W. B. MATTHEWS
PRINCIPAL

Central Colored High School

LOUISVILLE, KY.

June 26, 1916.

My dearest Joe:-

I arrived safely last night after a very tiresome day. As you know, the trains were very crowded all the way from Atlanta to Bainbridge. I made all connections without any trouble. In Atlanta Peyton met me and we had only a word - nothing new - only to get oil for the babies. Met two or three friends on the train no persons you know. They had no news. I got to Holmes quite on time. He and Harry were looking for me, they took me up home in a cab. I washed, put on a clean collar and ate a good dinner, part of which was a chicken pie - well cooked but not just as brown as I wanted it to be. From there I

Journied on to Bainbridge. I got there nearly nine o'clock. I took a cab to my boarding place where I was told that Prof. Hutto had prepared supper for me and was awaiting arrival. I went over and found them (Mr. + Mrs. H.) looking for me.

Well, I was not hungry, for I had just eaten at five, but I did some harm to things because they had fried chicken. I thought of you and Lou. I went to my boarding house, went to bed, and found it hot, and besides some mosquitoes no bugs. I am up, shaved, washed, dressed and writing to you all before breakfast.

Now, don't you know I love you all. Prof. Gilbert has not arrived as yet. I look for him on the next train. Every body asked after you and Louise.

Now, do try to keep well and be happy. With lots of love to you all I am,

Your devoted husband + papa,

W. T. S. Matthews

Write me at Savannah, General delivery

June 26, 1916
from Bainbridge
Ga.

Mrs. O. B. Matthews
1720 W. Chestnut St.
Louisville, Ky.

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Americus, Ga. June 27, 1916

My dearest Loo:-

I have moved since yesterday and am now at Americus. We finished the G. C.'s office by 12 noon yesterday. The fact is, I was practically through Gilbert got there at noon.

We are here and will be here for at least two days. It is here that we find work to do.

Hope you all well and ~~getting~~ on in the usual good way without missing or even thinking of me, except as rubbish out of the way. How about that?

So far, my work has been only a diversion. Every one makes me feel so at home that I am had to ask (almost) where am I? Well, you all be sweet children and take care of each other. With much love and lots of kisses for you all, I am

Hubbie & Papa. W. B. Matthews.

INCREASE YOUR MEMBERSHIP WITH GOOD MEN NOW

3597 E. 93rd St.,
Cleveland, O.
June 27, 1916.

To the Principal,
Colored High School,
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Sir:- I am writing to find out if there is a vacancy in the teaching staff of the High School. I would prefer to teach in the Mathematics or Latin department, but am willing to try any other subject. I have just received the degree of Bachelor of Arts and also a four-year provisional high school teacher's certificate for Ohio, from the College for Women, Western Reserve University.

If you are interested in my application, I can furnish further details as to my college work and can also give the names of several professors who can supply references.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain,

Yours respectfully,
Myrtle L. Johnson.

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

~~B. W. WARREN~~

AMERICUS, GA.

W. B. M.

June 27, '16

Mrs. O. B. Matthews,
1720 W. Chestnut St.,
Louisville, Ky.

Savannah, Ga.
July 1, 1916.

My dear Joe:-

I have received two letters from you since I came to Savvannah . I was glad to hear from you all. I have been so busy that I did not write to you yesterday. We have about finished our work here and I shall leave here Monday for Boston. Prof. Gilbert can finish here in less than an hour.

I have been very well and I have not had time to be unhappy. I was out tO see President Wright last night and found that he was going on to Boston today by way of Atlanta. I do not think he wanted me to go along with him. He says that he may remain in New York and attend Columbia. I thought to myself , O that it were I. Well, I shall be in Boston only one day and then I shall return to Ga.

I am glad that you all had such a nice Fisk party and that you enjoyed yourself so very much. I am sure you contributed no little toward making it go. You are so made that things must move if you are concerned. Glad you had a good time . I am sorry you did not go to the Banneker? affair. I did not do right in not paying for you.

I shall not be here after Monday morning. You will not be able to reach me any more before next Saturday in Albany, Ga. If you write at 71 Camden St., Boston, Mass., or at Fords Hall, Boston you can reach me next Thursday. In the event you do write me there send it in Mr. Ware's care. If I stay in Boston over night I shall stop with Mr. Samuel Hodges, 71 Camden St.,

My railroad fare from here to Boston and back will be less than $50.00 I shall not lose any thing by going.

Tell Louise that I shall write her from New York. I shall write a few friends also from that point.

I hope by this time mother's ankles are much improved. I shall not have time to get out to West Newton.

You do not care what the Coloreds say about what you have done for our friends. That want hurt at all. I do not care what Mr. J? Harris may say in his paper since he does not trouble you and Louise.

I shall see Hunt next week and get him to send you some peaches.

With much love to all who may ask after me, I am

Will. & Papa

July 1, 1916

Mrs. O. B. Matthews,
1720 W. Chestnut St.,
Louisville, Ky.

W. B. MATTHEWS
PRINCIPAL

Central Colored High School
LOUISVILLE, KY.

Albany
July 14, 1916.

My own dear Jov:-

Seven o'clock in the morning, and I am up dressed, have eaten and am writing to the one I love the best. The Grand Lodge is over, I was reelected, have received my pay and shall leave for Atlanta at noon today. Nearly all of the people have gone, having left during the night but I did not care to travel at night so I shall leave at noon today and get to Atlanta at 8 p. m.

I have kept well, had a boy time and enjoyed the trip. It has been quite a diversion from the regular grind and the fault-finding people of our town. Yes, I saw Simmons and he delivered your Message. We were to have stopped at the same place - Mr. Nadkins, but he was met and carried elsewhere and he remained there. No harm done.

Mrs. Macarthy sends all kinds of nice messages to you, and says lots of nice things about your husband.

The Atlanta crowd left last night with them went Peyton, Ross, Collier, Pharrow and Hunt, as far as Fort Valley, but I did not go. I did not care to sit up all night and I did not want to be in that jam of tribes. Gilbert left this morning and went as far as Macon. I could have gone with him but I would have had to have gotten up at 4 a.m. and then, to have layed over four hours in Macon. I did not do that but am leaving at noon and there will be no delay.

I shall go at once tomorrow morning to work on our repairs and shall do, such as must be done now, without delay. Just as soon as I have all complete or well on the way to completion I shall come to my own sweet wife & child.

I shall write you Sunday just what I find that must be done now.

I have much to tell you when I get to you. In Atlanta, I shall spend sometime with Know, but most of the time at Allen's, I mean I shall sleep there. I will take my meals wherever I can. I trust and hope that you all are doing well and keeping cool - Whatever the condition may be I want to be with you. With love and lots of kisses I am as ever.

Will.

FROM

Central Colored High School

LOUISVILLE, KY.

July 14, 1916

Mrs. O. B. Matthews,
1720 W. Chestnut St.,
Louisville, Ky.

W. B. MATTHEWS
PRINCIPAL

Central Colored High School

LOUISVILLE, KY.

July 18, 1916.

My own dear Jr:-

I am in good condition and all things are moving on nicely. I gave all of my repairs to Mr. Thos. Goosby. He charged me $45.00. With all that he is not covering the Lyons Ave. place. It needed it but could wait a few months. There was no plastering falling off as was indicated or stated in the letter sent to you. I am spending money on repairs as follows: Lyons Ave., $15.00, 399 Houston $4.25, 105 Houston $5.00, and 145 + 147 Howell $4.50. This does not include plumbing and whitewashing. I gave it to Mr. Goosby because I could hold him responsible for the faithful performance of the contract. I shall remain here until Saturday of this week to see that the work is well done. Now, if you have any suggestions I shall be glad to have

them so that we may work together.
As you know I shall have no money when I get home. I have just paid $6.25 to the N. C. M. & P. Association for life insurance and shall pay $45.00 for repairs and ten dollars for Lodge dues to Odd Fellows, Masons and Knights. I shall have nothing left except my fare home. Please be careful with what you have. I have not borrowed and do not mean to. I have bought only one night shirt. I may have to buy something else. I love you all and want to see you, but I fear you all will not want to see me because I shall have no money. I am sorry, but I am compelled to spend it here. And, withall, I am not doing all I ought to do in the way of repairs. I think after I am through we can get along until after November.

