

1926 Lincoln Purcellville Dispute: (LPD)

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1909 Material					
		Pledge to Lincoln	Feb 26, 1909	LPD1A	1A
		Contributions to Lincoln, 1909		LPD1B (scan mimeograph)	1B
April 10 School Board	April 10, 1926	Blue Binder:		SCAN	2A
		Unbound File		SCAN	2B
		Exhibit C. Purchase of Love Subdivision land ¹		LPD2C	2 C
	Not dated	Proceedings of the Meeting of the Loudoun County School Board		LPS2D	2D
	Not dated	Testimony of Mrs. Janney		SCAN	2E
	Not dated	Testimony of John Ward		SCAN	2 F
	Not dated	Petition by town of Hamilton to rebuild in Lincoln		SCAN	2 G
	Not Dated	Testimony of Fleet James		SCAN	2H
April 25, 1926 School Trustee					

¹ Several citizens from Hillsboro would sign a declaration or petition identified as by F. Mercer Love, Jr, objecting to the decision of the School Board to rebuild Lincoln HS Building on the original site; they wanted a venue more convenient to the student population and their families; but for the April 10th meeting, they committed themselves to buying the land, if used for a Purcellville replacement. The list of signatories is in this packet.

Electoral Board					
	April 26	Minutes of the School Trustee Electoral Board		SCAN	3 C
	April 26	Emerick Memo vetoes Lincoln Venue		LPS3D	3 D
	April 26	Letter from Attorney General to Wilbur Hays on authority of Superintendent to call meeting of School Board.		SCAN	3B
	April 30	Attorney General to Wilbur Hays with questions and opinions on Emerick Authority		SCAN	3A
	May 10	Asst Attorney General says Emerick exceeded authority ²		LPD3E	3 E
	May 14	Roymond Long Supervisor of School Buildings in		LPD3F	3 F

² On May 6th, 1926, Cecil Connor, Commonwealth's Attorney in Leesburg wrote to the Attorney General, asking for an opinion on events so far. Bazile, writing on behalf of the Attorney General of Virginia to Conner, Commonwealth's Attorney in Leesburg replied and his opinion was read to the School Board on May 10th (LTM Staff 1926).

Bazile opined that while Emerick had the right to disapprove a new site², since the School Board only decided to rebuild on the original Lincoln site, Emerick was without the plans and specifications. However, Bazile did feel that Emerick was correct to refer the appeal of the School Board's decision to the School Trustee Electoral Board under section 666 of the Code of Virginia, 1919, as amended. Bazile then recommended that the appeal proceed, further stating that the Trustees were in error not thinking they had jurisdiction, so he sent the matter back to them.

		Richmond, ³ doesn't want to be placed in the middle of a local dispute.			
Circuit Court Proceedings June 14 and 18, 1926					
	June 2 and 10	Opinions on Being called a witness ⁴		LPD4B	4B
	May 29, 1926	Reply by Harris Hart to Emerick's Letter of May 27 ⁵		LPD4C	4C
	Not Dated	The Lincoln-Purcellville School Case		LPD4F	4F
	June 18, 1926	Emerick Testimony to Circuit Court	Typed version in essay on Conflict	LPD4a	4A
	Undated	The Law of Lincoln		LPD4E	4E

³ Raymond Long, Supervisor of School Buildings in Richmond, reported to Emerick that because the case was on appeal, his Department had taken no action on the construction of a replacement High School. He proposed that once the matter was settled, it should take the form at Brosville in Pittsylvvania.County. He didn't think his department should intervene between Lincoln and Purcellville; but he said in confidence that the logical approach was to build in Purcellville, not Lincoln.

⁴ On June 9th, in reply to a letter of June 5th, noting that he had been summoned to appear before the Loudoun Circuit court, Raymond Long, Supervisor of School Buildings, felt his presence would be of little value. As an alternative, he suggested Emerick ask Hart to have a study made of the situation. If the judge wanted it, it could be done.

June 10th. Sidney Hall was Richmond's Supervisor for secondary Education and wrote to Emerick that he was nervous about appearing before the circuit court. He felt that he would be forced to conduct a study that however impartial, would place him against the State Board of Education and cause Loudoun citizens resent Richmond prying into a purely local school situation. He agreed appear, if needed; but "it would suit me better...not to appear as a witness."

⁵ Expresses willingness to offer Court an impartial study of district and recommendations. Apparently trying to be helpful, Harris Hart, Virginia Superintendent of Public Instruction, informed Emerick that in order to resolve a dispute in Lancaster County, involving an appeal the Circuit Court, he prepared a commission of three to review the facts and make recommendations. In the Lancaster example the court upheld recommendations by the District Superintendent and offered the same tool for Emerick's use

		Purcellville Case.			
	May 1	Suggestion to Submit issue to disinterested committee		LPD4D	4D
	June 5, 1926	Construction estimates by Long ⁶		LPD4G	4G
		Circuit Court Evidence ⁷		LPD4H	4H
	June 19, 1926	Order of Circuit Court of June 18 dismissing appeal.		SCAN	4I
Emerick	Between	Text of		LPD5	5

⁶ Raymond Long's letter of this date proves a cost analysis for school buildings between 1921 and 1924 and comparison costs between constructing a replacement for Lincoln on the original foundation, vs on fresh ground, which the engineers felt was more cost effective. Long thinks Purcellville is a better choice than Lincoln; but doesn't want to do the survey until a local decision is made.

