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Petition For. Leithton School  
We The Patrons of Leithton School  
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Oppose The Consolidation of Schools

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## LOUDOUN COUNTY.

Two new two-room school-houses were completed this fall in Loudoun, one at Leithton and the other at Waters. Each building replaced an antiquated one-room building. The name of the Waters school has been changed to Emerick.

Rural supervision is proving very popular in four of our rural districts this year. The supervisor, Miss Lucy Duncanson, has about 28 teachers in the white one and two-room schools of the four districts. The open weather and the use of an automobile has enabled her to spend a great deal of time with her teachers. Our boards made arrangements to have a supervisor in charge of the one and two-room schools of the other two rural districts, but a supervisor could not be found.

A colored supervisor is working in Loudoun for the first time.

Besides the annual institute which was held just before the opening of our schools, one general county meeting of teachers has been held.

Loudoun county's first teacherage is now about completed. This is a six-room house located on the grounds of the Lovettsville high school.

O. L. EMERICK, *Superintendent.*

I'm back at my office digging and came across an article in the Virginia Journal of Education, September, 1920 pg 205. Hopefully you can open the picture, which talks about Leithton and Water schools. Apparently in 1920 both were replaced by new schools and Waters became Emerick, which I didn't know.

As for Leithton, it sounds like Oscar Emerick is discussing a white school (because he didn't call it colored); but I have found a different reference to a Loudoun school of the same name which had a colored teacher.

**1895/96:** Miss Annie E. Gillem of 1150 15th St., NW, Washington, DC was the "colored" instructor, operating on a 2nd Grade certificate. **Source:** Lists of Teachers, 1892-1975 ([1896ColoredCombined](#) Census of Colored Teachers 1895/96 – Done Dec 15, 1895), Richmond, Virginia, USA: Virginia Department of Public Instruction/Education. **Note:** Ms. Gillem also instructed the previous year at [Unison](#). Are these the same school by different names?

Is it possible there was a white and a colored Leithton? Is it possible that Leithton was colored in the 19th Century but then white when Emerick speaks of it?



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