W. B. MATTHEWS
PRINCIPAL

Central Colored High School

LOUISVILLE, KY.

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Now concerning the write up in the paper you need not pay any attention whatever to what they say. That set of Negroes only want to be noticed.

Sorry to learn of Mrs. Harris' misfortune. Extend my sympathy to her.

Having a pleasant stay here, seeing quite a few of our old friends, all of whom ask very tenderly and interestingly after you. I get a little gossip occasionally. When I come you shall have it all.

Please call up and express my thanks to Dr. and Mrs. McIntyre for kindness to you and Louise. I do hope that you enjoyed your ride.

FROM
Central Colored Hig
LOUISVILLE, KY

July 18, 1916

Mrs. O. B. Matthews,
1720 N. Chestnut St.,
Louisville, Ky.

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[1916?]

Atlanta, Ga.,

My own dear Joe:-

I have your letter which came yesterday and found me in good shape. I was glad to hear from you. Every thing down this side is now getting in such a condition that I can leave here about Friday. You may look for me Friday night via of the Southern. I have never been over that road and they have been nice to me, therefore, I am coming that way.

Acting on your suggestion I am writing a letter to Mrs. White. I have said what occurred to me to be proper. I was very sorry and stood with bowed head at the will of God, but I did not rush to express myself. I am sure that Mrs. W. cares nothing about words from me.

Now, as to the business at this end, I have to say that I have given the work of covering the house to Sharp-Boylston and Day. They have done it cheaper than any other person I could find. Then,too, they will permit us to pay for it along. I shall bring all the facts when I come. I have also before me all matters concerning the money for the insurance. I shall tomorrow sign all papers necessary to get the money. It will then be necessary for these papers to go to the home office in New York and the check will be sent back immediately.

All the friends here ask after you and family. So many say they want to see you. I have not seen aunt Patsy yet. I do not know where she lives. I have not seen Missie or Aunt Julia. I thought to have seen them at Ponton's funeral but they did not come. When I come I will tell you about it. It is very lonesome to me here. I would leave today if I had all business completed. I have not seen any of the Bibbs yet. I shall call before I leave.

I am trying to get a picture of your home but I may fail. It is raining and it may continue throughout the week. In the event it

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does I can get no picture. I spoke to one man about it and he charged $3.00 for three pictures. He would not take less than three.

Tell Louise that all of her friends ask after her. So many of them speak so very highly of her that I am made to feel proud of her I saw Minnie and Jennie Askew yesterday and they were present (or rather Minnie was) at the play at the University and they say Louise made good. I am glad that she is my child although she does not even write me a line and send it in her mother's letter.

It is raining here today and the day is very dull. I can not go any where and no body can come to me. I am however, going to take dinner with Mr. and Mrs Cater. I am to be there at three o'clock. Tomorrow I shall go to dinner with Peyton, Thursday I shall be Knox's and Friday on the road for home. I do not know whether or not you all care to see me. I know you want the money I have. You all may get ready to go as soon after I come as you may desire. I shall not be able to go any more this year.

What did I do Sunday? Well, I went to Big Bethel Sunday school and to the Congregational Church and then remained there to Sunday School. I then stood on the corner and talked a short time. After dinner I went call on Mr. and Mrs. Cater. Later I went to call on the Ruckers. I did not go out Sunday night at all.

I must not write more now but save some to tell you when I come home. I have much to tell about every body and every thing.

When I get there I shall take up the matter of filling the vacancy # I must talk with Mr. Reid before I make a move. I think he will be with me in my plans for filling the place. I answered Mr. Perry's letter. I had a letter from Mr. Green yesterday.

With lots of love and kisses for you all, I am,

Your own,

Will-Papa-Son

RETURN IN FIVE DAYS TO

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ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW

51 1/2 S. BROAD STREET

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

N. B. Matthews.

1916?

Mrs. O. B. Matthews,

1720 W. Chestnut St.,

Louisville, Kentucky.

122 Howell St.,
Atlanta, Ga., June 21, 1917.

My very dear Joe:-

My first day here has been a very busy one but I have not accomplished much. I saw Mr. Henry Hirsch and he marked the note paid and said he would do anything to help me get matters straight. His son-Harold who is in charge of all of his papers is out of the city but is expected ~~back this~~ evening and will see if he has my loan deed among his papers. If he has why it will be put to record at once. If it is not found among his papers, the heirs will sign a Quit Claim deed for me. This they will do without any more delay than is possible to make. I am having this deed drawn to-morrow. Will write you again as results develope.

I am at Knox's. Found them O.K. Acted on your suggestion with the package. He was so pleased to receive it. Said it was what he wanted

Saw Emma, delivered your message. Saw Ellen. She is not well, has a very bad Summer cold. She is better now. Saw Dr. Madison sent his wife your message.

Dell mother & shall be on her job tomorrow. Havn't seen any of the Rucker's except "Buster" met him at the corner of Auburn and Piedmont. He knew me. I gave him your "love".

Ophelia sends love to you and Louise. She says Louise is lazy. Shall go to see Mrs. Pitts and Mrs Rucker tomorrow.

Hope you are much better and that things are going well with you all.

I will write you in full before Sunday.

Your own
Nell.

FROM

Central Colored High School

LOUISVILLE, KY.

June 21, 1917

Mrs. C. B. Matthews
1720 N. Chestnut St.,
Louisville, Ky.

122 Howell St.
Atlanta, June 23, 1917.

My own dear Joe:-

How does that salutation look to you? Does it make you recall years ago when you were my own dearest Joe? Well you are the same to me now.

I am well and tired tonight, and as soon I have finished this letter I shall take a bath and go to bed, for I have been on my feet all day. I have been running down the insurance now for three days and have done little. This is the condition. The Lilienthal loan deed could not be found. Hirsch made out a Quit Claim deed, and it is to go to Baltimore for one signature and then it is to be signed by two people here in Atlanta. All say they will sign without any trouble. The deed has already been written. I saw to that and it is in the hands of the

get the money or the credit.

I have seen "Em", Mrs. Rucker, Ellen Mrs. Allen. I called at Mrs. Pitts but she was out. I shall see her when I return. I saw Finch yesterday He looks well. They are all well. I want to see Brown. He will wait until I return from Grand Lodge to come.

There is nothing else of interest about here. Lots to tell when I see you.

Will write you again next Monday from Bainbridge. Hope things have gone well with you all, and that you are quite yourself again.

I saw Dr. Adams today and arranged for Wilhelmina for $10.00 per mo. All she has to do now is to come on here when the others come. Tell them. Lots of love to you all.

Will

I paid my insurance premium $6.65 with the Standard Life and sent you the receipt. Don't lose it. C.O.B.M.

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Americus, Ga.
June 26, 1917.

My dearest Joe:-

Your letter sent to Bainbridge was duly received and contents noted. Was sorry that you had the back set. Hope by this time that you are so much better that you are yourself again. I do hope that all things shall go well with you. Now, in the event that you need me do not hesitate to call.

Dr. Gilbert did come to Louisville, but, as you know, did not come to stop with us. He stopped somewhere on Walnut St. He saw Rev. Noble. He went to Ovensboro and then came back by the Village to meet me but I had gone. I met him in Bainbridge as per agreement. Glad you did not have the trouble at that time.

The Grand Chancellor, Hutto, thanks you very much for thinking of him. He greatly appreciates the kerchief, and thinks it pretty.

Thank you for the letters inclosed. I am answering Mr. Reid's today. You may send only such mail as you may deem wise. Other matters may wait until return.

