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March 12, 1917.

Prof. W.B. Matthews,  
Central Colored High School,  
Louisville, Kentucky.

My dear Prof. Matthews,

I want to thank you for your ready acceptance of the task we have assigned to you on the program of next Association meeting and will say in reply to your inquiries:

1. I think as you do that Texas should be well represented on our program, and at present we have very few Texans on the program.

2. Vocational training might be omitted from your program, because it is to be taken up in a separate sectional meeting on that subject in charge of Prof. J.G. Ish of Pine Bluff Arkansas.

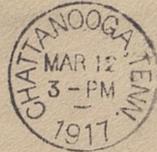
3. These sectional meetings are to occupy probably two and a half hours on Friday morning - coming just after a general meeting which will occupy possibly an hour.

Wishing you great success in all that you do, I am

Very truly yours,

Pres. N.A.T. in C.S.

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Central Colored High School,  
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May 23, 1917.

Mr. W. B. Matthews,  
Central Colored High School,  
Louisville, Ky.

My dear Mr. Matthews:

The name of the young man whom I recommended as especially fitted to take charge of the physical culture work in your *school* is Mr. James Gayle, 35 Collins St., Springfield, Mass. He is a Virginian, a graduate of Hampton Institute, and he is now studying to be a teacher of physical culture in the Y.M.C.A. Training School at Springfield. He is a fine, manly, Christian, young man, and a natural athlete. He captained our winning football team here at Hampton last year. And he was ~~also~~ one of the leading players in our equally successful basket-ball team. He is also a fine tennis player. And he plays baseball ~~also~~ *too*.

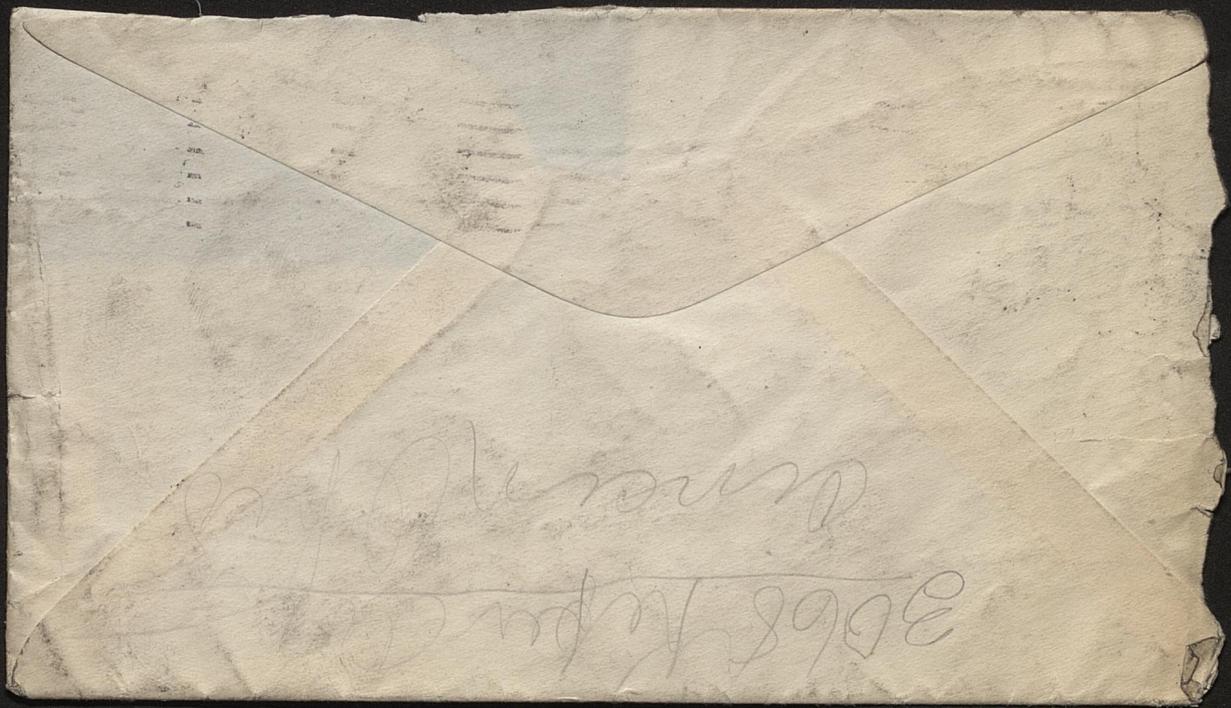
Yours sincerely,

W. T. B. Williams

W. T. B. WILLIAMS  
HAMPTON INSTITUTE  
HAMPTON, VA.

May 23, 1917

Mr. W. B. Matthews,  
Central Colored High School,  
Louisville, Ky.



