academic year.
• Christine Allen, 1929/30. Conklin. Hazel attended 26 of an enrolled 148. Lived 3 miles from the school
• Mrs. Carrie Spriggs, 1930/31, Conklin. Hazel attended 125 of 133 enrolled days. Lived 2.5 miles from school. This makes three different distances. Are they just estimates?
• William H. Cole, Jr., 1931/32 Conklin. Hazel Attended 98 days of an enrolled 113. Lived ¼ mile from the school.
• Flossie Sinclair Furr, 1932/33, Conklin. Hazel attended 58 days of an enrolled 152. Miles to school were not noted this year.
• Flossie Sinclair Furr, 1933/34, Conklin. No recording was made this year of the distance from home to school. Hazel attended 61 of an enrolled 125 pages.


I did find a Hazel Page in the 1940 census who was born in 1919, so she could be our Hazel. She was also related to Thurman Dean, which is interesting, and lived on Route 605 in Broad Run. That’s good, circumstantial evidence. In 1940, Hazel was single, working in a private home as a housekeeper, and had achieved a fifth grade education. She and Thurman Dean (who had acquired a sixth grade education) were listed as cousins of William and Aurelia Page. William (fifth grade education) was a gardener and Aurelia (sixth grade education) had no job.

Leonard Page

Teachers and Attendance: Mary Dean Johnson, 1935/36, Rock Hill.

Bio: Needs research.

Maloine Page

Teachers and Attendance: Mary Dean Johnson, 1935/36, Rock Hill.

Bio: Needs research.

Violet Page: (About 1926 - )

Teachers and Attendance:

• William H. Cole, Jr., 1931/32 Conklin. Violet attended 34 of an enrolled 87 days and lived ¼ mile from the school.
• Flossie Sinclair Furr, 1933/34, Conklin. Violet attended 61 of an enrolled 125 days. No recording was made this year of the distance from home to school.
• Charles Willis, 1934/35, Conklin. Violet attended 44 out of an enrolled 79 days and lived 1 mile from school, quite different from in 1931/32. Did she move?
• Charles Willis, 1935/36, Conklin. Violet attended 18 of an enrolled 15 days and lived 1 mile from school.
• Mary Dean Johnson, 1936/37, Conklin. The record didn’t say how many days she attended school, nor how far from school she lived, only that she was 10 years old and had enrolled for 86 days.

**Bio:** Needs research.

**Ashbury Parker**

**Teachers and Attendance:** Christine Allen, 1927/28, Greggsville.

**Bio:** Need research. This name shows up in Vol III, 3.4 as a friend of Christine Allen. No further details are provided.

**Rose Parker**

**Teachers and Attendance:** Christine Allen, 1927/28, Greggsville.

**Bio:** Need research

**Peggy Payne (1940)**

**Teachers and Attendance:**

- Mabel C. Beal, 1949/50, Conklin

**Bio:**

- 1949/50, Term Report showed Peggy was 9 with 2 years of prior schooling.

**Rosetta Payne (About 1929 -)**

**Teachers and Attendance:**

- Mary Dean Johnson, 1937/38, Conklin. Lived 1.5 miles from Conklin School and attended 80+ days of the enrolled 160. The exact number of attending days is illegible.

**Bio:** **Roseta Payne:** Not found in Census Records; but could be sister of Sidney Payne, if we accept that Rosetta Payne is Rose Payne. See citation for Sidney Payne.
Sidney Payne (1932 - )

Teachers and Attendance:
- Mary Dean Johnson, 1937/38, Conklin. Lived 1.5 miles from the school and attended 81 of the 160 days he was enrolled for.

Bio: Sidney Payne: I wonder if Sidney Payne is the one mentioned in the 1940 Census for nearby Centreville, Fairfax, Va.

I noticed that in 1940 a Sidney Payne and his sister Rose, plus other siblings were listed as stepchildren to William Smith, who in 1935 lived in Willard, a traditional African-American community that was later absorbed by Dulles Airport. William worked as a farmer. This family was listed in 1940 as follows:
- William Smith, Head of Family, Age 43, Born 1897, Reached 5th Grade. Farmer on Route 661.
- Viola Payne, Wife, .................Age 42, Born 1898, Reached 4th Grade.
- Rose Payne, stepdaughter........Age 11, Born 1929, Reached 4th Grade.
- Grafton Payne, stepdaughter........Age 17, Born 1923, No education. Farm laborer
- Trecia Payne, stepdaughter .......Age 15, Born 1925, Reached 5th Grade.
- Gilbert Payne, stepdaughter.......Age 13, Born 1927, Reached 5th Grade.
- Sidney Payne, stepson...............Age 8, Born 1932, Reached 3rd Grade
- George Smith, Father..............Age 70, Born 1870, Reached 5th Grade, Farm Laborer

April I. Peterson (About 1932 - )

Teachers and Attendance:
- Nannie C. Coles, 1942/43 Rock Hill/Conklin. 1942/43 Term Report for Rock Hill/Conklin showed April taking her schooling in Rock Hill, age 10 and in the 4th grade. Present for 93 days.
- Nannie C. Coles, 1943/44 Rock Hill/Conklin. 1943/44 showed April with middle initial I. She was 10 years old and had received four years of instruction. Present for 91 days.

Bios:
- Probably related to other Peterson children of the Mercer District educated at Rock Hill. See citation for Bernice Peterson.

