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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.

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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.

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

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- Mrs. M. F. Foerster* Max F. Foerster — (Mt. Jheel — BRN GERMANY) GOVERNMENT ARCHITECT WINNER (BRN in Va)
- C Thompson*
- Clarence Fields* (white BRN 1891 — FARMER)
- M
- C. H. Osburn* Postmaster, SNIPKERSVILLE.
- Otto Kelly FARMER in Mt. Jheel. (W)
- F. M. Kearik* — FRANK M. KEARIK RURAL MAILMAN
- Earl C Iden — white BORN 1886 — MERCHANT w (Mt Jheel)
- Raymond Jacob (NOT FOUND)
- J.W. Pierson (LOVELLSVILLE) FROM LOUDON — white

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Note: Rock Hill was in the Mercer District Blueмонт was in the Mt. Gilead District. According to Eric Lawson at the Loudoun County Circuit Court Archives on 12/17/2016, The Colored school was at Butcher's Hallow and closed in 1933. The address was 33691 Snickersville Turn Pike. The school was a one room school house heated with wood.

A handwritten word "Daught." is written in blue ink inside a hand-drawn blue rectangular box. The word is written in a cursive style and is slightly tilted to the right. The box has a double-line border.

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*Had a head
scribble
Hill*

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Note: One of the interesting things about the petition is that all of the patrons of the Bluemont Colored School we have been able to identify were white, thus an example of interracial cooperation.

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³ Several Thompsons lived in the area; but we don't know who was this C. Thompson.

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Bluemont	c	Before 1895 ¹	1933 ²	1 room Frame, heated with wood.	Mt. Gilead ³	We have Term Reports (paper) 1920-21 to 1931-32. Term Reports (digital) 1920/21- 1931/32
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*See Report 10/17
on location of
Bluemont*

¹ See Edwin Washington Catalog Box 11.1 Insurance Record (1924-57) , pg. 32. Not insured

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³ See Edwin Washington Catalog Box 9.2 Map: Loudoun County, 1923

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George William IDEN of BLOEMONT

Russel CONWAY IDEN

BRN - 9 Apr 1931

Mostly white Patrons in
support of BLOEMONT school
Community

Research 5/25/17