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# 2.5.A Petitions (C) County Wide League—date unknown Require approval of the Gibons Lot for colored high school in Leesburg

To the Loudoun County School Board

#### Gentlemen

We the members of the county wide league, and citizens of Loudoun County are asking you to approve the Gibbons Lot in Leesburg Va. As the building site for the Colored high school of Loudoun County.

We are working and still willing to work to raise all the money we can for this lot.

By order of County Wide League John Wanzer President Eva Sanford Secretary Elizabeth Quisenberry Treasurer

P. S. The following names which you find inclosed are 100 per cent in favor of the school being at Leesburg.

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Willie Hall Albert Hall

Leonora\* Stewart Frances Wanzer Fannie Stewart\* Frances Turner\* Gurley Wanzer

Hay \* Etta Hall Jack Turner

#### St. Louis

Clarence Jackson Kate Grant\* Landon Smith Willis\* Adames Edward\* Pearson Josie Pearson

### **Bull Run**

Herbert Wilson
Si\* Wilson
Wittard\* Whitney
Annie Whitney
Charles Sh?\*
Charles Willis
Elizabet Brown

# Leesburg

Wm H. Robert Sr. Marie Corum\* Mary Jones H\* Jones

#### **Purcellville**

Florence L. Baker

## Willisville

Dudley Gaskins Harold Hampton John Tolbert John Colbert

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Charles Stinger
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Clara Ambers
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Manzella Gaskins
Mary Hatcher

Liza Corum\* Mary V. Roberts Willam Roberts Jr.

Janet W. Berry

Alma Calvery
Nellie Sidwel?\*

Elizabeth J. Quisenberry

Cliff Winston
John Dean
Mable Dazier
Bernice Sewell
John Berry
Henry Berry
Amanda Mable\*
Wilson Towson

Margaret Jackson Cleo Robinson M. B. Wright Noble Coram Robert Pinkney Bertha Walker Rachel Coe
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Payne Griggs\*
Fred\* Williams
Ollie Williams
Sallie Jackson
Elizabeth Bryant
Arthur Griggsby
James Gaskins
Carrie Pollard
Earl Pollard
Violet Harris
Bertha Lucas

Nora Sewell
James Sewell
Christine Sewell
Henrietta Sewell
Florence Mason
Shirley L. Brown
Helen Chinn
Cassie\* Speller\*
Nora A. Hatcher
Joe\* Hatcher
Viola Hart
Tina West
John Brown
C? Brown

**Bernard Robertson** 

William Jones

Mary Hogan

Lucy F Smith

Sarah Jackson

Harriet Greene

**Charles Lucas** 

Robert L. Hughes

Rebecca Hughes

**Evelyn Jackson** 

Leroy Jackson

Thomas Moton

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# Larry Roeder < roederaway@gmail.com>

10:55 AM (0 minutes ago)



#### Dave,

In the colored petition 2.5.A Yr Unk County Wide League Peititon asking for acceptance of the Gibbons Lot for the "colored" high school is the name Walter E. Williams, Minister, Methodist Church (colored). Unfortunately, the papers don't clear note the year of the petition nor the city Williams lived in.

My thought is that if you can figure out when Williams served as a Minister and where, the church (if it still stands) might have records nailing down the date of the petition.

Here is some history to help. During the late 1930s the black community in Loudoun County organized fundraiser events to purchase 8 acres (3.2 ha) of land on the east side of Leesburg from W.S. Gibbons. The property was conveyed to Loudoun County for \$1 on December 16, 1940.

In other words, the petition was done between when the Gibbons lot was made available and when it was sold to Loudoun.

Note. Gibbons is spelled Gibons in the petition.

Thanks. Hope you can solve this mystery.

# **Mary Fishback**

11:34 AM (35 minutes ago)



Rev. W. E. Williams was the pastor of Mt Zion Church in Leesburg from 1938-1943. Source: Mt Zion 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary booklet, Rembering our Legacy 1867-1992 by Rev. Arthur L Holmes, Pastor

Hope this helps?