Bernice Peterson (1927 - )

Teachers and Attendance: Mary Dean Johnson, 1935/36, Rock Hill

Bio: Bernice Peterson: lived in the Mercer District of Loudoun in 1940.
1940 Census

- Thomas Peterson, Head, Age 50, Born 1840, Reached 6th Grade, Farm Laborer
- Ada Peterson, Wife, Age 44, Born 1896, Reached 5th Grade
- Chester Peterson, Son, Age 16, Born 1924, Reached 6th Grade, Farm Laborer. Note: Burial information to be confirmed as follows: Born: 1921 (exact date unknown). Died: 1953 (exact date unknown) Cemetery: ROCK HILL (Balch Staff, 2010).
- Bernice Peterson, Daughter, Age 13, Born 1927, Reached 6th Grade
- Thelma Peterson, Daughter, Age 15, Born 1925, Reached 7th Grade
- Dorothy Peterson, Daughter, Age 11, Born 1929, Reached 5th Grade
- Calvin Peterson, Son, Age 08, Born 1932, Reached 2nd Grade
- Harrison Peterson, Son, Age 07, Born 1933, Reached 1st Grade.

Calvin B. Peterson (1932 - )

Teachers and Attendance:

- Nannie C. Coles, 1943/44, Rock Hill/Conklin. Attended 88 days. 5 years of prior schooling. Grade 2/6.

Bio: See Bernice Peterson.

- 1942/43, was shown as
- 1943/44. Middle initial of B comes up. Calvin shown as age 11, and having received five years of instruction.

Chester B Peterson (1924 - )

Teachers and Attendance:

- Mary Dean Johnson, 1935/36, Rock Hill.

Bio: See citation for Bernice Peterson.

Delmore Peterson (1928 - )

Teachers and Attendance:

- Mary Dean Johnson, 1935/36, Rock Hill.
Bio: Delmore Peterson, Neighbor of Bernice Peterson. Father John L. Peterson owned his own home in 1940, worth $300

1940 Census:
- John L. Peterson Head Age 60 Born 1880 Reached 5th Grade
- Virgue Peterson Wife Age 59, Born 1881, Reached 2nd Grade
- Moddy Peterson Son Age 15, Born 1925, Reached 2nd Grade
- Delmare Peterson Dau Age 12, Born 1928, Reached 2nd Grade
- James Peterson Son Age 10, Born 1930, Reached 1st Grade.

1930 Census:
John L. Peterson appears to come up again in the 1930 census, with a few changes in children and the spelling of his wife’s name.
- John L. Peterson, Head Age 49, Born 1881, Job is Road Labor
- Vergie Peterson, Wife, Age 47, Born 1883
- Theodore Peterson, Son Age 15, Born 1915
- Marguerite Peterson, Age 14, Born 1916
- Elvin Peterson, Dau, Age 9, Born 1921
- John Peterson, Age 13, Born 1917
- William Peterson, Age 6, Born 1924
- Jessie Peterson, Dau, Age 19, Born 1911
- Delmo Peterson, Dau, Age 3, Born 1927. (probably Delmore)

Dorothy Peterson (1929 - )
Teachers and Attendance: Mary Dean Johnson, 1935/36, Rock Hill.

Bio: See Bernice Peterson.

Ervine Peterson (1927 - )
Teachers and Attendance: Mary Dean Johnson, 1935/36, Rock Hill.

Bio: Ervine Peterson: Probably Irvy Peterson, son of Lewis and Mary Peterson (see citation for 1930 census) and a neighbor in 1940 of Bernice and Delmare in the Mercer District as of 1935, though enumerated for 1940. I have assumed they were related in some way, though this has not been documented.

1940 Census:
- Lewis Peterson Head Owned Home worth $400. Age 60 Born 1880 Reached 2nd Grade Farm laborer
- Mary Peterson Wife Age 50, Born 1890, Reached 5th Grade
- Ralph Peterson Son Age 18, Born 1922, Reached 2nd Grade
- Lewis Peterson Son Age 15, Born 1925, Reached 3rd Grade
- Florence Peterson Dau Age 14, Born 1926, Reached 2nd Grade
• Irvy Peterson, Son  Age  13, Born 1927, Reached 2nd Grade
• Gaines Peterson, Son  Age  10, Born 1930, Reached 1st Grade
• Vernon Peterson, Son, Age  9, Born 1931, Reached 1st Grade
• Axie Peterson, Dau, Age  7, Born 1933, Reached 1st Grade
• Sherman Peterson, Age  6, Born 1934, No schooling
• Joe Peterson, Age  4, Born 1936, No schooling
• Jerry Peterson, Age  3, Born 1937, No schooling.
• Gloria Peterson, Age  11/12, as of April 10, 1940. Born 1939, No schooling

Florence Peterson  (1926 - )
Teachers and Attendance:  Mary Dean Johnson, 1935/36, Rock Hill


Garner Peterson  (About 1930 - )

Teachers and Attendance:
• Nannie C. Coles, 1942/43, Rock Hill/Conklin. Garner was 12 years old and in the 6th grade. Attended 91 days at Rock Hill.
• Nannie C. Coles, 1943/44, Rock Hill/Conklin. Garner was 14 years old and had received six years of schooling. Attended 92 days.

Bio:  No genealogical records found.

Harrison H. Peterson  (1933 - )

Teachers and Attendance:
• Nannie C. Coles, 1943/44, Rock Hill/Conklin

Bio:  See Bernice Peterson. Shown as 9 years old and in the 4th grade. The 1942/43 report by Nannie C. Cole showed 2 Harrison Petersons. One was age 10, in the 4th grade at Rock Hill and the other was age 12, in the 5th grade at Rock Hill. This is probably Harrison H. Peterson.

