

2.5.A Petitions (C) BLUEMONT Oct 3, 1934

Because Bluemont was closed, due to pupil size, patrons wanted the government to facilitate transportation of teacher and pupils to Rock Hill.

Bluemont, VA
Oct 3, 1934

To the Board of Education¹

Dear Sirs:

On account of the enrollment of the Colored School at Bluemont being too small for a legal school, our school has been closed.

In view of this condition, we the patrons of the Bluemont Colored School, are asking the Loudoun County Board of Education to give us transportation for seven pupils, to Rock Hill School with the teacher; as she passes through Bluemont going from Purcellville to Rock Hill School.

We the undersigned persons believe that this request is reasonable.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry Beatty² Mrs. M. F. Foerster³ C Thompson⁴ Clarence Fields⁵ M⁶
C. H. Osburn⁷ Otto Kelly⁸ F. M. Kearik⁹ Earl C Iden¹⁰
Raymond Jacob¹¹ J.W. Pierson¹²

Editorial Note: Although the petition was in support of a “colored” school, white citizens gave their support to a problem posed by African-Americans.

¹ Real title was School Board.

² Mr. Beatty was a white farmer living in Mt. Gilead, according to U.S. Census for 1940.

³ This was Winnifred, born in Virginia, to German born Max F. Foerster, who worked as a Government Architect, according to U.S. Census for 1940.

⁴ Not certain who Thompson was.

⁵ Mr. Fields was a white farmer.

⁶ Not sure who M was. This is the only signature that stands out as a letter. Was this an African-American, and if so, whom. We need to find out, in order to record his or her support for the Bluemont community.

⁷ Mr. Osborn was the Postmaster for Snickersville, according to the 1940 U.S. Census.

⁸ Otto Kelly was a white farmer in the Mt. Gilead District, according to the 1940 U.S. Census.

⁹ Frank M. Kearik was a rural mailcarrier, according to the 1940 U.S. Census.

¹⁰ Earl Iden was merchant living in Mt. Gilead, according to the 1940 U.S. Census

¹¹ Not found.

¹² Mr. Pierson was a white farm laborer living in Lovettsville.