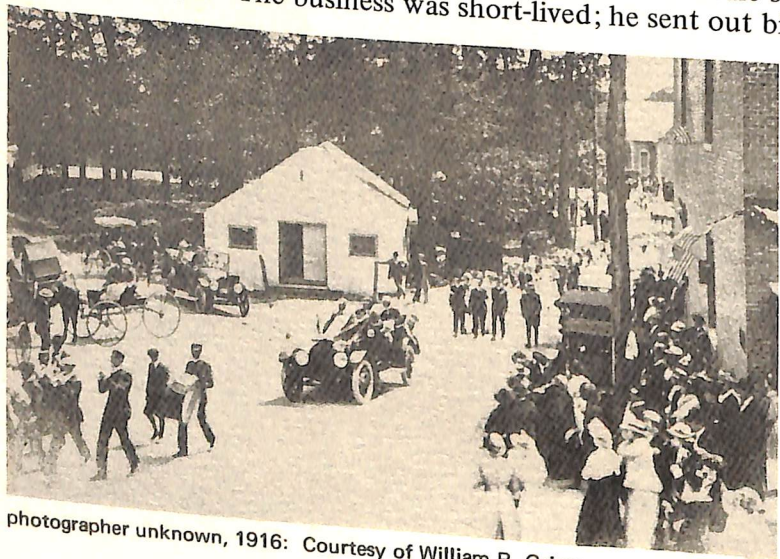


...rest to Aida High, 17-2.
The Loudoun County School Parade up Nursery Ave. in 1916.
The parade was part of the countywide School Fair, held ca.
1910-1921, with competitions in athletics and scholastics,
mainly debating. The temporary building at the edge of Bush
Meeting grove held materials for the newly built M. H. Beale's
hardware at right. The business was short-lived; he sent out bills.



photographer unknown, 1916: Courtesy of William R. Grimes

with Alice Scott teaching.

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p. 289.*

*William T. Smith of Lincoln,
member of the school board
for Mt. Gilead District,
suggested the name.*

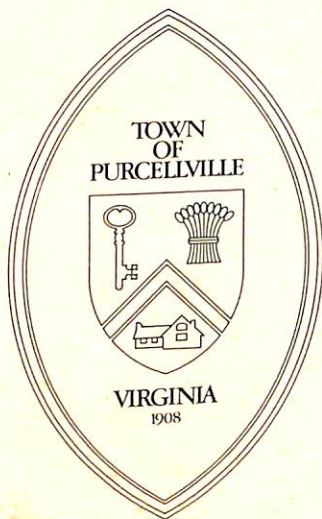
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School Board minutes of Jan. 11, 1927, note: "Colored people were heard concerning the erection of a new colored school at Purcellville. Action was postponed." A twenty-year postponement, as the eight-room George Washington Carver School wasn't built until 1947, on seven acres bought for \$2,000 from Joe Cook's heirs in 1945. In the fall of 1967, black and white children went to school together at Emerick Elementary.

PURCELLVILLE's first church opened in 1893. Before, Baptists attended Kettoctin, Methodists went to Harmony, Presbyterians to Waterford, and the two Catholics took the train to Leesburg. Blacks attended Mt. Olivet Baptist or Grace Methodist, both at Lincoln. By 1880, Eliza Benedum, Josephine Janney, and Linda Pancoast taught Sunday School at a platform set up in Dillon's Woods, and by 1885, this school had been moved to an old frame house on the pike. On occasion, between 1884 and 1893, a Friends or Presbyterian service was held at the Purcellville School.

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