• The distinction between the 2 Harrison Petersons can be a little hard to track. For example, who we assume to be Harrison H. Peterson is shown in 1943/44 as Harrison L. Peterson, Age 11, having received five years of instruction. The other Harrison is shown as age 12, also with five years of instruction.
Harrison Peterson (about 1931 - )

Teachers and Attendance:

- Nannie C. Coles, 1942/43, Rock Hill/Conklin. Rock Hill student. Age 12, Grade 5, Attended 89 days.
- Nannie C. Coles, 1943/44, Rock Hill/Conklin. Harrison L. Peterson in this Term Report. Attended 88 days. 5 years of prior schooling. Another Harrison Peter of the same approx. age also attended and took 78 days. Had five years of prior schooling.

Bio:

- There are several Rock Hill students with this name, so there may be some overlap. Because this study is a focus on Conklin Village, we have not delved too deeply in to the potential for overlap; but it is definitely worth further examination. In the same academic year for example, there is a Harrison H. Peterson, Age 10, in the 4th Grade.

Harrison Peterson (1928 - )

Teachers and Attendance:

- Nannie C. Coles, 1942/43, Rock Hill/Conklin. Rock Hill student in the joint

Bio: There are 2 people called Harrison Peterson in the 1942/43 Term report, both educated in Rock Hill. Likely, Harrison H. Peterson is the brother of Bernice Peterson and was born about 1933. The second Harrison (this one) was born 12 years old and in the 5th grade in the 1942/43 Term Report, so likely is not from Bernice’s family.

- The distinction between the 2 Harrison Petersons can be a little hard to track. For example, who we assume to be Harrison H. Peterson is shown in 1943/44 as Harrison L. Peterson, Age 11, having received five years of instruction. The other Harrison is shown as age 12, also with five years of instruction.

Harvey Peterson (Abt 1922 or 1933? - )
Teachers and Attendance:


1940 Census
- Douglas Peterson, Head, Age 58, Born 1882, 5th Grade, Farm Labor
- Josephine Peterson, Wife, Age 44, Born 1896, Reached 4th Grade
- Pauline Peterson, dau, Age 28, Born 1912, Reached 6th Grade, Cook in a Private Home.
- George Peterson, son, Age 27, Born 1913, Reached 5th Grade.
- Fred Peterson, son, Age 26, Born 1914, Reached 4th Grade, Farm Labor.
- Benj Peterson, son, Age 19, Born 1921, Reached 3rd Grade, Farm Labor.
- Harvey Peterson, son, Age 18, Born 1922, Reached 4th Grade, Farm Labor. Note:
  **Born:** Friday, August 20, 1920  **Died:** Sunday, June 12, 1994, **Cemetery:** ROCK HILL. **Relation:** DOUGLAS & JOSEPHINE PETERSON (Balch Staff, 2010).
- Luthers Peterson, son, Age 14, Born 1926, Reached 5th Grade.
- Luellen Peterson, dau, Age 11, Born 1929, Reached 4th Grade.
- Harrison Peterson, son, Age 8, Born 1932, Reached 2nd Grade.
- Junior Peterson, son, Age 7, Born 1933, No school.

1930 Census for Mercer (notice difference in children)
- Douglas Peterson, Head Age 46, Born 1884, Laborer on Roads
- Josephine Peterson, wife, Age 38, Born 1892.
- Pauline Peterson, Dau, Age 20, Born 1910
- George L. Peterson, Son, Age 19, Born 1911, farm laborer
- Douglas Peterson, Son, Age 18, Born 1912, farm laborer
- Myrtle B. Peterson, Dau, Age 16, Born 1914.
- Maxine Peterson, Dau, Age 6, Born 1924.
- Harvey Peterson, Son, Age 10,1920.
- Ruth Peterson, Dau, Age 6, Born 1924.
- Mary E. Peterson, Dau, Age 2, Born 1928

Jerri R. Peterson (Abt 1937)

Teachers and Attendance:
- Nannie C. Coles, 1943/44, Rock Hill/Conkin

Bio: See Ervine Peterson, 1927.
- 1943/44. Shown with middle initial of R. Age 6 and having received 1 year of prior education.
Joseph Peterson (1936 - )

Teachers and Attendance:

- Nannie C. Cole, Rock Hill/Conklin, 1942/43. Joe is shown as 7 years old and in the 1st grade at Rock Hill. Attended 93 days.
- Nannie C. Cole, Rock Hill/Conklin, 1943/44. Joe is shown as 7 years old and having received two years of instruction.

Bio: See Ervine Peterson.

Junior Peterson (1933 - )

Teachers and Attendance:


Bio: See Harvey Peterson (1922).

- 1943/44, shown as age 10 with five years schooling.

Louis Peterson (1922 )

Teachers and Attendance: Mary Dean Johnson, 1935/36, Rock Hill.

Bio: Louis Peterson: In 1930 lived in Mercer District

1930 Census:
- Louis Peterson, Head Age 28, Born 1902, Farm Labor.
- Mary M. Peterson, Wife, Age 25, Born 1905, Farm Labor.
- Ralph Peterson, son, Age 9, Born 1921.
- Louis G. Peterson, son, Age 8, Born 1922.
- Florence Peterson, dau, Age 6, Born 1924.
- Irvin Peterson, son, Age 5, Born 1925.
- Garner Peterson, son, Age 0, Born 1930.