Louisville, Ky. May 31, 1917.

Prof. Matthews,

Dear Sir:-

When I left your office this eve. last past, I promised to let you know what the out come of my interview was.

On arriving at the store I called for the manager and saw him.

I told him I heard he had accused my boy of theft. He said he had not accused him at all, but he thought he did it. I further told him if he could prove to me my son did it I would pay him the ten dollars then.

After much talking and questioning on both sides nothing definite was learned only he <sup>(manager)</sup> was away from the store and it was in charge of

several girls and boys, my boy  
was only a helper around.

I left there and proceeded straight  
to my lawyer, who is one of the ablest  
lawyers at the Quiville, he layed  
the case before him; He said there  
wasnt a thing he could do so  
long as they claimed they had not  
arrested him and had not arrested  
him.

He further told me if any thing  
did happen to tell you to call him  
immediately, but I feel you have  
done enough already, and I will  
ask you to send me word if  
any thing should happen and I  
will defray expenses.

I am perfectly willing to spend  
\$50 to defend my boys honor, but  
am unwilling to pay \$10 to cover  
a humiliation, He is either guilty  
or not guilty, I want to have-

It proven if any steps further are  
taken by the firm.

Thanking you again for  
the interest you have taken in  
me and mine.

Very Resp

Mrs. L. Woods

1910 magazine

Night 24 + minutes

12th Floor

REV. G. F. WATSON  
PASTOR OF ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH  
SECRETARY EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION  
1122 WILSON AVENUE

LOUISVILLE, KY Sept 13th 1919

To The Louisville Public School board  
Mr Superintendent of Education in The City Public  
Schools. We are indeed very grateful to you  
and your efficient board for your past  
favours in giving to us a night School at  
12th & Wilson ave. which was an untold blessing  
and we are seriously effected by the removal of  
the same. Many ex-slaves were promoted  
from unlettered individuals to Reading persons  
for all of which we are unlimitedly thankful  
we also praise your wise judgement for the  
appointment of Miss Clara Edwards. who was  
a proficient teacher. We are very sorry indeed you  
had to discontinue the night school at 12th & Wilson  
which so inconveniences our old people that they  
must be deprived of the blessing <sup>of</sup> learning to read  
and write, however as token of our respects, and  
thankfulness for the services of Miss Clara Edwards  
we humbly petition you to appoint her in the night  
School at 9th and Magazine Sts because of her  
patience and earnestness to enlighten others -  
she seems not to be on the job only for the money, but  
chiefly for the service.  
I am gratefully yours G. F. Watson

REV. G. E. WATSON  
PASTOR DEPARTMENT OF CHURCH  
107 N. W. 10th St. St. Paul, Minn.

P.S. I have been Pastoring in this one Church and  
vicinity for nineteen consecutive years. and  
have kept up with the Progress along all lines  
Respt *G. E. Watson*

Louisville, Ky; 9/25<sup>th</sup>/17.

Evelyn J. Wilson

2161 Magazine, St.

Prof. Matthews:-

Kind Sir:-

Learning that  
you are to be principal of Cen-  
tral Night School this year, I  
come to you to ask you if you  
would ~~be~~<sup>please</sup> recommend me as  
a teacher in that school, altho.  
I have been a substitute in  
day schools of this city seven  
year, and night school teacher  
in Central it seems hard for  
me to get on, yet I'm still try-  
ing. Hoping you will grant

me this favor, and assuring  
you my appreciation of the  
same, I am,

Evelyn J. Wilson.

# Green Street Baptist Church

329 East Green Street

"THE \* PEOPLE'S \* CHURCH"

REV. H. W. JONES, Pastor

Louisville, Ky.,

Sept. 25th, 1917

Prof W. B. Matthews

Kind Sir:-

I learn that the night schools are to be centralized at 9th & Magazine sts and that you have the appointment of teachers, or at least the recommendation of same.

I therefore wish to say to you that Miss Henrietta Helms to my mind is one who is eminently fitted for a place on your Faculty. She having been a teacher in the Public Schools of this City for years, and for the past twenty years or more has taught night school in Portland.

She is a public spirited citizen taking part in whatever is for the moral and spiritual uplift of the Community where she labors.

Since all the schools are to be centralized I am satisfied she will be able to do more efficient work to the whole city as she will have a more wide field of operation.

From the knowledge I have of her work her strong personality and faithfulness it gives me pleasure to commend her, and feel assured when you become better acquainted with her you will be equally as willing to voice the same sentiment as I have herein expressed.

