

“Colored” Teachers of Loudoun County – A Photo Album

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About the Album

- The following photographs are of teachers in Loudoun County identified as Negro or Colored by the Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS). None of the pictures are dated; but all were taken in the 20th century during the period of segregation.
- To locate the original files, go to the Records Office of the Round Hill Center of LCPS in Round Hill Virginia. Find a box marked “personnel.” It is 16” long and contains newspaper clippings, as well Teacher Record cards for white and “colored” or “negro” teachers. The cards show where a teacher instructed and when, as well as important biographical information.
- Some information is of a sensitive nature and is not provided to the general public, in the interests of privacy.
- The box does not contain cards on every teacher who ever taught in Loudoun; many have been lost. These files are from an abandoned cache discovered in the old Loudoun Training Center.
- The album, which is draft One, provides only a summary of information from the cards. A complete record for “colored” teachers is being compiled with these and other files as part of a database those hopes to eventually show all African-Americans who ever studied or instructed in Loudoun and in which schools between the end of the Civil War and 1965.
- Basic fields of data come from the Loudoun County Teacher Records Cards. When possible, I’ve also added additional information. As an example, see Norman Clezester Camp, III.
- Please let us know if you have any information on these teachers or any other teacher who worked in “colored” schools during the days of segregation.

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George E. Barrett, Jr.

Permanent Address: Leesburg

Born: October 21, 1924

Education: B.S., Bluefield State College

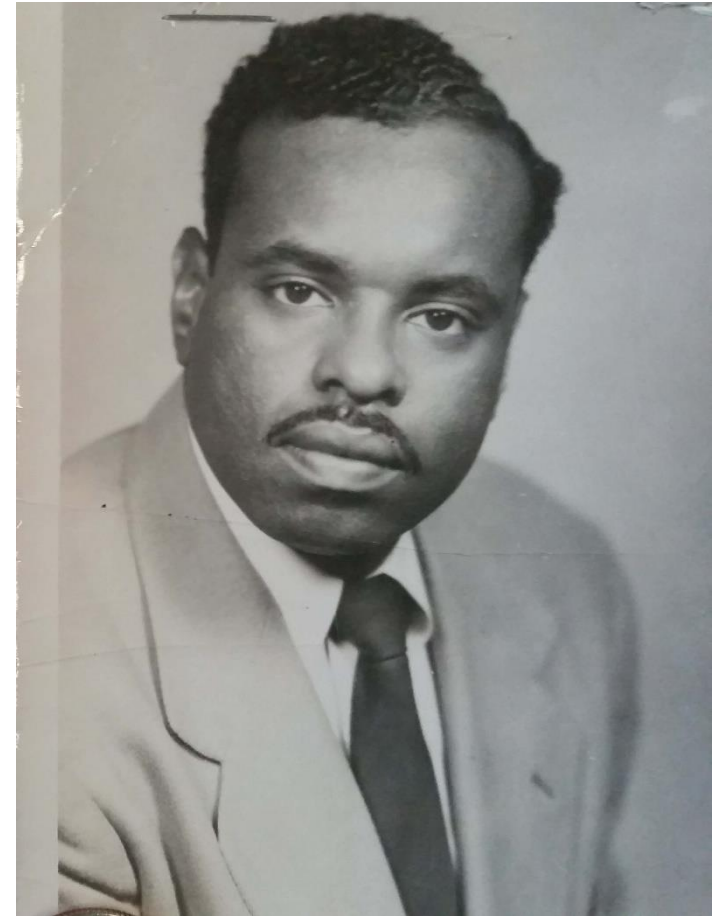
Instructed: Douglass High School 1949-1956.

Subjects: Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physical Education and Guidance.

Status: Married

Church: Methodist

Years of Teaching Experience as of last date: 7



Robert Bass

Permanent Address: Washington, DC

Born: Jan 11, 1930

Education: Graduated from Wiley College, Marshall, Texas, 1951.

Instructed: Douglass High School, 1954-55.

Subjects: Music and English

Status: Single

Church: Church of Christ

Years of Teaching Experience as of last date: 2



Catherine Bell

Permanent Address: Petersburg

Born: January 4, 1928

Education: B.S., Virginia State College

Instructed: Douglass High School 1949-1953.

Subjects: Library Science, English, Civics, Physical Education

Status: Single

Church: Methodist

Years of Teaching Experience as of last date: 4



Martha Branche

Permanent Address: Washington, DC

Born: May 31, 1911

Education: Dunbar High School and Minor Teachers College, Washington, DC, holding a total of 166 college credit hours.

