

*File Petitions*

TO O. L. EMERICK, SUPERINTENDENT, AND THE LOUDOUN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD:

Whereas, we the undersigned petitioners, are informed that the School Board of Loudoun County, Virginia, is endeavoring to purchase a tract or parcel of land adjacent to the colored high school property in the north section of the town of Leesburg and also adjacent to the Union Cemetery of Leesburg and U. S. Route No. 15; and

Whereas, it is apparent that the said cemetery will soon need the land the said school board is endeavoring to purchase for the purpose of affording additional space for burying ground; and

Whereas, only a few colored children who attend the said high school live north of Market Street; and

Whereas, if the said land should be purchased by the said school board, we do not believe that the same would be suitable for the future needs of a school for the colored children of Leesburg and the surrounding community because of the location and immediate surroundings as well as the fact that it is remote from the place where the majority of the colored children live:

Now, therefore, we the undersigned petitioners, request the School Board of Loudoun County, Virginia, not to purchase the land adjacent to the colored high school in Leesburg because it is obvious that to do so would be particularly detrimental to the Union Cemetery of Leesburg and would not fill the future needs for additional facilities to educate the colored youth of the community and also because the location of the said school is not desirable for the colored children who attend it.

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We are in favor of doing all that can be done within reason for the colored children of the community, but we think this can be done best by selecting the most desirable location for a permanent investment and that this should be as close as possible to the most thickly populated colored section of the community.

Respectfully submitted,

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