⁷ This is a set of handwritten sheets of paper. We don't know who used them.

1. Two page list of 17 agenda items, each associated with a name, probably the person responsible for the evidence.
2. One page slip of paper Associated with Waterford.
3. One page slip of typed paper with information on the Cost of Pupil Transportation from 1922/23 to 1925/26 from Purcellville to Lincoln and Hamilton to Lincoln. Hand written note says "correct for 1925/26."
4. One page slip titled. "Data to place in Book." Includes information on cost of delivering coal to Lincoln and Purcellville.
5. One page titled Memo of Data to Take.
6. One page titled Accessed. Looks at values for Purcellville, Mt Gilead 1914-1925. Appears to be a reminder of what evidence to bring.
7. One page titled Receipts.
 - a. Reasons for not approving Lincoln and offering new site.
 - b. Value of property abandoned.
 - c. Ethics of contributions.
 - d. Effect on Round Hill.
8. One page with unassociated numbers on Purcellville, North Fork and other towns.
9. Two pages: School Budget for Mt. Gilead District, 1926/27 and 1927/28. Does not have a breakdown between "colored" and "white" school. Does cover estimated receipts and expenditures.
10. One page Cost of Operating Lincoln
11. One page. Names of people and locations; but relevance is unclear.
12. One page. History of the dispute up to Emerick disapproving Lincoln location and then opinion of Mr. Bazile, Assistant to the Attorney General
13. Three pages. Not so much as evidence, this appears to be a listing of times for witnesses to present evidence. (It is also possible that these papers relate to the hearing before the Trustees.)

Compromise Proposal	June 18- July 14, 1926	compromise is also in Essay on Dispute.			
Trustee Board Mtg	June 30, 1926	<u>Related to change of Time</u> ⁸		LPD6A	6A
	June 23	Exchange between Barbour and Emerick on attending Trustee Board Mtg		SCAN	6B
Trustee Board Meeting July 9-14	July 14, 1926				
		<u>Witnesses</u> ⁹	July 12, 1926	LPD71	7A
		<u>Summons</u>		LPD7C	7c
		<u>Enrollment in elementary schools for 1925-26</u>	July 12	SCAN	7B
		Other Documents		SCAN	7
		Exchange between Emerick and Hart. Hart decides not to intervene.	July 1-8, 1926	LPD7E Scan memo of July 1	7 E
News Clippings for				SCAN	8A

⁸ **June 28, 1926:** Letter from Wilbur Hall to Emerick. Acknowledged receipt of copy of letter addressed to Dr. W. C. Orr and Mr. Cecil Connor relative to meeting of the school Board.

June 29, 1926. Letter from Emerick to Cecil Connor. Informed Connor that Orr will be in the operating room on the morning of the 30th of June, so changed the time to 3pm.

June 29, 1926. Letter from Emerick to Dr. W.C. Orr. which changed the time to 3pm.

June 29, 1926. Letter from Emerick to Mssrs H.E. Garrett, Wilbur C. Hall, J.S. Barbour and J.H.H. Alexander. Advises that the board will meet on June 30th at 3pm at the Loudoun Bank Director's Room, instead of the time previously announced. Change was made because the original time conflicted with an operation Orr was conducting.

The purpose of the meeting was not to hear the appeal but merely to make arrangements to do so. Therefore, Emerick felt that "no question will be raised in relation to the legality of the procedure on the ground that the meeting is not being held in the district in which the appeal originated."

⁹ Letter from JRH Alexander of July 12 is a summoning of appellants and witnesses. Other lists in folder may be for this meeting or perhaps others (TBD)

1926 Lincoln Purcellville Dispute Catalog of Documents.

LTM. Loudoun Times Mirror					
News Clippings for Blue Ridge Herald				SCAN	8B
Misc (items not identified with a particular meeting)					
	Undated	Costs of Lincoln 1910- 1926		LPD9A	9A
	Undated	Lincoln HS Map		LPD9B	9B
	Undated	Students in 1910-11		LPD9C	9C
	1926-27	Mt. Gilead District (if on District Plan) for 1926-27		LPD9D	9D
	1925	Summary School Census 1925		LPD9E	9E
	Undated	Enrollment Report 1 st -4 th Pupils (Year unknown)		LPD9F	9F
		List of Graduates Lincoln HS 1926		LPD9G	9G
	Undated	Circular pertaining to the purchase of a lot		SCAN	9 H
		Shopping List		LPD9I	9 I
		Bkground on Lincoln Graded School		Lps9J SCAN MIMO.	9 J