Instructed: Bluemont, 1931/32.

Subjects: Grades 1-7. Could sing and was qualified to coach baseball.

Status: Single

Church: Baptist

Years of Teaching Experience as of last date: 1

Minor is now part of Howard University, first opening as a school for Colored Girls in 1851 by Myrtilla Miner (1815-1864), while slavery was still legal in the District. The only school in D.C. to provide education beyond the primary level to African-American students, the curriculum included history, philosophy, geography, literature, and astronomy, as well as classes in domestic skills, hygiene, and a science curriculum built around the close observation of nature. Each student was assigned her own garden plot to tend, and Miner instituted a series of lectures by "professional and literary gentlemen." Source: www.wdchumanities.org/bigreadexhibit/exhibits/show/.../ward-1/miner



Note: Spelling of last name may be off, due to trouble reading handwritten records.

Norman Clezester Camp, III

Permanent Address: Raleigh, North Carolina

Born: December 23, 1933

Education: Shaw Univ.

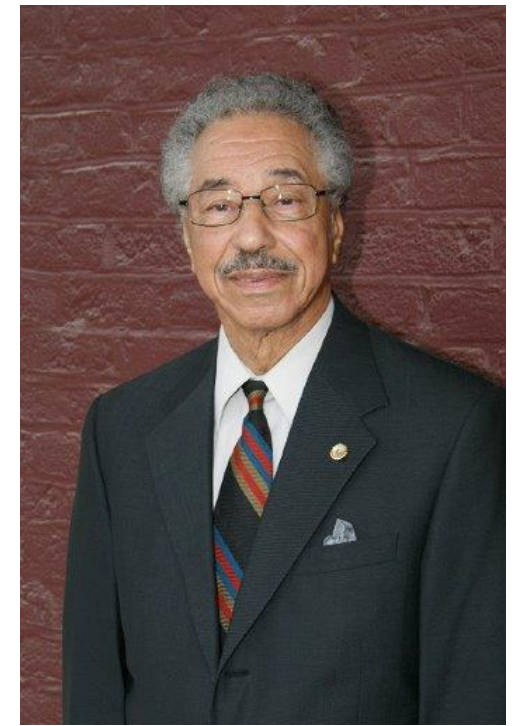
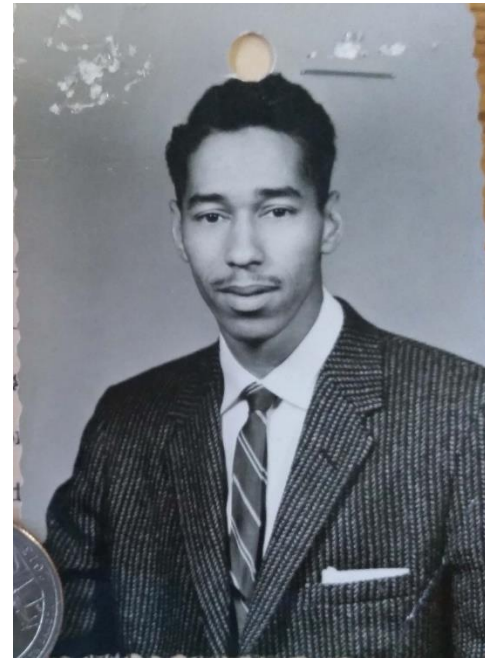
Instructed: Douglass High School 56-1961

Subjects: Science, Math, Biology, Chemistry, Biology, General Science.

Status: Married to Betty Stancil Camp who taught English at Douglass High.

Church: Methodist

Years of Teaching Experience as of last date in Loudoun: 5



As of Jan 18, 2016, Dr. Camp is still a native of Raleigh, where he retired with his wife. Dr. Camp was a delightful man to talk to, with a fascinating history. Unlike most of the faculty, he and his wife lived directly across the street from Douglass. Most of the others commuted from Washington, DC and Arlington. Though his service was during segregation, Dr. Camp was treated well, due to his science background. Then came Sputnik and the race to space. Dr. Camp and his wife obtained NSF grants and went to Tempe Arizona. On his way to Tempe, the family (now numbering a son born in Leesburg) needed lodging in St. Louis; but they couldn't find a hotel that would accept African-Americans, so had to sleep in a tent with fruit picker migrants. Eventually, they did find a set of cabins that would accept them, only because the owner had allowed Mexicans in. Dr. Camp has agreed to help our project, which is a lucky break, given his distinguished career with postings like Vice President of Denmark Technical College. For a list of Dr. Camp's many degrees and accomplishments, see

<http://rwacshawu.org/images/PhotoGallery/HOFH/slides/Dr%20Norman%20Camp.html>

Alene Coleman Cole

Permanent Address: Martinsburg, West Virginia

Born: May 3, 1932

Education: BS, Winston Salem College.