Say to mother that the covering of her house at this time will cost about $150.00. I have decided to have it done while I am on the ground in July. Say to her that I shall have to borrow the money from her

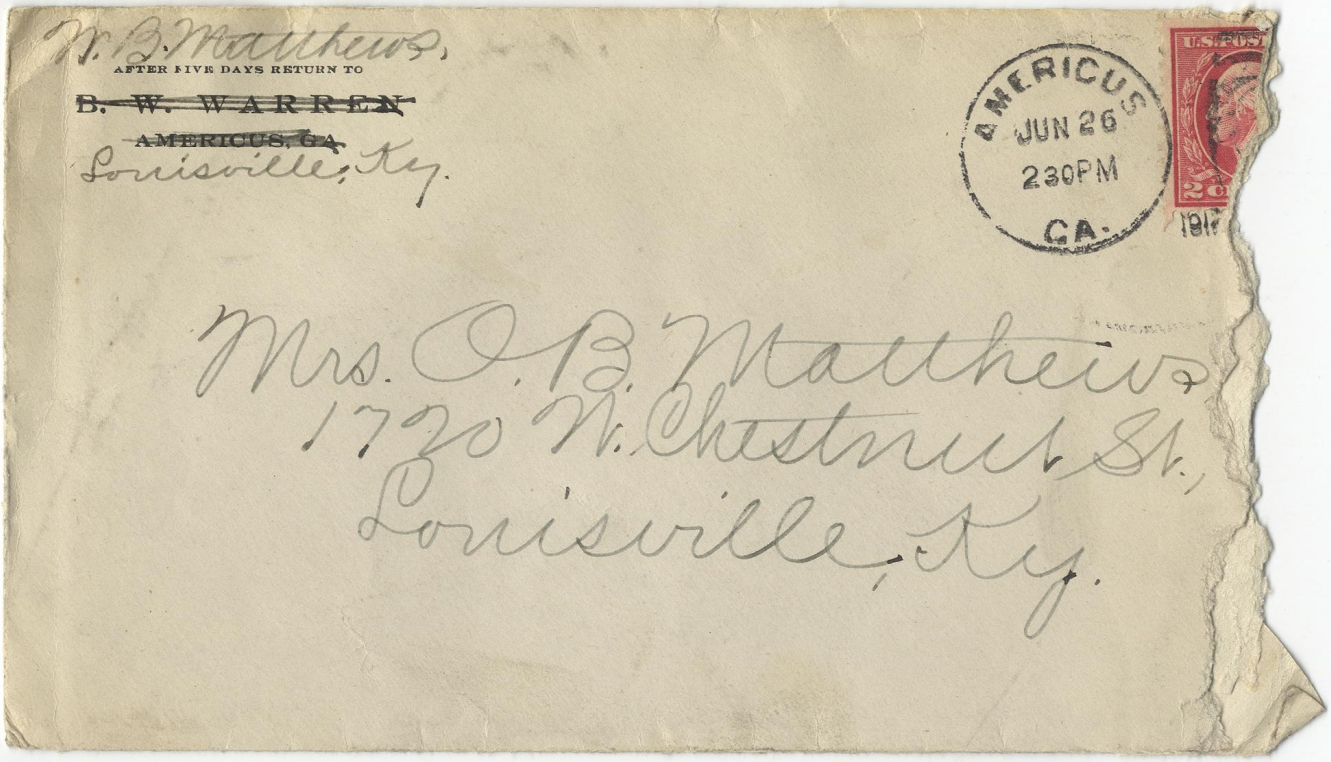
Renting Agent. If you wishes me to go forward with this work write me to that effect. I shall bring bills and receipts for every thing. I saw Brown while I was in Atlanta and he was willing to wait until I returned. Tell Mother not to fret. I shall bring things to pass.

If you get the insurance draft while I am away please write to me at once. You are liable to get it because the evidence which I submitted proved conclusively that I had the first and only right to the claim. The Quit Claim Deed is being obtained that no further question may arise. Don't worry any more about matters. I shall get them right before I make another move.

Have you heard from Mrs. Simmons and what board does she charge? Be getting ready to go. The Grand Chancellor increased the pay of the Auditors by 12½% and all that will go for your trip. What is going on in Louisville. Love to you all. I am well and have been doing fine except I suffered with a bad headache last night. While passing thro Atlanta I got some of Dr. K.C's pills. I took two last night, and am much better today. I did not see Mrs. Pitts while in Atlanta. She was not at home. I am expecting your letter here.

With lots of love to all I am,

Will. Papa. Son.



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Americus, Ga.
June 28, 1917.

My own dear Joe:

I have your letter which came yesterday. I was very glad to hear from you and to learn that you were better. By this time I trust that you are quite yourself again. You spoke of making Government shirts and said that even Louise, Willie and Leola had gone into the business. I am afraid that unless guided by Mather or some person who knows how to make shirts somebody may own more shirts than they will know what to do with. Don't let my baby get into trouble. When do you all get to go to the pictures?

I am working very hard, having to do most of the work. Prof. Gilbert has gone to Augusta and left me to do the work here and at Albany. He is get back at me for the favor which he granted me last year. We shall next Monday in Macon. I am to spend that one day in Macon. I am being well provided for in the way of something to eat. Do you want me to send you one crate of peaches?

You speak of it being hot up there. What would you think if you were in this hot place? One thing in our favor here is that it rains here nearly every day, and that cools the air.

By this time you know what I did while in Atlanta, & am expecting no trouble but a short delay. When I get things in shape, we will keep them so will we not?

Ophelia took fine care of me while I was at Knox. She is a fine cook. I have lots to tell you when I come.

I shall come and let you & Louise go, as soon as I can. In the event I am delayed in coming I will send you some money so that you all may go.

Thanks for putting in the dollar, yes I'll pay you back.

Be sweet and try to get well. Be good to all until I get back.

Yours,

Will Papa & Son.

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

~~B. W. WARREN~~

~~AMERICUS, GA.~~

June 28, 1917

Mrs. O. B. Matthews
Louisville Ky.

Mrs. O. B. Matthews,
1720 N. Chestnut St.,
Louisville, Ky.

Savannah, Ga.
July 3, 1917.

My own dear Jr:-

Arrived here last night and was made happy at the receipt of two letters from you. Above all else that delighted me was the fact that you are getting well again. I trust that you may be very careful and do not act or acts to cause your relapse. I was also pleased to learn that you were trying to do something to make our child happy. The "Reunion" must have pleased the children much. Then, too, I am glad that Louise is doing some mixing with the other girls. She must move around with some of the people and while I do not want her to shut her eyes and drop down in their midst I do want her to go among them in one way or another enough to let them know who she is and for what she stands. Is Abbie Clements working in their club? She phoned by ask.

Well, I am here after a day or two of hard work all alone in Albany.

As I wrote you Gilbert went home June 28, and left me in Americus to finish the audit there and to go to Albany to do the work in Mr. Macarthy's office. I did it and did it all O.K. Had a nice stay of two nights and a day in Albany. I slept at the home of Mr. Nadkins and took my meals with Mr. Macarthy. Both were just as nice to me as I could wish. Mrs. Macarthy sent lots of love and messages to you. I will tell you when I come home. I arrived in Macon Sunday afternoon. Went to the home of Dr. Carry, found no one at home. It was only a few steps to "Matt's" home so I went around there. I found Dr. Carry there talking with Mrs. Beasley. They had lots of company for that afternoon. Among others, Jessie Murphy who was on her way

me, and made special inquiry concerning her. Every where I have been and Louise's name becomes the topic, I am glad to say that all speak very complimentary of her.

No, I did not get a letter from Mr. Reid, but I wrote to him from Americus, Ga. in answer to letter you sent. In my letter to him I gave my Savannah address.

Thank you for ans. letters for me you gave the correct information to Mr. Evans. Tell mother to be careful with her tor. Tell her I shall do the best I can when I return to Atlanta.

I did not think you would receive any information about insurance last week but you should hear something this week. In the event you do not I shall go after those fellows next week when I return to Atlanta.

I shall act on your advice, and look after the Howell St. lot.

I shall try to deliver your messages to your friends here.

Now, I must not write any more now, as I must return to work.

home from Fort Valley where she had been teaching in the Summer school. She made much over me.

My reception by the Beasley's was cordial. All seemed please to see me. Albert her husband had just come in and he too, made me feel at home. He invited me to sup with him which I did. Mrs. B. made all kinds of inquiries concerning Miss Mildred and her last year's work. I gave the finest report words could put together. A glowing account pleased them very much. I spent the night Sunday night with Dr. Carey and finished my work in Macon by 11 o'clock Monday and was off for Savannah.

I'll hozise that I saw Miss Green while in Macon. She seemed glad to see

I am keeping well and am glad you all are getting better. Do your best to keep well. I shall be so glad when I can return you. I shall hold you to your word - not to fuss - to love and to treat me like your husband. Mrs. Cohen is here in the office and sends her best wishes.