Luther Peterson (About 1926 )

Teachers and Attendance: Mary Dean Johnson, 1935/36, Rock Hill.
Bio: See citation for Harvey Peterson.

Mary Peterson (1930 - )

Teachers and Attendance: Mary Dean Johnson, 1935/36, Rock Hill and 1936/37, Conklin.

Bio: Mary Peterson was possibly the Granddaughter of Alice Young, a widow on Road 743 in Mercer District in 1940 who rented her home; but could also be daughter of Douglas in Mercer district. See citation for Maxine.

1940 Census:
- Alice Young, Head and Widow, Age 63, Born 1877, No schooling.
- Alice Jackson, Granddaughter, Age 25, Born 1915, Reached 6th Grade.
- Margaret Summers, Granddaughter, Age 14, Born 1926, Reached 6th Grade.
- Mary G. Peterson, Granddaughter, Age 10, Born 1930, Reached 4th Grade.
- Lelia A. Peterson, Great Granddaughter, Age 3, Born 1937, No schooling

Maxine Peterson (Abt 1924 - )

Teachers and Attendance: Mary Dean Johnson, 1935/36, Rock Hill.

Bio: See Harvey Peterson.

Moses Peterson

Teachers and Attendance: Mary Dean Johnson, 1935/36, Rock Hill.

Bio: No records found.

Ralph Peterson

Teachers and Attendance: Mary Dean Johnson, 1935/36, Rock Hill.

Bio: Brother of Irvine Peterson?

Ruth Peterson

Teachers and Attendance: Mary Dean Johnson, 1935/36, Rock Hill.

Bio: No records found.

Sherman Peterson (abt 1934 - )

Teachers and Attendance:
- Nannie C. Coles, 1942/43, Rock Hill/Conklin. 8 years old and in the 5th grade at Rock Hill. Attended 92 days.
• Nannie C. Coles, 1943/44, Rock Hill/Conklin. 9 years old and having received four years of instruction. Attended 92 days.

Bio: See Ervine Peterson.

Thelma Peterson (1925 - )

Teachers and Attendance: Mary Dean Johnson, 1935/36, Rock Hill.

Bio: Sister of Bernice Peterson.

Vernon Peterson (about 1931)

Teachers and Attendance:

• Nannie C. Coles, 1942/43, Rock Hill/Conklin. 11 years old and in the 6th grade, taking his studies at Rock Hill. Attended 93 days.
• Nannie C. Coles, 1943/44, Rock Hill/Conklin. Vernon was 12 years old and had six years of instruction.

Bio: See Ervine Peterson.

William Peterson (1924 - )

Teachers and Attendance:

• Mary Dean Johnson, 1935/36, Conklin.


Alice Puller 1941

Teachers and Attendance:

• Mabel Beal, 1951/52, Conklin

Bio: 1951/52, Term Report showed Alice was 10, in the 2nd grade with 2 years of prior schooling.

Ann Puller 1938

Teachers and Attendance:

• Mabel Beal, 1951/52, Conklin
Bio:

- 1951/52, Term Report showed Ann was 13, in the 1st grade with 2 years of prior schooling.

Calvin Puller (1945)

**Teachers and Attendance:**

- Mabel C. Beal, 1951/52, Conklin

Bio:

- 1951/52 Term Report showed Calvin at age 6 in the first grade with no prior schooling.

Geraldine Puller (1943)

**Teachers and Attendance:**

- Mabel C. Beal, 1951/52, Conklin

Bio:

- 1951/52 Term Report showed Geraldine was 8 years old, in the 1st grade with no prior schooling.

Audrey Ratcliff (abt 1920 - )

**Teachers and Attendance:**

- Clara V. Robinson, 1927/28, Conklin. Audrey attended 42 of an enrolled 56 days and lived 3 years from the school.
- Christine Allen, 1928/29, Conklin. Audrey attended 95 days of an enrolled 147 and lived 3 miles from the school.
- Christine Allen, 1929/30, Conklin. Audrey attended 13 days of an enrolled 148 and lived 3 miles from the school.

Bio: Probably granddaughter of Ann Virginia Ratcliffe, first instructor at Conklin in the era of county managed schools in 1921. She also instructed in Conklin in the prior Magisterial District era. See bio on Mrs. Ratcliffe in the Instructor Bios in this volume. Important not to confuse this Audrey with a white girl of the same name who was born the same year and lived on route 50.
Charles Ratcliffe (1911 - )

Teachers and Attendance:

- Ann Virginia Ratcliffe, 1921/22, Conklin. Charles attended 116 days of 122 enrolled. Lived 4 miles from the school.
- Sylvia Wright, 1922/23, Conklin. Charles attended 41 of the 71 days she was enrolled. Lived 4 miles from the school.
- Curtis Ewing, 1923/24, Conklin. Charles attended 64 of an enrolled 188 days. Lived 4 miles from the school.

Bio: Son of Ann Virginia Ratcliffe. See Instructor Bios

Richard Ratcliffe (about 1918 - )

Teachers and Attendance:

- Clara V. Robinson, 1927/28, Conklin. Richard attended 42 out of 56 enrolled days and lived 3 miles from the school.
- Christine Allen, 1928/29, Conklin. Richard attended 88 days out of an enrolled 147 and lived 3 miles from school.
- Christine Allen, 1929/30, Conklin. Richard attended 12 days out of an enrolled 148 and lived 3 miles from school.