Instructed: Banneker, 1956-1959 (Grades 5 and 6), Douglass Elementary, 1960-.62 (3-5)

Subjects: All topics. Could teach music.

Status: Single

Church: Baptist

Years of Teaching Experience as of last date: 3



Paul Jerome Comegys

Permanent Address: Camden, New Jersey

Born: Nov 20, 1934

Education: Shaw University and East Carolina University

Instructed: Douglass High School (1958-60).

Subjects: Physical Education, Coach, Drivers Education. His major was Physical Education

Status: Married

Church: Methodist

Years of Teaching Experience as of last date: 2



LCPS Photo



Obit Photo

Died January 30, 2014 at the Carolina East Medical Center in New Bern, North Carolina. He was an educator for over 50 years serving as a teacher, Assistant Principal, Principal, Coach and Athletic Director. He was a member of Cedar Grove A.M.E. Zion Church and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

Source: <http://www.morganfuneralhome.net/obituaries/2014/pcomegys.html>

Helen L. Cox

Permanent Address: Pilot Mountain, North Carolina

Born: April 2, 1934

Education: Attended Storer College, graduate of Shepherd College, 1956.

Instructed: Carver (1956-complete years)

Subjects: Grades 5-7. Could teach music.

Status: Find out

Church: Baptist

Years of Teaching Experience as of last date: 2 (need to check. May have done more years)



Etheel R. Field (Mrs. Christie)

Permanent Address: Callaville, Virginia. Lived in Middleburg while teaching.

Born: Nov 30, 1921

Education: Graduate St. Paul High School (1938), 2 years Graduate St. Paul Normal and Industrial Institute in 1942.

Instructed: Watson (1942-44) (Negro Mountain), St. Louis (1944/45), Grades 1-7)

Subjects: Physical Education, Coach, Drivers Education. Certified to coach baseball.

Status: Check

Church: Baptist

Years of Teaching Experience as of last date: 3



Edith O. Harris

Permanent Address: Lynchburg

Born: Oct 30, 1905

Education: Sewickly High School, University of Pittsburgh, Va State College with a total of college 34.5 credits.

Instructed: Leesburg. 1930-1941

Subjects: High School Subjects, though not identified until 1939/40 when she instructed French, English and Math. Could sing and play the piano.

Status: Single

Church: Baptist

Years of Teaching Experience as of last date: 15. Already had four years experience before coming to Loudoun.

Additional Information

Ms. Harris died Feb 3, 1989 in Norfolk, Va. At the time, she was a retired social worker and considered a native of Pittsburgh who had retired from the city of New York after 27 years. She had also been an instructor in Leesburg for 15 years, as well as Cumberland. Burial was in Roosevelt Memorial Park in Norfolk, Va. In addition to public education, Harris was also the first chairman of the Board of Christian Education at Convent Ave. Baptist Church in NY. While in school, she had majored in Christian education and welfare work. Sources: *New Journal and Guide*, Jan 16, 1965, and *The Virginian Pilot and Ledger Star*, February 5, 1989.



Lola Herrod Jackson

Permanent Address: Washington, DC

Born: July 31, 1902

Education: Philander South College, Arkansas (1925), Graduated from Elizabeth City, N.C. Normal (1931). Gained 105 quarter college hours.

Instructed: Ashburn (1932-1957). Could also sing and couch basketball.

Subjects: Grades 1-7

Status: Married

Church: Congregational

Years of Teaching Experience as of last date: 40. (she began in Loudoun with 4 years prior experience)



Pamela Jackson

Permanent Address: Washington, DC

Born: March 27, 1906

Education: Graduated from Dunbar High School and Howard University.

Instructed: Rock Hill, 1930-31

Subjects: Grades 1-7 at Rock Hill, 1930-31.

Status: Single

Church: UNK

Years of Teaching Experience as of last date: 1



Bernice Sewell (Carroll) (Mrs. H.G.)

Permanent Address: Washington, DC

Born: May 16, 1927

Education: BS (1948) Virginia State College.

Instructed: Douglass High School (1949 -1959).

Subjects: Math, Reading, Guidance, English and had musical ability.

Status: Married

Church: Methodist

Years of Teaching Experience as of last date: 11. She had one year of experience before joining Loudoun.