Sincerely H. W. Jones Pastor Green St. Bap. Church

If not delivered in 5 days return to  
**GREEN ST. BAPTIST CHURCH**  
REV. H. W. JONES, Pastor  
329 East Green Street    LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

*Sept 25, 1917*

*Prof. W. B. Matthews  
#1702 W. Chestnut St.  
Louisville  
Ky*

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826 S. PRESTON ST.

HOME PHONE: CITY 7025-J

H. T. MEDFORD, Pastor

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LOUISVILLE, KY., Sept 14 1917.

To whom it may concern:-  
This is to certify that  
I am acquainted with Mr. Oscar  
Vaughn of this City and believe him  
to be a reliable and trustworthy young  
man.

Signed H. T. Medford,

PADUCAH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

RALPH YAKEL, SUPT.  
PADUCAH, KENTUCKY

August 13, 1917.

Professor W. B. Matthews,  
Principal Colored High School,  
Louisville, Ky.,

Dear Sir:-

Miss Maude E. Brown is applying to me for a position as teacher in the second grades in our colored schools. She has referred me to you as one willing to speak of her success as a teacher and as to her personal character. I shall appreciate your frank opinion in regard to Miss Brown, both from the standpoint of her training and success as a teacher and her personality. I assure you that any information you may give me will be held in strict confidence.

Yours very truly,

*Ralph Yakel*  
Superintendent of Schools.

RY/JMH

PADUCAH PUBLIC SCHOOLS.  
1230 Broadway,  
PADUCAH, KENTUCKY.

Aug 13/17  
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Professor W. B. Matthews,  
Principal Colored High School,  
Louisville, Ky.

1720 N. 1st St

Cambridge, this June, receiving  
my degree "Magister cum Laude."  
During my college course I  
won a scholarship every  
year; won Second-Year  
Honors in the Classics; and  
was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.  
I specialized in the Classics;  
but took in addition courses  
in English Composition, in  
Ancient History, and in  
philosophy. Beside these  
subjects I am prepared to  
teach other preparatory school  
subjects. I can give you the  
names of persons to whom  
you may refer as to my

26 Parker Street  
Cambridge, Mass.  
August 4, 1917

Mr. William C. Matthews  
Prin. of Cloud High School  
Louisville  
Kentucky

My dear Mr. Matthews,  
At the suggestion  
of Mr. Butler R. Wilson, Boston,  
I am writing to make  
application as a teacher in  
your school. I was graduated  
from Radcliffe College.

ability and character; and  
Mr. William Lewis has  
said that he would be glad  
to recommend me.

Hoping to hear from  
you at the next future  
convention.

Yours truly  
Francis Thomas Grant.

Aug 4<sup>th</sup> 1917

Mr. William C. Matthews  
Principal of Colored High School  
Louisville  
1720 W. Chest Kentucky

26 Park Street  
Cambridge  
Mass

Jefferson City, Mo. Aug. 2, 1917.

Principal W. B. Matthews,  
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Sir:

Prof. J. H. Jackson of Columbus, Ohio informed me that you had a vacancy in your school.

I wrote Supt. Reid in reference to it, and he said that the vacancy will be filled sometime in August after your return to Louisville.

I do not know whether you have some one in mind for the position, but if it is open, I would be glad to communicate with you in reference to it.

Would you kindly let me know the subjects to be taught, length of school term and salary per month? What is the maximum salary in this time of "high cost of living"?

(2)

Probably you remember me. I was in Louisville May 1915 and you kindly took me through your school. I was passing through there from Madison, Ind., where I have been Principal of the High School since 1914. I am re-elected for the ensuing year, but would like a field of larger possibilities.

Would you kindly give me some idea of cost of board and room per mo. for man and wife in Louisville? I shall be glad to hear from you and if conditions seem favorable would file application for the position.

Very truly yours,

Grant S. Murray,  
505 Lafayette St.,  
Jefferson City,  
Mo.

From  
L. S. Murray,  
Jefferson City,  
Mo.

Aug 21, 1917.

Principal W. B. Matthews  
1720 W. Chestnut St.  
Louisville, Ky.

Louisville Ky.

July 30-1917.

Prof. W. B. Mathews:

Dear Sir,

I understand that the position held by Miss. Martin in your school is vacant, if you have not already filled the position I would like very much to file my application with you. I am a graduate of the City schools - High and Normal and also of the Commercial Department of State University.

For the past five years have held the position of Commercial teacher in the Winchester City High school. I have been elected for the

some position for this  
coming school term. But as  
this is my home I am  
very anxious to get work  
here.