Thank you for keeping me informed as to what is going on. Glad Mrs. & Dr. Sheppard were pleased. Dr. Adams seemed glad to get Miss Sheppard. Please write me at 1516 Central Ave, Augusta, Ga. I shall stop with Prof. John H. Gilbert.

Yours with much love to you all

Will Papa-son.

From
W. B. Matthews
Savannah Ga

July 3, 1917

Mrs. O. B. Matthews,
1726 W. Chestnut St.,
Louisville, Ky.

W. B. MATTHEWS
PRINCIPAL

Central Colored High School

LOUISVILLE, KY.

July 8, 1917.

My own dear Joe:

It is Sunday evening, and I have spent one day in the City of Augusta. I am tired and wish I was at home with you. The Gilbertts are very nice to me and doing all they can to make me happy but, some how I have been thinking of you all day. I do hope that you all are well and that everything is O.K. with you all. I am well and will be glad when this meeting is all over. I found your letter here awaiting me. I read it and, although it was so very short, I was, nevertheless, glad to get it. I inferred from it that you were not well and, at least, a little of me went along with you. Do try to keep well and happy. You will hear favorably

W. B. MATTHEWS
PRINCIPAL

Central Colored High School

LOUISVILLE, KY.

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from me by next Saturday. I shall send you a check for some money and you just must go before I can get there, why you and Louise go ahead.

I shall try to get my insurance before I leave Atlanta. You know also, that I must look after Mother's house.

We shall close our Grand Lodge session here on Thursday of this wk and I shall leave for Atlanta on the same day. Any mail sent to me at Knox will be received next Thursday night if life lasts.

I shall see Hunt here this week and shall pay him for two crates of peaches which he will send when he returns home. I will write about them later.

Tell me in your next letter all about yourself. Are you sick or are you well? What is Louise's condition?

As I wrote you, I shall pay my insurance in Atlanta this week when I return there. I will likewise, pay the Crawford note.

What are your plans for mother while you and Louise are away? I wish she could go away also. I am not sure, but I myself may go down in the country in Sty. for a week or so. I will explain more fully when I come.

Write me a nice letter and have it at Knox's when I get there.

I shall send Mr. Davis the house rent on Thursday. I am not writing cards to any body this year. What about it?

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You tell Louise that I say I know who loves papa. People who love me write to me, but others do not.

With lots and lots of love to you all, I beg to remain

Very truly yours,

Will.

I worshipped today with Rev. Dr. Bonner. Mrs. Bonner asked very tenderly after you and Louise.

They are both well and looking the same.

W. P. M.

FROM

Central Colored High School

LOUISVILLE, KY.

July 9, 1917

Mrs. O. B. Matthews
1720 N. Chestnut St.
Louisville, Ky

W. B. MATTHEWS
PRINCIPAL

Central Colored High School

LOUISVILLE, KY.

Augusta Ga., 7/11/1917.

My own dear Joe:-

Just a short note to say that I am well, and trust that you all are in good condition. I got your letter with inclosures. Was glad to hear of what is taking place. I am so sorry for Mrs. N. Glad you did what you did about the flowers. I would have done the same. I shall fill blanks and forward them to proper persons.

Well, the auditors have made their report, have been re-elected for another year and have received their stipend. I am ready and shall leave for Atlanta tomorrow. My face is turned homeward to my own. When I reach Atlanta I shall send you New York Exchange check. Hunt will send you next week two crates of peaches. I paid him for them today.

I trust that you and Louise and Mother are enjoying yourselves and that things are going your way. You need not worry about a new teacher to take Miss N.'s place. Mr. Reid will not appoint until I come. I must try to make the school stronger and not weaken it.

Just as soon as I can get away from Atlanta I shall see you all and look after teachers and clerk.

I shall write you from Atlanta.

Your own,

Will Paxton.

FROM
Central Colored High School
LOUISVILLE, KY.

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Mrs. O. B. Matthews,
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Louisville, Ky.

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Central Colored High School
LOUISVILLE, KY.

Thanks for the clippings. Many kisses for Poise and Mother. See me the 1st of the week. I will be home Sunday P.M.

122 Howell St.
Atlanta, July 12, 1917.

My own dear Joe:-

I am back in Atlanta and my face is turned toward all who are near and dear to me. I reached here this afternoon and received your very interesting communication. Thanks for it and its contents.

I shall send you an exchange check tomorrow by Special delivery for $50.00. I was going to do that if I had not received your letter. I am going in to see the rent people and if they have not sent the check I shall collect and bring it. I hope to be able to settle the insurance also. I shall, at least, know more than I know now. I will write you some definite information concerning matters tomorrow night.

Yes, I will confer with Dr. Palmer about Louise. I doubt, however, whether he even kept a record of his examination. That Exam must have been for gym work. I do not want you to ~~be~~ worry yourself to the extent that you make yourself sick and then cause Louise to imagine something is wrong when really everything is O.K. I will also write you what the Dr. has to say.

Now, dear, be as sparing in spending as you can. I received $84.45. I shall pay as follows. $25.00 Crawford Note, $28.00 House rent, $13.30 Insurance to N. C. M. & P. A. and the Standard Life, $5.00 for peaches, my ticket home $11.25 and send you $50.00. I have my lodge dues amounting to about $10.00 to pay. I hope to reach home with $50.00 and the rent if it has not been spent. You see where I am. Now, be ing to you. Ophelia and Knox send Love. With much love, I am,

Yours Will.

FROM

Central Colored High School

LOUISVILLE, KY.

N. B. Matthews

July 12/17

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Mrs. O. B. Matthews,
1720 N. Chestnut St.,
Louisville, Ky.

W. B. MATTHEWS
PRINCIPAL

Central Colored High School

LOUISVILLE, KY.

122 Howell St.,
July 14, 1917.

My own dear Joe:-

Before this good hour you have my special with inclosure. I do not want you and my other sweeties to ever be embarrassed. I trust that will hold you until I get there which will next Friday night via the Southern. I am sending you the Fulton Co. Record marked. From it you may see that I have things in shape and in a few days I shall have my insurance. I am having some delay but the way is now clear. I also, this day, had the St. improvement debt as paid out to Record or Cancelled, satisfied. Hereafter, I shall do the thing right.

Now, the next thing before me is the covering of the house. I am letting the Roofing Agents - Sharpe - Boylston & Day do the work. I tried all around and their price ($5.00 per square) was the cheapest of all. They were willing to do the work and collect for it out of the future rents. Now, in the face of the fact that I had no money I

let Sharpe Baylston and Day do the work. Now, is that satisfactory to you all? The work will cost somewhere about $100.00. It may be a little more and it may be a little less. Whatever it is the bills will come direct. For this same grade of work Alex. wanted $7.50 per square. I collected the rent and will bring it with me. It was $43.64. Nothing new about here except the death of Dr. Ponton. He died Thursday morning and will be buried next Monday at 11:30 P.M. I shall attend the funeral at Big Bethel.

Thanks for the letters and the direction you have given to others. I had several letters from various person. Young Mr Perry wrote me asking for the vacancy. I shall not take it up until I reach home. I must talk with Supt. Reid.

All are well here. Ellen, as perhaps you know, is in Chattanooga. I am tired of being here already. I don't want to be away from you. Did you get the peaches? I sent you at least two crates. Hunt said he would send you the best. Save me some if you can - otherwise do as you think best.

Love and lots of kisses to you all, Dear,

Will - Papa - Son

FROM
Central Colored High School
LOUISVILLE, KY.

July 14, 1917

Mrs. O. D. Matthews,
1720 N. Chestnut St.
Louisville, Ky.

FROM
Central Colored High School
NINTH AND CHESTNUT STREETS
LOUISVILLE, KY.

Aug 9, '22

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W. B. MATTHEWS
PRINCIPAL

Central Colored High School

NINTH AND CHESTNUT STREETS
LOUISVILLE, KY.

Aug. 9, 1922.

