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School Bus Routes: Loudoun County

Routes from 1952 – 1953 -- Conklin Section

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Note: This package contains the 1952 description of bus route 35 for Conklin, correspondence with LeRoy Allen, bus driver in 1952 and 1953 on route changes, and a notice of May 14, 1953 to Ernestine T. Stewart, who was the instructor at Conklin that the school would be closed after that year, with the children then being taken to the new school near Herndon.

Welcome to the Edwin Washington Project

In June, 1867, a “colored” 16 year old boy named Edwin Washington worked in a hotel in Leesburg, Virginia for five dollars a month, plus board, with the “privilege of coming to school” in between errands. Unfortunately, this meant he couldn’t attend school on a regular basis, or at all during court weeks. Still, he went to class whenever he could.

This research project is a monument to Edwin and all of the African-American children and their parents, educators and patrons of that time and through to the end of segregation in Loudoun County in order to honor their bravery and tenacity to learn. The project is done in collaboration with the Records Office of the Loudoun County Public Schools, local history clubs, Churches like the Prosperity Baptist Church of Conklin, private and government archives and the Black History Committee of the Friends of the Balch Library.

We also are collecting data on white schools, for the purpose of comparison with “colored” African-American schools.

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