

November 19, 1949

Mrs. Metta Watts Smith
1401 Fairmont Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Smith:

Your letter of November 15, in reference to the road situation at Sunny Ridge has come to my attention. I have talked to our resident engineer for the Virginia Highway System and he tells me you also wrote to him about the matter. It seems that the road on the front side of your school property is in the secondary system of Virginia but the road on the other side is not. Mr. Board explained to me that he has no authority to work this road. Apparently it was formerly a public road and probably can still be so considered.

There is no right of way across your property and any use of a road across this land could be stopped by you. There are possibly three ways by which this could be done. (1) Ascertain the names of the property owners above your property and request that they stop going across, suggesting that they remove the obstacles from the regular road. (2) Post no trespassing and no thoroughfare signs across the apparent road on your property at both entrances. (3) Fence the property.

I am sorry not to be more help but if there is anything specific that you think I might do to help you with this situation please advise me.

Very sincerely yours,

O. L. Emerick
Division Superintendent

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1401 Fairmont Street N.W.
Washington, D.C.
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Chairman, Loudoun County School Board
Leesburg, Virginia

Dear Sir:

It would be deeply appreciated by me if you could have a little matter taken care of which I feel sure has slipped your notice unintentionally so before more time manages to elapse I thought I would write to bring the matter to your attention.

I purchased from the board several years ago one of your school buildings that had passed into disuse. The property is known as Sunny Ridge. Mr. Emmerick assured me that the school house road, which was being used by persons living above, there was not a right-of-way or easement from these several properties but the state road, which the property is bordered by on one side (Wilson Gap Road) was the public highway, to date the State Road Commission has done

nothing about repairing that small strip of road and force the persons living above there to cut across what was the school property as they have no other means of right-of-way or easement from their several properties thus making them perhaps unknowingly trespassers on said property.

It is my desire to have this matter settled without unpleasantness with the several neighbors who are using my property as a right-of-way I appeal to you to write the State Road Commission to repair the public highway adjoining the property as this property no longer belongs to the county but has passed into private hands.

I desire to start some remodeling of the building in the near future and I would like to not have people running over the property.

Appreciate so much your giving this matter your prompt attention and thanking you for your trouble.

Sincerely,
(Mrs.) Matta Watts Smith

Petitions

January 29, 1945

Mr. Charles H. Smith
Middleburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Smith

I am erasing your name from the petition as requested in
your letter of January 26th.

Very sincerely yours,

O. L. Emerick
Division Superintendent

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