Bio: Richard Ratcliffe: Probably grandson of Ann Virginia Ratcliffe, first instructor at Conklin in the era of county managed schools in 1921. She also instructed in Conklin in the pre-Magisterial District era. See bio on Mrs. Ratcliffe in the Instructor Bios in this volume.

Sidney Ratcliffe (1913 - )

Teachers and Attendance:

- Ann Virginia Ratcliffe, 1921/22, Conklin. Sidney attended 120 days out of 122 enrolled. Lived 4 miles from school.
- Sylvia Wright, 1922/23, Conklin. Sidney attended 80 of the 111 days he was enrolled. Lived 4 miles from school.
- Curtis Ewing, 1923/24, Conklin. Sidney attended 95 of an enrolled 118. Lived 4 miles from school.

Louis Reid  (About 1934 - )

**Teachers and Attendance:**
- Christine L. Scott, 1941/42, Conklin. Term Report indicated he had not received prior schooling.

**Bio:** No records found.

Mary J. Rayney

**Teachers and Attendance:**
- Mary Dean Johnson, 1940-41, Bull Run.

**Bio:**
- No records found.

Ann Robinson  (About 1924 - )

**Teachers and Attendance:**
- Mary Dean Johnson, 1936/37, Conklin. Attended 148 days out of an enrolled 160. Lived 3 miles from school.

**Bio:**
- No records found. See records for Elizabeth and Harrison Robinson for possible sibling connection. All three were of similar ages and lived the same distance from school.

Arnisha Robinson

**Teachers and Attendance:**
- Mary Dean Johnson, 1940-41, Bull Run.

**Bio:**
- No records found.

Eleanor Robinson  (1943)

**Teachers and Attendance:**
- Mabel Beal, 1951/52, Conklin

**Bio:**
• 1951/52, Term Report said Eleanor was 8, in the 2nd grade and with 2 years of prior schooling.

Elizabeth Robinson (Abt 1919 - )

Teachers and Attendance:
• Mary Dean Johnson, 1936/37, Conklin. Oldest child in Conklin this year at 18 years of age. Elizabeth lived 3 miles from the school and attended 148 days out of an enrolled 160.

Bio:
• No records found; but as she lived 3 miles from the school, there is a possibility of a sibling relationship to Harrison Robinson, also of about the same age. This isn’t proof of course; but such hints are worth research.

Harrison Robinson (About 1922 - )

Teachers and Attendance:
• Mary Dean Johnson, 1936/37, Conklin. Harrison attended 148 days out of an enrolled 160 and lived 3 miles from the school.

Bio:
• No records found. See file for Elizabeth Robinson.

James Henry Robinson (1941 -)

Teachers and Attendance:
• Mabel, C. Beal, 1951/52

Bio:
• 1951/51. Term Report said James was 10, in the 2nd grade with 1 ½ years of education.

Wade Robinson

Teachers and Attendance:
• Mary Dean Johnson, 1940-41, Bull Run.

Bio:
• No records found.

Culbert Rush

Teachers and Attendance:
• Determine.

**Bio:**
• No records found.

**Sherman Scott (1927 - )**

**Teachers and Attendance:**
• Mary Dean Johnson, 1935/36 Rock Hill.

**Bio:** Sherman and Virginia Scott lived with their parents James and Elsie in a rented home in 1940 on Road 734 in Mt. Gilead. Family is also in 1930 Census.

**1940 Census**
• James Scott, Head Age 36, Born 1904, Reached 5th Grade. Worked as hired hand in apartment houses.
• Elsie Scott, wife, Age 38, Born 1902, Reached 7th Grade.
• Sherman Scott, Son, Age 13, Born 1927, Reached 4th Grade.
• Virginia Scott, Dau, Age 16, Born 1924, Reached 6th Grade.
• James Scott, Son, Age 10, Born 1930, Reached 3rd Grade.
• Martha Scott, Dau, Age 6, Born 1934. No schooling.

**Virginia Scott (1924 - )**

**Teachers and Attendance:** Mary Dean Johnson, 1935/36 Rock Hill.

**Bio:** See Sherman Scott.

**Clara Smith (1911 - )**

**Teachers and Attendance:**
• Sylvia Wright, 1922/23, Conklin. Attended 2 of and enrolled 9 days. Lived 1/16 of a mile from the school.

**Bio:**
• Sister of Peter Smith

**FNU Smith**

**Teachers and Attendance:**
• Christine Allen, 1927/28, Greggsville.

**Bio:**
Laura Smith (abt 1915 - )

Teachers and Attendance:

- Curtis Ewing, 1923/24, Conklin. Laura was present for 46 of the 113 days enrolled. Lived 3 miles from the school.
- Edna Virginia Russ, 1926/27, Conklin. Laura was present 139 days of the 140 for which she was enrolled, truly excellent. She lived 3 miles from the school.
- Clara V. Robinson, 1927/28, Conklin. Laura was present for 129 of an enrolled 140 and lived 4 miles from school, indicating that over the previous 12 months, her family had moved a mile further apart from Conklin.
- Christine Allen, 1928/29, Conklin. Laura was present for 145 days out of an enrolled 147. She lived 2 miles from the school.
- Christine Allen, 1929/30, Conklin. Laura was present for 125 days out of an enrolled 148. She lived 2 miles from the school.
- Mrs. Carrie Spriggs, 1930/31, Conklin. Laura was present 148 of the 153 enrolled days and lived 2 miles from school.