My dear Joe:-

Since writing you another day has passed. In many respects it was uneventful. I called to see Ellen and Bodie and we talked over the situation of the Will left by sister. The facts are as follows: Gladys has no money in bank. While she pays Frank his interest regularly from her rent there is no funds from the other girls could get any of the bequest. Since coming here I have learned that she has sold 124 Howell St. and has not deposited the money, so far as Allen her Attorney knows. As the matter now stands there are no funds left for the Nieces. Everything is the name of Mrs. Nash. They, Ellen and Bodie, have made up their minds to inform Frank of the situation and to proceed along legal lines to make Gladys redeposit the amount of the Will or enjoin her from selling her other property until the amount of the will is secured. You be thinking it over and if you agree that course will be taken.

I have just left Smith the man whose Grandfather - now dead - was responsible for the fence across my lot. He was very nice and objected in no wise to my having removed the fence. In fact he reimbursed me for what I paid for moving the fence. I will explain in full when I come.

I have been to call on Mrs. Brown and inspected the house front and back. Say to mother that the property is in fairly good condition. The front or big house is in good condition. The rear needs some little repairs. I'll explain when I come.

Called on Siva this morning. She seemed very glad to see me. She looks fine. She is nearly as heavy as you. She asked me all kinds of questions about you. Fannie had written her all about Louise.

As I said yesterday, there is doubt about selling on Howell St. These people who want to buy have no money. Unless I see something by Saturday you may expect me Monday Night. While the people here are very nice home is the best place.

Have lots to tell you when I come. All send love to you and mother.

Bodie is leaving for home tomorrow morning. Have her attitude on Gladys. I wrote Louise yesterday. I am taking dinner with Slater today. Be a good girl.

Yours Will.

FROM
Central Colored High School
NINTH AND CHESTNUT STREETS
LOUISVILLE, KY.

Aug 8, 1922

Mrs. O. B. Matthews,
2121 N. Chestnut St.
Louisville, Kentucky.

Central Colored High School
W. B. MATTHEWS
PRINCIPAL
NINTH AND CHESTNUT STREETS
LOUISVILLE, KY.

Aug. 8, 1922.

My own dear Joe:-

Today finds me moving on right-side up with care. I am well and in good spirits. I did a big days work yesterday. I hired a man and went out to 147 Howell St. and knocked down and removed the fence from my lot and placed it back on the line. I did it in good shape with any trouble. It cost me only fifty cents. I said nothing to the other party. I shall go and inform him today. The man who had the fence placed there is dead. The present owner is one Maynard Smith. He investigated his right to my land and found that he had none but did not move the fence because his tenants had a garden on it. That is the situation as told to me by his tenants. I moved the fence and told his tenants that they could get all garden produce on my land. Don't worry now about the fence. Now I shall turn my attention to the sale of the property. I find that these fellows have no money. I shall not sell at all unless I get at least $2000.00 Cash. Several

persons seem to want it, but so far I see no money in sight. I will write you again tomorrow. Well, I am seeing lots of the people. Monday I saw Mr. & Mrs. White, Mrs. Brown, Mildred and Mrs Knight Darden and Ethel. They all seemed glad to see me and all asked after you, mother and Louise.

I am going out to see Sisters Ellen & Bodie today. They expressed a desire to talk with me. I am going over and shall write you what we talk about. — I have just learned this morning that Ophelia Nash has sold one of her places here for three thousand dollars. I was talking with Allen yesterday and he knew nothing about it. Now, Allen recommends that Ophelia be enjoined from selling unless she deposits five thousand dollars, the full amount originally left by "Sister" in bank. Allen says the corpus — $5000.00 should not be spent. I will write you as soon as I see them.

I shall do some calling today and shall have some news to write tomorrow. I am writing to Louise also today. Love to mother

— your son Will

W. B. MATTHEWS
PRINCIPAL

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NINTH AND CHESTNUT STREETS
LOUISVILLE, KY.

Aug. 7, 1922.

My own dear Joe:-

I arrived safely about three hours late and found Allen and a fellow named Chester whom I used to teach at Hampton sa patiently waiting for me. There were no events on the way.

I went out to Peyton's, took a shave, made a few changes, had something to eat and we started for a car to church. While we were waiting Dr., Mrs. Butler and Henry drove by in their car, took us up and carried us across town to the church. While we a little late we heard the major part of the sermon and I want to say that it was good. It was Communion Sunday and there was a good congregation present. After the sermon Dr. Madison went up told the pastor that I was there and to call on me to say a word. He did so and I talked. Well, what I said pleased and impressed.

Mr. & Mrs. Herndon invited me to take dinner with them. I did so. It was very nice. I remembered table manners and was careful.

At the church I really had an ovation. I will tell you all about it when I come.

Late in the afternoon, when I got away from the Herndon's I went over to see Ellen, and her folk. I found them all at home. They seemed very pleased to see me. Bodie looks well and Ellen is getting more flesh on her. Ambrosia is not so stout but looks fine. Her New boy is fine.

I went by the Howell St. place, saw the fence and the situation. I shall move the fence tomorrow, and without trouble. From there I went down Auburn Ave. and met Finch with his little Grand Son. Finch looks fine and I think some stouter than when I was here before. I went by the Rucker's and saw them. Mr. R. is not well at all. He has fallen off and thin. Mrs. R. has not been well but is up and better. I met Ethel at the Rucker's with her baby. Ethel's baby is fine and she looks well. I shall go to see others today and tomorrow. The people seem very glad to see me. Five or six people seem anxious to buy my Howell St. place. I hope you all are well and happy. The Allen's send love. I shall go to see Mrs Grove today. Will write. Love to Mather.

Your own Will.

the Cause? Attend every Sunday beginning today. My address today is a summary of my three years with you: Bring every member of the Home! Let us all eat dinner together at the Church. It will be another opportunity for the Church family to be together at the table. Take our address and write us a line to comfort us while away.

We welcome back home to visit Mrs. Hattie Cater Haynes who is visiting relatives before joining her husband who will teach History this year in Talladega College. She has been recipient of many social courtesies.

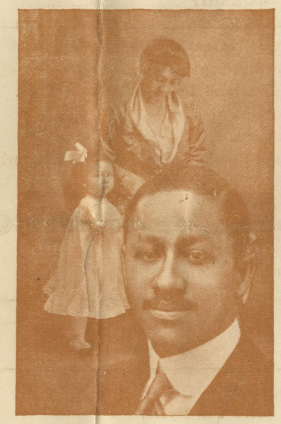
A committee is arranging an informal reception for Wednesday night at the Midweek ervice for the pastor and family. The members of the Church are invited to share in an expression of gratitude for their third hard year's work.

A birthday party given Friday night on the Community Playground by the Every Need Club was a great success. Mrs. Berta Kines Walton is president.

A Sunday dinner will be given by Circle No. 3 of which Mrs. Minnie Davis is president and Mrs. Manley, vice-president. Everyone is invited to eat dinner at the Church following the morning service.

MY CHURCH: Ought to be kept up just like my home, what I withhold from it reflects on me. If I give it nothing shows the emptiness of my soul. Even if I can't give it money I can give it my presence, my sympathy and my prayers: "Times are hard" only when I deal with my Church. But its mine. I'll not allow anyone to speak against my Church because of me. I shall be in my place each Sunday, bring my family and use my influence for my Church. "Tho all else should flee" I'll stand by to safeguard its interest.

Pastors Vacation Number



Rev. and Mrs. Russell Brown
and Alice Elaine

"I will allow no man to drag me so low as to hate him."— BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 1922

CHUCH SCHOOL ..... 9:30 A. M.

MORNING WORSHIP .....11:00 A. M.

Processional; Invocation; Hymn of Praise.
Responsive Reading; Gloria; Scriptures.
Interlude; Pastoral Prayer; Choral esponse.
Anthem.
Announcements.
Two Minute Speaker—Deacon F. J. Wimberly.
Solo—Mrs. J. W. Burney.
Hymn of Praise.
Sermon—"The Nature of God."—The Pastor.
Offering; Offertory and Prayer
Benediction.

EVENING SERVICE 8:00

ONE HOU LONG

Organ Voluntary.
Apostles' Creed and Hymn.
Prayer and Anthem.
Sermon—Dr. Brown.
Offering and Hymn.
Benediction.

An interesting service will be given every Sunday night by committees. Be sure to attend.

PARISH NEWS

The Community Board is very grateful to all who helped to make the program at the Auditorium-Armory July 25th a success in the sale of tickets and other work.

Miss Annie Doris Roland was the successful contestant in the largest sale of tickets—having sold $93.00 worth. She will be awarded the prize as delegate to the National Convention in Chicago, August 23rd.