I should be glad to call  
at your residence to talk  
the matter over with you  
at any time that is most  
convenient for you. I can give  
reference from my principal  
if necessary.

Hoping that this  
may receive some consideration  
from you, I am

yours truly  
Mary Alice Taylor  
722 E. Burnett Ave.

2911 W. Walnut St.,  
Louisville, Ky.,  
July 12, 1917.

Prof. W. B. Matthews,  
122 Howard St.,  
Atlanta, Ga.

My dear Prof. Matthews:

Since there is a  
vacancy on the faculty of the high  
school, I would like to be considered  
an applicant for the position. I made  
an effort to reach you at your home  
this afternoon, but Mrs. Matthews in-  
formed me you were out of the  
city.

However, I called at the office of  
Supt. Reid for the purpose of receiving  
an application I made last year.  
This application, he said, would  
enable me to be considered at  
present.

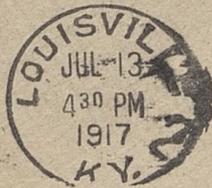
The subject to be taught is, I think,  
Mathematics. In the Clarksville High  
School I taught Mathematics and English  
during the year just closed.

Any recommendations or testimonials  
you might request, I would be glad  
to furnish.

Very truly yours,

William H. Perry, Jr.

2911 N. Walnut St.  
Louisville, Ky.



Prof. W. B. Matthews,

122 Howell St.,

Atlanta,

Ga.

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LOUISVILLE, KY.

July 10, 1917.

Professor W. B. Matthews,  
122, Howell St.,  
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Sir:

I am writing you in regard to the position in your office for which I filed application sometime ago. I desire very much to obtain this position, and your consideration in my behalf will be greatly appreciated.

I did not mention in my application that I had done quite a deal of work for Rev. C. H. Parrish and also Rev. Walls, and I feel sure that both of them would give me a written reference, if you think it will be to an advantage, in my securing the position, I will get them and forward to you or, if you expect to return soon submit to you upon your return to the city.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration, I am,

Very truly yours,

(Miss) *Nanna J. Crenshaw,*  
1627 N. Chestnut St.

From N. Crenshaw,  
1627, W. Chestnut St.,  
Louisville, Ky.

*July 10, 1917*

Professor W. B. Matthews,  
122, Howell St.,  
Atlanta,  
Ga.

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FOR COLORED CHILDREN  
INCORPORATED  
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"LEFT ALONE. PLEASE HELP FIND US HOMES"

1716 WEST CHESTNUT STREET  
LOUISVILLE, KY.

June 28th '17

Prof. W. B. Matthews,  
Louisville, Ky.

My dear Friend & Bro: Annie, our  
eldest daughter has just graduated from  
the scientific course and from music  
at Wilberforce University, is now attend-  
ing Summer school there and is apply-  
ing to Supt Reid for a place on the  
Louisville, school force. She has the  
best of recommendations from the Pres. and  
the Dean, but she will need character  
references from prominent home men  
and I'm writing to ask may she  
have the privilege of naming you  
as one of her references?

Thanking you in advance for  
this or any other favor you may be  
pleased to bestow,

Yours very truly,  
O. Singleton.  
Midletown, O.  
E. Allen.

# THE NATIONAL HOME FINDING SOCIETY *for* COLORED CHILDREN

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Purchased in 1911 at a cost of 3,500



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Built 1916 at a cost of \$1,200

We now own the property herein shown, consisting of a very nice, substantial and attractive brick building of ten rooms, four halls, closets and bath, two side porches and a front porch; and a five-room frame building adjoining in the rear—all on a lot 28x200 feet. And in the five and a half years of our struggle we have cared for 142 children.

We brought forward from 1915 \$47 and raised during 1916, \$4,829; \$459 was spent for traveling, board, lodging, stamps, stationery, money order fees, etc.; \$986 was paid on the property; 50 children during the year were cared for, the daily average being 30, and \$416 was brought forward for this year's work.

With confidence in the kind and benevolent spirit of the white people of this country, we submit our case and await their decision.

Remittances should be made by money order or check, and mailed to the general superintendent, O. Singleton, 1716 W. Chestnut street, Louisville, Ky.

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## NATIONAL HOME FINDING SOCIETY FOR COLORED CHILDREN

The 36 of the 50 Homeless Children Under Our Care in 1917. Total 142 in Five Years.

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Thousands of such children as these growing up daily in ignorance, vice and crime in every Southern State, where the child of color is debarred from the child saving institutions and in no way regarded.