Bio: Laura Smith: According to Nellie Dean, Laura lived in Leesburg. According to the 1930 Census, Laura was boarding with the family of Isiah Allen, a farmer in Broad Run. Perhaps she could not get into the Leesburg colored school, so her parents had her board with the Allen family. See also citation for white student Josie Byrne (1914 - ) at McGraw’s Ridge.

1930 Census:
- Isiah Allen, Head, Age 42, Born 1888
- Sallie Allen, wife, Age 40, Born 1890
- Gladis Allen, Dau, Age 5, Born 1925
- Laura L. Smith, Boarder, Age 15, Born 1915.
  Harvey Johnson, Boarder, Age 70, Born 1860.

Peter Smith (1914 - )

Teachers and Attendance:

- Sylvia Wright, 1922/23, Conklin. Peter Attended 37 of the 40 he was enrolled. Lived 1/16 of a mile from the school.

Bio:
• Perhaps in 1920 lived on Lenah Road in a Rented home, based on correlating the age of Peter in the annual report for Conklin vs the 1920 Census record.

1920 Census

• Jennie Smith, Head, Widow, Age 35, Born 1885, Washerwoman in private homes.
• Mary Smith, Dau, Age 12, Born 1908.
• Clara Smith, Dau, Age 9, Born 1911.
• Peter Smith, Son, Age 6, Born 1914.
• Isabelle Smith, Dau, Age 3, Born 1917.

Rosetta Smith (abt 1922 - )

Teachers and Attendance:

• Flossie Sinclair Furr, 1933/34, Conklin. No recording was made this year of the distance from home to school. Attended 146 out of an enrolled 153.
• Charles Willis, 1934/35, Conklin. Rosetta attended 144 out of 154 days enrolled and lived ¾ of a mile from school.
• Charles Willis, 1935/36, Conklin. Rosetta attended 64 of an enrolled 67 days and lived ¾ of a mile from school.

Bio: No data

Frank Stewart (1928 - 1977)

Teachers and Attendance: Mary Dean Johnson, 1940/41, Bull Run.

Bio: Frank lived in Mercer District in 1940 on Route 625 with Charles, a farmer and Lucy. Note: Charles is 21 and Lucy is 49. Charles owns the home, which is worth $300. Who were the parents of the grandchildren?

1940 Census:

• Charles Stewart, Head, Age 21, Born 1919, Reached 3rd Grade. Farmer
• Lucy Stewart, wife, Age 49, Born 1891, Reached 5th Grade
• Frank Stewart, Son, Age 12, Born 1928, Reached 3rd Grade: Possible Burial Information: Born: 1927 (exact date unknown) Died: 1977 (exact date unknown) Cemetery: MOUNT PLEASANT MEMORIAL PARK, Section E6 (Balch Staff, 2010)
• Lucy Stewart, Dau, Age 15, Born 1925, Reached 4th Grade.
• Margurite Stewart, Dau, Age 11, Born 1929, Reached 2nd Grade.
• Curtiss Stewart, Grandson, Age 5, Born 1935, No schooling
• James Stewart, grandon, Age 2, Born 1938, No schooling.
Margaret Stewart  (1929 - )  
**Teachers and Attendance:** Mary Dean Johnson, 1940/41, Bull Run.  
**Bio:** See Frank Stewart  

Deliah Summers  
**Teachers and Attendance:** Mary Dean Johnson, 1935/36, Conklin.  
**Bio:** No records found.  

Oliver Summers: (About 1932 - )  
**Teachers and Attendance:**  
Nannie C. Coles, 1942/43, Rock Hill/Conklin. Mr. Summers was 10 years old and in the 3rd grade at Rock Hill.  
**Bio:** Probably related to other Summers students attending at Rock Hill, such as Deliah, Violet and Warren.  

Violet Summers (1928 - )  
**Teachers and Attendance:**  
- Nannie C. Coles, 1942/43, Rock Hill/Conklin: The 1942/43 Term Report showed Violet taking her schooling in Rock Hill (Mercer District), age 14 and in the 6th grade. Present for 84 days of the total 90 the school was open.  
**Bio:** Probably related to Warren, Delilah and Oliver Summers, but we do not have proof as of yet.  

Warren Summers  
**Teachers and Attendance:** Mary Dean Johnson, 1935/36, Rock Hill.  
**Bio:** No records found.  

Cecil Terrell (1937 - )  
**Teachers and Attendance:**  
- Mildred Peters, 1948/49 Conklin  
- Mabel C. Beal, 1949/50 Conklin
• Mabel C. Beal, 1950/51 Conklin

**Bio:** No genealogical data.

• 1948/49 Term Report shows Cecil as 11 years old and in the 5th grade.
• 1949/50 Term Report showed Cecil as 11 with five years prior schooling.
• 1950/51 Term Report showed Cecil as 12, in the 7th grade with 6 years of prior schooling.

**Albert Thomas (1944 - )**

**Teachers and Attendance:**

• Mabel C. Beal, 1950/51, Conklin.
• Ernestine F. Stewart, 1952/53, Conklin

**Bio:**

• 1950/51, Term Report showed Albert as 6 years of age, in the first grade with no prior schooling.
• 1952/53, Term Report showed Albert 8 years old, in the 2nd grade with 2 years of prior schooling.

**Charles Thomas (About 1935 - )**

**Teachers and Attendance:**

• Nannie C. Coles, 1942/43 Rock Hill/Conklin. A Conklin student who attended for 75 days out of 90, was 7 years of age and in the 1st grade.

**Bio:** There were several people with this name in Loudoun in 1940 in Mt Gilead and Round Hill, one of whom was a child, but that individual was 17 years old. This one was 7 years old.