Miss Edith Wimbish was the next highest contestant.

The Pastor and Family leave Thursday at 4:25 P. M. on their vacation. They will spend two weeks resting before going to the Convention in Chicago. The pulpit will be filled by various speakers of interest as shown by the Vacation Bulletin next Sunday. The Board of Deacons will supply other speakers and Special Committees for night service. Mrs. Fannie Walls will have charge of the Parsonage and Home during their absence.

New members received today: Mr. Huggins and Mr. W. H. Jenkins, Mrs. Wm. Burney.

Delegates elected by the Church to the National Convention are the Pastor, F. P. Raiford, L. L. Foster. Delegates from the Missionary Union will be elected this, Monday afternoon, at 4 P. M.

PASTOR'S WEEKLY REMINDERS

Hope every one will do his best to keep things going at high speed during our absence. My rest and successful vacation will depend upon the interest and well-being of each of you. Will every one make an extra effort to be loyal and enthusiastic for

Eat dinner at the Church Sunday with the Church Family anddo a service too.

FROM

Central Colored High School

NINTH AND CHESTNUT STREETS

LOUISVILLE, KY.

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Mrs O. B. Matthews
2521 W. Chestnut
Louisville, Kentucky

FROM
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LOUISVILLE, KY.

July 13, '22

Mrs. O. B. Matthews,
2121 W. Chestnut St.,
Louisville, Ky.

Sorry mother has been feeble. Hope she is quite herself again.

Dean Moore is up here looking after his daughter's husband who is sick from caused directly coming from Oversea troubles. He put him in the hospital yesterday. Dean Moore tells me that his daughter will be a Mother within two months. He says he is going to live in New York. I will tell you more when I see you.

Saw M. M. Lucas here this morning. He is working here. I am to see him again.

I have already seen Mrs. Thomas & the family, gave them your love and promised to Sonise by. They look well. I have not been able to see Nannie but once. She looked good.

With lots of love and many kisses, I beg to remain

Your own,

M. B. Matthews.

W. B. MATTHEWS
PRINCIPAL

Central Colored High School
NINTH AND CHESTNUT STREETS
LOUISVILLE, KY.

July 1 1922

I sent H. C. Hunt a check for $7.00 and he will send me a crate of canned peaches for Sarah for Thanksgiving Dinner

Dearest Joe:-

This is only a line to thank you for the letters you sent me and the enclosure from Mr. Hare. I have in mind what he is speaking of and shall take due and timely notice. Glad you all are well and happy. Louise and I are moving on right-side up with care. Louise seems now to be getting the run of the situation in hand and is able, so she thinks to take care of herself. Other than monthly troubles she is doing fine. Already she is quite a New Yorker. I will tell you more when I come.

I shall leave here Monday. Am not sure which way I shall come. It is just as cheap to come by Columbus, Ohio, and Indianapolis, Ind. I am thinking of coming that way. In the event I do I shall arrive about 11:40 P. M. Tuesday Night.

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ITH AND CHESTNUT STREETS
LOUISVILLE, KY.

July 20, 22

Mrs. O. P. Matthews,
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Louisville, Ky.

CLASSES BEGIN AT COLUMBIA

Summer School Enrollment May Set New Record.

MORE THAN 12,000 EXPECTED

Dormitories and Section Crowded as Sessions Start.

Columbia University began its twenty-third summer session to-day with an enrollment which, early registration figures indicate, will establish a new high mark. Unemployment, strikes and the general factors entering into the higher cost of education have not stemmed the tide which each July sets in toward Morningside Heights from all parts of the country and which year by year gains in volume.

Last year 11,800 students registered. This year, in the opinion of Registrar Edward J. Grant, the enrollment is likely to exceed 12,000. The first three days were record breakers, the total being 7,754, as against 5,381 in 1921. This increase, Mr. Grant explained to-day, was due in part to a shifting of the registration period, which previously began earlier and afforded the students more time in which to register before classes got under way. The result was to concentrate registrations with gains in numbers, which to a considerable extent is more apparent than real.

Increase Each Day.

With appropriate allowance made for this condition the summer school authorities feel that the attendance will surpass that of all previous years. The registration on the first day was 2,254, compared with 1,113 last year; on the second day, 2,597 compared with 1,767; and on the third, 2,903 compared with 2,501.

For the first time in the history of the summer school the registration on each of the first three days was more than 2,000. Regular registration will continue to-day and to-morrow in the university gymnasium.

The Columbia summer session began its existence in 1900 with an attendance of 417. This year's army of students represents an increase in the neighborhood of 3,000 per cent. At the start a relatively few courses were given, and the teaching staff was small. To-day more than 1,000 courses are offered and they embrace virtually the entire range of elementary, intermediate and higher education.

Hundreds of instructors, including scholars of international distinction, are now giving instruction. They come not only from Columbia, but from schools, colleges and universities of the East and West, as well as from abroad. They include men of the type of Dean Roscoe Pound of the Harvard Law School, who with Prof. John Dewey and Prof. Walter W. Cook is directing special conferences in jurisprudence.

Many Women Among Students.

A large number of women are members of the teaching staff. Women form a large part of the student body. Teachers from schools in many States are enrolled in increased number. The bulk of these are working for higher degrees and in many cases their tuition and other expenses are defrayed by school boards in the towns and cities in which they teach. Professional workers and students aiming to expedite their college work constitute considerable groups.

The university dormitories open to summer school students are full to overflowing and thousands of the big Morningside colony, which sprang up in a night, are finding quarters in the apartment houses of the neighborhood. The university commons is taxed to capacity.

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NINTH AND CHESTNUT STREETS
LOUISVILLE, KY.

July 10, 192

Dearest Joe:-

This is my 4th letter to you but not a word from you to me. Instead of writing you talked about me in a letter to Sonise. Well, when a man gets "old" that is the way he is treated, considered and spoken of. I shall have to take it for my share. I am thankful to say that I am here trying to look after the one who you think about most.

Sonise has her summer school program about adjusted. Tommorro, Tuesday she enters upon her six weeks of hard work, but I feel sure she will like it and that she will make good. I went over with her this morning and waited while she found her way around to her several classes and books stores, etc. She is now very happy, especially, because there

Wrote you to see Philia yesterday. She has a fine boy. She is altogether thinking better in health. They seem so happy with the boy. Mrs. Johnson sent her kindest regards to you. Mary is spending her summer with Sonise seemed so happy to see them. Grace is with them - Beasie is very tired, we are out at the fence across my Atlanta lot. I think I had better perhaps it wore

are so many of her friends here. Today she met Grace Carter, Jessie Penn, Grace Nash, Bessie Goosby, Jennie Cunningham Muriel Proctor, the Harper boy, one of Tom Elders' boys, many more of her Atlanta friends and acquaintances. New York is simply full of Atlanta University people attending Columbia. Louise said she would tell you of Mrs. M. Agnes Bowell Jones and me meeting on the street in New York. Everything has gone well for your daughter. Take this from me. Your daughter will get all that is coming if she keeps well. I thank you for sending $5.00. I did not know I had so many draws. You sent no undershirts at all. I will make out or buy one. Look for me either next Tuesday night or Wednesday. My money is out and I must come. I wish, however, it were possible for me to remain here for the Summer school. Be sure take care of yourself and mother til I get to you.

With love, I am,

Will.

FROM
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July 8, '22

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Bridges Can't Take School Board Place

Citizens' Union Vice President Is Ineligible for Late Dr. Bloom's Position.

Isham Bridges, vice president of the Citizens Union Fourth Street Bank, will not be elected as a member of the Board of Education to succeed the late Dr. I. N. Bloom, it was learned yesterday.

No person connected with a firm which has a contract with the board is eligible, and the board has some of its money in the bank with which Mr. Bridges is connected.

William Hoke Camp, president of the board, expressed regret for himself and the entire body after Mr. Bridges declined to accept the place.

ISHAM BRIDGES, bank vice president, will succeed Dr. I. N. Bloom on the Board of Education.

BANKER TO GO ON SCHOOL BOARD

Isham Bridges Is to Succeed Dr. I. N. Bloom As Member of Body.

