

Mr. O.L. Emerick, 16 March 1940 p.5

the members of the Board of Education personally, and for all county officials. You are not responsible for the conditions as you find them, nor am I. It seems to me that the only thing to do is to look forward and not backward, and to see where we can go from here.

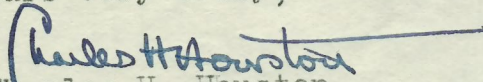
In this regard I dare hope that you will accord my clients full liberty of action within the law without thinking that they are personally antagonistic to you.

8. Since this is in essence a public document, in the sense it is a letter to a public official about the performance of a public function, I am taking the liberty of sending a copy to the Board of Education and to the Board of Supervisors. I am doing everything in my power to show all officials concerned that we have nothing concealed, nothing to hide. We seek no favors. We want simple justice, the rights which are ours according to the law of the land.

Finally I would call your attention to a significant fact. Practically all my clients themselves were born in Loudoun County. They are not floaters, although under the Fourteenth Amendment a floater temporarily in Loudoun County has the right to equal protection of the laws. Many of my clients have been paying taxes in Loudoun County all their adult life, and in quite a few cases they have property which has come down to them either immediately after or even before the Civil War. The educational opportunities I am talking about will go to Loudoun County's own native citizens: Loudoun County born and bred. Loudoun County will either reap the benefit of giving their children better education, or it will pay the cost of keeping them ignorant, dependent members of the community.

With sincere regard and respect, I remain

Yours very truly,


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the Parent-Teachers Association of
Loudoun County.