**Earl Thomas (1942)**

**Teachers and Attendance:**

• Ernestine F. Stewart, 1952/53, Conklin

**Bio:**

• 1952/53, 10 years old, 3rd grade, 2 years prior schooling.

**Frederick Thomas (About 1941)**

**Teachers and Attendance:**

• Mildred Peters, 1948/49, Conklin
• Mabel C. Beal, 1949/50, Conklin
• Mabel C. Beal, 1950/51, Conklin
• Mabel C. Beal, 1951/52, Conklin
• Ernestine F. Stewart, 1952/53, Conklin

Bio:
• No genealogical data.
• 1948/49. Age 7, 1st grade
• 1949/50, Age 8 and 1 year of schooling prior to this.
• 1950/51, Age 9, in the 3rd grade with 2 years of prior schooling.
• 1951/52, Age 10, in the 4th grade with 3 years of prior schooling.
• 1952/53, Age

George Thomas (Abt 1934 – )

Teachers and Attendance:
• Nannie C. Coles, 1942/43, Rock Hill/Conklin. Conklin student. 8 years old and in the 1st grade. Attended for 75 days.

Bio:
• Possibly related to Charles Thomas?

Kenny Thomas (1943)

Teachers and Attendance:
• Mabel C. Beal, 1951/52, Conklin

Bio:
• 1951/52, Term Report said Kenny was 8 in the 2nd grade, with 1 year of prior schooling.

Leon Thomas (About 1942)

Teachers and Attendance:
• Mildred Peters, 1948/49, Conklin
• Mabel C. Beal, 1949/50, Conklin
• Mabel C. Beal, 1950/51, Conklin
• Mabel C. Beal, 1951/52, Conklin

Bio: No genealogical data.
• 1948/49. Age 6 in preschool.
• 1949/50. Age 7 in first grade. 1 year of prior education.
• 1950/51. Age 8 in first grade, with 1 year of prior education. Clearly in error. His schooling goes back to 1948, unless we don’t count preschool. Why is Leon in the 1st grade over 2 years?

• 1951/52. Term report said 9 years old, 2nd grade with 2 years of prior schooling.

James Thornton (1919 - )

Teachers and Attendance: Christine Allen, 1927/28, Greggsville

Bio: James Thornton: Judging by 1930 Census for Mt. Gilead, this family was a neighbor of James P. Mercer

1930 Census

• Welby Jackson, Age 53, Born 1878, General Farm Labor
• Mollie Jackson, Age 35, Born 1895, Laundress in home
James Thornton, Adopted Son, Age 11, Born 1919.

Mary Sue Thornton (1915 - )

Teachers and Attendance: Christine Allen, 1927/28, Greggsville

Bio: Mary Thornton: I didn’t find a Mary Sue Thornton; but I did find a Mary Thornton in the 1930 Census for Mercer District. Her father is Linsey Thornton. Another man of that name in Broad Run District and of the same age showed up in the 1940 Census; but he was a widow with a totally different family. Not sure if the same man.

1930 Census:

• Linsey Thornton, Head, Age 35, Born 1885, Farm Labor and Working Out
• Eva Thornton, wife, Age 34, Born 1886
• Cora Thornton, Dau, Age 12, Born 1908
• Robert Thornton, Son, Age 10, Born 1910
• Linsey Thornton, Son, Age 7, Born 1913
Mary Thornton, Dau, Age 5, Born 1915.

Hermann Tongans (1936 - )

Teachers and Attendance:

• Nannie C. Coles, 1942/43, Rock Hill/Conklin. Mr. Tongans was 6 years old and in the 1st grade. Was a Conklin student. Attended 75 days out of 90, Age 6, 1st grade.
Bio: No biographical data, except that in 1942/43, if the handwriting has been transliterated properly, the first name is distinctly German.

Perry Wallace 1943
Teachers and Attendance:
- Ernestine F. Stewart

Bio:
- 1952/53: 9 years old, 2nd grade, 1 year of prior schooling.

Alfred Warner
Teachers and Attendance: Determine
Bio: No records found.

Marie Warner (1922 - )
Teachers and Attendance: Mary Dean Johnson, 1935/36 Rock Hill, 1935/36 Conklin.

Bio: Marie Warner was seen in the 1940 Census for Mercer District, in a home worth $1200. House 739 on Route 709.

1940 Census
- Thomas R. Warner, Head, Age 68, Born 1872, reached 7th grade
- Sarah Warner, wife, Age 62, Born 1878, reached 7th grade.
- Harry Lou Warner, Son, Age 23, Born 1917, reached 8th grade.
  Maria Warner, Dau, Age 18, Born 1922, reached 8th grade.

Grayson White (1936)
Teachers and Attendance:
- Mildred Peters, 1948/49, Conklin
- Mabel C. Beal, 1949/50, Conklin
- Mabel C. Beal, 1950/51, Conklin
- Mabel C. Beal, 1951/51, Conklin

Bio:
- No genealogical data.
- 1948/49. Age 12, 1st grade
- 1949/50. Age 12, 2 years of instruction.
- 1950/51, Age 13, 2nd grade, with 2 years of prior schooling.
- 1951/51, Age 14, 3rd grade with 3 years of prior schooling.