Isham Bridges, vice president of the Citizens Union Fourth Street Bank, will fill the vacancy on the Board of Education caused by the death of Dr. I. N. Bloom, it was announced last night. Mr. Bridges will be formally elected at a called meeting of the board at 12:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Mr. Bridges is a native of Louisville. He began business life with the Weissinger Tobacco Company. Later he entered the banking business with the Fidelity Trust Company, where he was employed until he was appointed manager of the Louisville Clearing House Association.

This latter position he held for twenty-five years, leaving it to assume his duties as vice president of the Fourth Street Bank, April 1, 1920.

Dr. Bloom, educational leader in Louisville, died July 23 at the Norway Sanitarium, Indianapolis. He was the oldest member in point of service of the Board of Education. In 1888 he was elected School Trustee, serving until 1892. He was again elected in 1908, serving two years.

Dr. Bloom was elected president of the Louisville School Board in 1908, and when this body became the Board of Education he was elected as president again in 1910, serving until 1912. Twice since that time he had held that office, the last time being in 1921.

[illegible]. Bridges' name was suggested to [illegible]embers of the board by Dr. A. B. [illegible] member of the board, and a [illegible] Mr. [illegible]

W. B. MATTHEWS
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LOUISVILLE, KY.

Y. M. C. A. N. 135th St. Branch, New York
July 8, 1922.

My own dear Joe:-

I sent a special yesterday to say that we arrived safely and were both conveniently placed. I am writing today to say we went over to the University this morning and Louise completed her registration without a hitch. She got what she wanted and if that does not prove satisfactory she may make changes provided they are made within the next day or two. So far every step has been good.

I am pleased to report also that Louise is much delighted with her stopping place. She is as happy as she can well be without you. It goes without another word that Louise will be happy.

Nannie has been to call on Louise and I think they plan to go to school together.

Mrs. Fannie Douglas Howard is stopping two or three doors from the Pace's and is attending Columbia. She and Louise will go together in the event Mamie's and Louise's hours do not come together. Fannie is Music teacher in the Junior High at Washington D.C. and is here taking Public School Music. So far as I can see your little girl will have every safe guard necessary. I shall go to see Mrs. Penn and Jessie perhaps tomorrow. Instead of being on the same street as Louise they are just around the corner on N. 139th. Lots of "colored" will be at Columbia this year. Sorry I cannot stay. Be sweet and take good care of yourself and Mother until I come. Plan to go to Rev. Proctor's church tomorrow Sunday. With lots of love, Lam,

Will.

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LOUISVILLE, KY.

W. B. MATTHEWS
PRINCIPAL

July 5, 1918.

My very dear Jos:-
I hope you all are well and happy. I am moving on right side up with care.
Your letter to Americus was received yesterday and its contents carefully noted. I have the letter from Mr Benson and shall comply right away.
I am sending you a check for $50.00 from it please pay house rent $28.00 to Mrs. Johnson and $5.00 on my Liberty Bond. The rest you will please leave in bank. I am sending out a few checks. I will send you your money when I get my pay next week. I am in Americus today but will go to Albany tomorrow.

I hope you all have been well. I think I never wanted to be with you quite so much as I did yesterday. I am sure you had watermelon. We did not have any here.

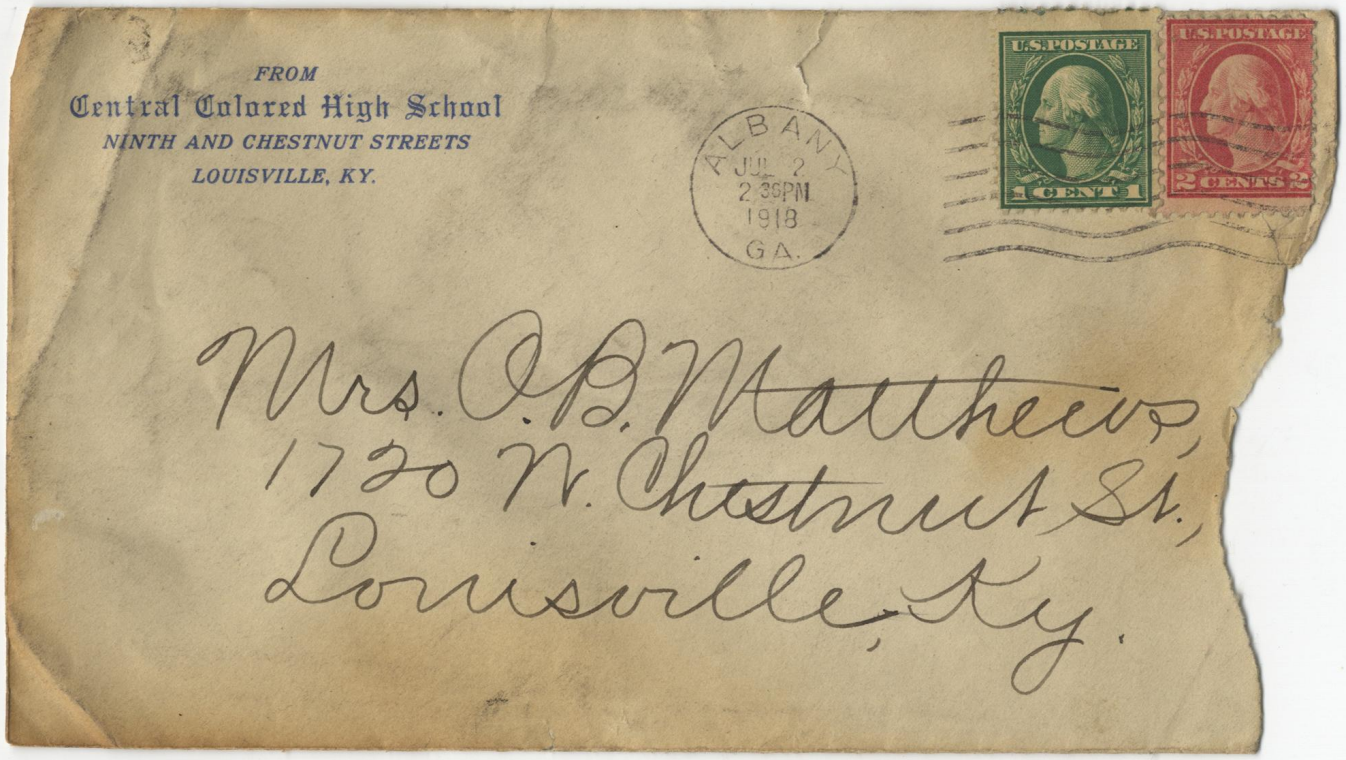
Mr. Hershad did not say any thing of vital importance. You know how he knows everything which goes on.

This letter is short and rambling in my next I will tell you all the news.

Be quiet and write me soon.

Yours.