Being without friends, and there being none to sympathize with them, none to advocate their cause; the world knoweth them not, nor their woes, their mistreatment and privations. . . . Who will come over into Macedonia and help us? What good Samaritan will have compassion upon these—the lost portion of God's little black lambs? We plead but for the crumbs.

Such children as these would make honest, industrious, frugal, intelligent Christian men and women—most valuable American citizens, if they only had the chance.

But being ignored, disregarded and ostracized, they are forced by evil circumstances into homes where they are not wanted and upon people unfit to raise cattle. In their weakness and helplessness they are abused, neglected, and mistreated; and little girls shamefully ruined in infancy.

Our mission is to go to the rescue of the perishing of this kind, who are in no way responsible for their condition, and who are so weak and helpless that they cannot do for themselves. Our work is to protect such children and give them a chance and encouragement.

We appeal for sympathy and aid. We need ten thousand dollars for a good farm; and ten thousand more for suitable buildings, and five thousand for implements, live stock, fruit trees and other equipment. With such an outfit we could annually take care of 100 children and make the work largely self-supporting.

We hope to find one hundred persons and organizations this year that will stand good for \$100. We are working and praying and pleading that 4,000 people this year, as did last year, will give from one to twenty-five dollars; and that many of the more than ten thousand that have aided us in the past will be pleased to continue their aid in the future.

Over 3,000 homeless, dependent, destitute and neglected colored children, such as these, in Kentucky alone

*"Inasmuch as ye have done it to the least of these, . . . ye have done it unto me."*

Plsd. in 5 da to  
1716 W. Chestnut St.  
Louisville

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10-AM  
1917



Prof. W. B. Matthews,  
1718 W. Chestnut,  
Louisville  
Ky.

Maxinda entered college  
desiring to hear from you  
soon

I remain

Yours truly

Mrs J. C. Buckner

3289 Herman St  
Louisville

Low Key July. 19. 1917  
Prof. Matthews

Dear Sir,

Not until after  
your visit in 1913 did we  
decide to send Maxinda to  
Fisk, because we did see  
how we could manage to meet  
the expense, but with sacrifice  
of a great struggle we manage  
to let her graduate, now  
Mr Matthews as there is a  
vacancy in the High  
School I write to ask you to  
please to give her a careful

consideration. I assure you  
that if you will speak in  
favor of Marinda & she  
should be given a position  
in your school that she  
will be just as an obedient  
teacher as she was a pupil.  
She had worked hard & faith-  
fully to obtain a life degree  
that is 'A College Education'.  
We will certainly appreciate  
you if you will give her  
a favorable consideration.  
I have been informed that  
the vacancy will not be filled  
until August. My husband's  
health is not as it was when

3209 Hermon  
Louisville



Prof. H. B. Matthews  
1720 West Chestnut St  
Louisville

end of the week. I shall write you  
at a later date asking some further  
information.

Thanking you in advance, I  
beg to remain,

very sincerely,  
Dwight Bloans.

251 Eastern Ave.,  
Springfield, Mass.,  
June 26, 1917.

Mr W.B. Matthews,  
Louisville, Ky.

My Dear Mr. Matthews: In order

to complete my plans for the summer  
it will be necessary for me to  
know on what date the schools  
open in Louisville in the fall. I  
wrote you a letter some days ago  
asking some questions but presume  
it went astray. If convenient I  
would like to hear from you by the

Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

June 26, 1917.

Prof. Matthews,  
9th & Chestnut Sts,  
Cfo. Board of Education,  
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to ask if you have completed your faculty for the ensuing school year. If not I here-by offer myself as an applicant for work in the Literary Department. I am a graduate of Tuskegee Institute. If further information is desired I refer you to Mrs B. J. Washington and Mr C. C. Roberts, Head of the Academic Department, Tuskegee Institute.

Hoping that this will meet with your approval.

Respectfully yours

Minnie D. Davis.

Faters, Bullitt Co., Ky  
June 13, 1917

Mr. H. B. Matthews  
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear sir:

Two months ago,  
I made application as  
Clerk to the Board of  
Education then later  
as teacher in the  
event any vacancy  
occurs. I have been  
to see Mr. Reid concern-  
ing the same.

I understand you  
are contemplating a  
change of clerk, there-

fore write begging your  
favorable consideration.

I am a graduate of  
Central, Normal Class 1901  
and of the Cleary Business  
College, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Should you entertain  
my application, I beg to  
refer you to Dr. C. H. Parlish,  
my present employer,  
who knows I am de-  
sirous of making a  
change. I may also  
say that I live in the  
city and am a sister  
to Mrs. Essie B. Mack.

Thanking you for the  
use of your good  
office, I am

Very respectfully,  
Alice L. Dorte