

Edwin Washington Project

White Petition

Date	Town or School	Cross Ref	Key word(s)	Topic
June 1925 ¹	Ashburn		Principal; N.C. Starke	Petition requesting that Starke not be retained as principal at Ashburn.

Text

To the Superintendent of Schools and School Board of Loudoun County:-

Whereas, it has come to our attention that you have granted an appeal for re-opening the question of who is to be principal of Ashburn School when we thought the question had been settled.

We, therefore, as patrons of Ashburn School respectfully petition you not to return Mr. N. C. Stark (sic) to us as principal of Ashburn School.

Names (signed)

Webster Kirkpatrick		
Arthur Swart		
Katherine DeKay		
John W. Connor		
C M Bowman		
P M Dameword		
N H Bowman		
Victor B. Harding		
T. L. Caylor		
J. E. Poole		
R. E. Adrain		
Celia Gant		
C. V. Jenkins		
J. N. Downs ²		
Mrs. E. L. Norman		
R. C. Maun		
H M Freeman		
P. R Grimes		

¹Note to File: While this petition is undated, we conclude that it was written circa June 1925. It is accompanied by a notarized statement, dated June 29, 1925, that concerns the same principal. The notarized statement follows the addendum described in footnote 2. Additionally, Nathaniel C. Starke is listed in the Superintendent's Record of Teachers' Certificates for school years 1922-1923, 1923-1924 and 1924-1925.

²Note to File: J. N. Downs also wrote the following addendum to this petition. The capitalized words and punctuation are those of the petitioner. The earlier "retention" petition referenced in the Downs addendum is listed in the catalogue.

"I Signed The petition asking that Mr Starke be retained for the Reason that I was told that practically every one wanted him I now find out differently & ask that my name be Revoked from the other Petition"
/s/ J V Downs

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June 29, 1925	Ashburn		Principal; N.C. Starke; abuse; insulting talk	Notarized statement from petitioner Kirkpatrick (above) providing further input about principal Starke.

Text

This day personally appeared before me, Victor B. Harding a Notary Public in and for the county aforesaid, Webster Kirkpatrick of Ashburn, Loudoun County, Virginia who after being duly sworn says:

That his son Carlin Kirkpatrick was a student at Ashburn School during the term of 1923 - 1924 and that on account of being unable to get along with the principal N. C. Stark he left the school before end of the term. That at beginning of term of 1924 -1925 he instructed his son Carlin Kirkpatrick to go to school, and that his son objected to going. He attempted to compel him to go and the son again objected on the grounds that he could not get along with the principal. He further states that he realized that it would be virtually sending his son away from home if he insisted that he go to school under Mr. Stark. At this point his older son Emory Kirkpatrick who had graduated the year before under M. N. C. Stark advised him that it would be wrong for him to force Carlin to go to school to Mr. Stark, and that if he (Emory Kirkpatrick) had known that he would be subjected to so much abuse (sic) and insulting talk that he himself would not have gone to High School under Mr. Stark.

Given under my hand this 29th day of June 1925

/s/ Victor B. Harding

Notary Public.

My commission expires Jan. 29, 1928.

Names (signed)

Victor B. Harding