Mary White (1937)
Teachers and Attendance:
- Mildred Peters, 1948/49, Conklin. Age 11, 1st grade
- Mabel C. Beal, 1949/50, Conklin. Age 11, 2 years of prior schooling
- Mabel C. Beal, 1950/51, Conklin, Age 12, 3rd grade, with 2 years of prior schooling
- Mabel C. Beal, 1951/51, Conklin. Age 13, 4th grade, with 4 years of prior schooling

Bio:
- No genealogical data.

Claudia Whitney (1932 - )

Teachers and Attendance: Mary Dean Johnson, 1940/41, Bull Run

Bio: Claudia Whitney was likely Cloudie, a daughter of Willard and sister to Gerald, James and Madie.

1940 Census: Route 632 in Mercer
- Willard Whitney, Head Age 50, Born 1890, reached 7th grade
- Anna May Whitney, wife, Age 41, Born 1899, reached 5th grade.
- Gerald R. Whitney, Son, Age 12, Born 1928, reached 4th grade.
- Addela Whitney, Dau, Age 18, Born 1922, reached 7th grade.
- Venderge Whitney, Son, Age 17, Born 1923, reached 7th grade.
- James M. Whitney, son, Age 14, Born 1926, reached 5th Grade.
- Madie Whitney, Dau, Age 11, Born 1929, reached 4th grade.
  Cloudie Whitney, Dau, Age 8, Born 1932, reached 2nd grade.

Gerald Whitney (1928 - )

Teachers and Attendance:

Bio:

- Brother of Claudia Whitney.

James Whitney (1926 )

Teachers and Attendance:

Bio:

- Brother of Claudia Whitney

Madie Whitney (1929 - )

Teachers and Attendance:
Mary Dean Johnson, 1940/41, Bull Run

Bio:

- Sister of Claudia Whitney

Gertrude Wilkerson (1945)

Teachers and Attendance:

- Mabel Beal, 1951/52, Conklin

Bio:

- 1951/52 Term Report showed Gertrude as 6, in the 1st grade, with no prior schooling.

Charles Williams (1936)

Teachers and Attendance:

- Mildred Peters, 1948/49, Conklin. Term Report showed Charles age 12, in the 2nd grade
- Mabel C. Beal, 1950/51, Conklin. Report didn’t show age for Charles, but did show him in the 3rd grade with 2 years of prior schooling.
- Mabel C. Beal, 1951/52, Conklin. Term Report, showed Charles age 11, 3rd grade with 3 years of prior schooling.

Bio: No genealogical data; but notice the inconsistencies in age in the Term Reports.

Helen Williams (1940 -)

Teachers and Attendance:

- Mabel C. Beal, 1949/50, Conklin
- Mabel C. Beal, 1950/51, Conklin
- Mabel C. Beal, 1951/52, Conklin
- Ernestine F. Stewart, 1952/53, Conklin

Bio:

- 1949/50, 9 years old and had received 2 years of instruction. She only attended 46 days that year.
- 1950/51, 10 years old, in the 3rd grade, with 2 years of prior schooling. In school 143 days this year.
- 1951/52, 11 years old in 4th grade with 3 years of prior schooling.
- 1952/53, 11 years old, 5th grade, 4 years of prior schooling.
James Williams (1939 -

**Teachers and Attendance:**

- Mildred Peters, 1948/49, Conklin. James aged 9 and in the 2nd grade
- Mabel C. Beal, 1949/50, Conklin. James aged 11, with 2 years of prior schooling
- Mabel C. Beal, 1950/51, Conklin. James 12 years old, 4th grade with 3 years of prior schooling.
- Mabel C. Beal, 1951/52, Conklin. James 13 years old, in the 5th grade with 4 years of prior schooling.
- Ernestine F. Stewart, 1952/53, Conklin. James 12 years old, 6th grade, with 6 years prior schooling.

**Bio:** No genealogical data. Notice inconsistencies in Term Report data.

John Williams. (1934 -

**Teachers and Attendance:**

- Mabel C. Beal, 1949/50, Conklin. Term Report showed John aged 15, and with 4 years of prior schooling.

**Bio:** No genealogical data.

Julian Williams (1945

**Teachers and Attendance:**

- Ernestine F. Stewart, 1952/52, Conklin

**Bio:**

- 1952/53, Term Report said Julian was 7 years old, in the 1st grade with no prior schooling.

Wade Williams, (1936

**Teachers and Attendance:**

- Mabel C. Beal, 1949/50, Conklin. Term Report showed Wade age 13, with 3 years of prior schooling
Bio: No genealogical data, but notice age issues in term reports.

Walter Williams (1944 - )

Teachers and Attendance:


Bio:
9. Language Related to Race:

Anyone who has worked in diplomatic or anthropological circles knows that racial terminology is a very sensitive topic. As an example, when I worked with native-Americans, I came to realize that some tribal members called themselves: Indians, Native-Americans or by their tribe, e.g. Navajo or Diné. I also worked extensively with the Bedouins in Egypt (with whom I maintain contact) and they prefer to called al-'Arab, not Egyptian. Racial terms like African-American, Black, Negro, Colored, Mulatto, etc. are used in the volumes in this series and will offend some readers; but the terms should be seen in the context of the source document or interviewee.

After a discussion with Pastor Lawson of Prosperity Baptist Church, it was agreed that I would use the term African-American when speaking in my own voice of people descendant from African immigrants (whether they were or were not in bondage); however, census and county records often referred to people as colored, Negro or mulatto. Contemporary interviewees might say Black or colored. In those instances, I use the term proposed by the source. A good example would be “colored school,” which was the standard term for segregated schools that serviced African-Americans. Segregated units in the US Army were also known as Colored.

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