W. B. Matthews.



FROM
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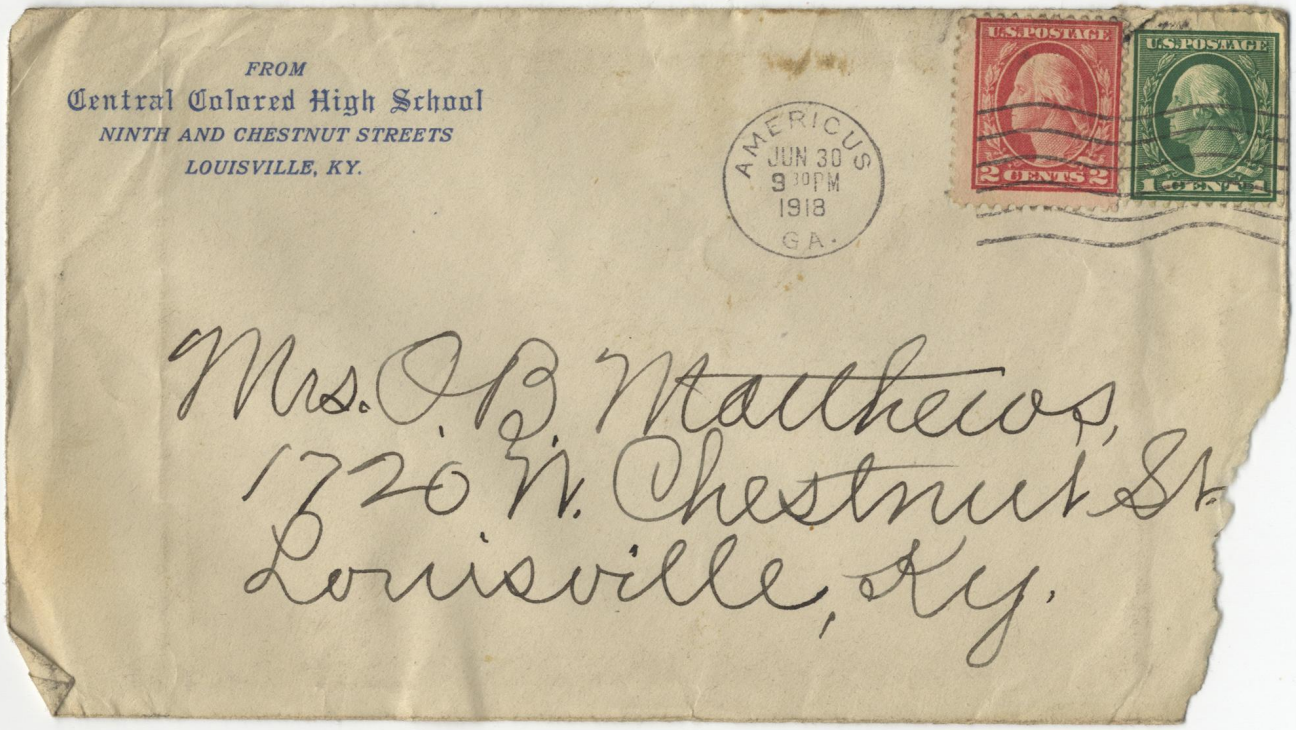
LOUISVILLE, KY.

W. B. MATTHEWS
PRINCIPAL

Albany, Ga. July 2, 1918.

Dearest Joe:-
I am here a day ahead but here for only two days. I shall return to Americus and Macon for two days before the convening of the Grand Lodge. I am well and trust you all are in good shape. I found Mr & Mrs. Macarthy in good health. Both of them asked after you and sent best regards.
I got a letter from Mr. Benson, the Scout Executive. I shall write him. Hope things are going well with you. I shall send you the money with which to pay the house rent tomorrow. Please pay it Mrs. Johnson. Davis requested that I pay it to her.

I am going to try to get you some peaches next week & wish you would write me just how many crates you would like.
Give my best wishes to those who may inquire after me.
This letter is short. I shall write you again tomorrow.
With love and kisses
I am
Will.



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My dear Joe:

Well, I am just in from Church where I did as usual—slept. I am moving on right side up with care. Hope you and the others are well and happy. I am hard at work but enjoying the change. As you know I am having plenty to eat of the very best well cooked—I am at Mrs. Warren's. I leave here Wednesday for Macon, Ga. for a few hours and then we go back to Albany, where I remain until the Grand Lodge is over.

Yes, I miss you very much and have had you constantly on my mind all this week. I am sure you will say and do the right things in all matters around there. The good white women interested in the work of your committee will stand with you in all matters pertaining to what is best. You do not have to submit to any humiliation from Carter.

I have met quite a few old friends already on this trip. Mrs. Lura Greenwood Hart lives here. Her husband Dr. Hart has a car and will take Gilbert and me for a drive this p. m.

Next week I shall send you the check for your money and at the same time I will send you an additional $5.00 with which to pay my Liberty Bond payments at my bank. I am quite sure from present indications that you will have your husband with you next Summer. I think I have enough this time. I can be elected if I care to but I am sure you want me to quit.

When I get to Atlanta, I am going to see if I can arrange for our loan in Monthly payments at $30.00 or 35.00 per mo.

I have been away since I began this letter. Dr. and Mrs. Hart took me & Dr. Gilbert for a drive. We were out nearly three or four hours. I then came back and made an address to the B.Y.P.U. I am finishing this letter. Send any mail which you have for me Albany, Ga. C/o C. H. Macarthy. Be as sweet as you can and love me much as you can. I shall see if I can send you some peaches. I shall see Hunt next week. I hope to hear from you real soon.

As ever, W. B. Matthews.

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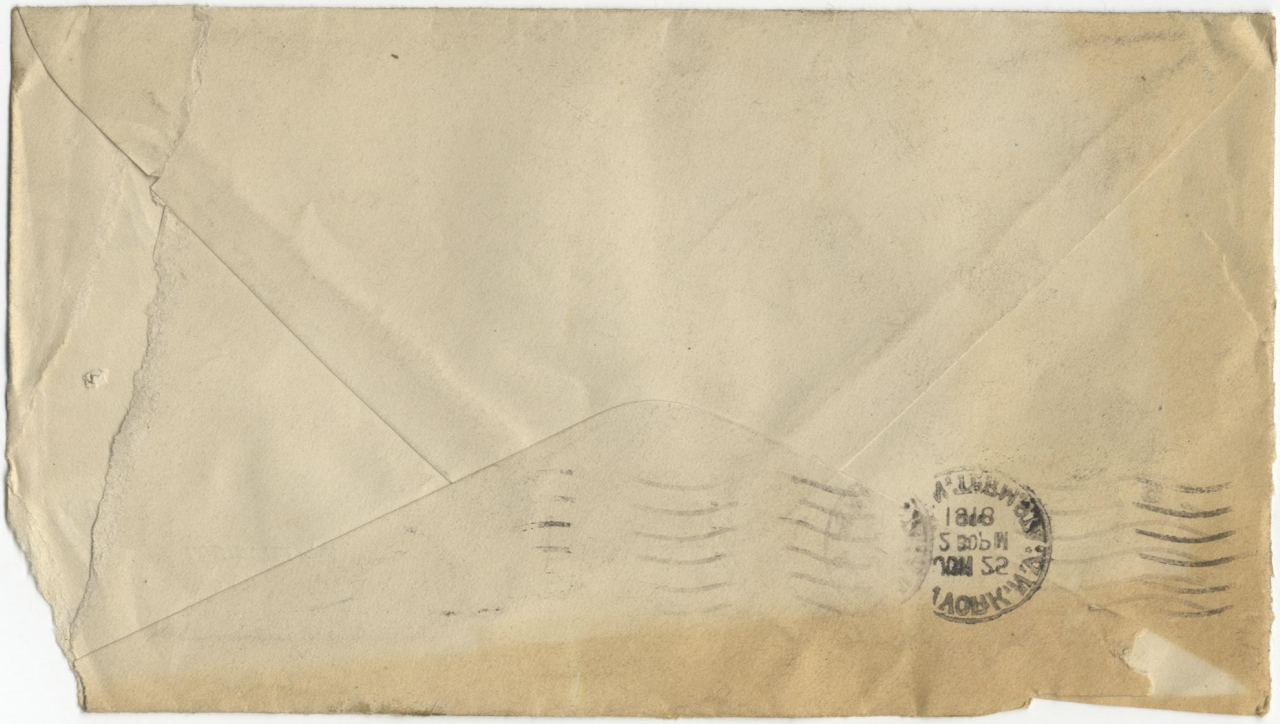

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W. B. MATTHEWS
PRINCIPAL

June 25, 1918.

Wife, Daughter and Mother,
Dear Folk:-
I arrived in New York safely and am writing you all before I am located. The trip was a tiresome because so many people are traveling to New York and Washington. Every body seems to be going to see his or her boy before he leaves for France.
I am well and shall, as soon as I can, find me something to eat. You all be sure to take care of yourselves. Keep me informed as to conditions. I find that I shall leave here tomorrow night at 8:35 for Bainbridge via the Atlantic Coast Line. I shall arrive there Friday at 11:25, if train is on time. I will write you if any change in plans.

I have nothing to write, and
am as dirty as a pig. I must
go and clean up and look about
I will write you again to-
night or in the morning.
Now all of you be just as
good and as sweet as you
can and I will reward you
by coming to you as soon as
possible.
With lots of love in the
order named in the salutation
of this letter, I am as ever,
Will

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Office of B. W. WARREN, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

Americus, Ga. June 28, 1916.

My very dear Joe:-

I leave here tomorrow for Savannah. Already we have completed the audit in the offices of the Grand Chancellor, G. R. Hutto, and the Grand Keeper of Records and Seals, B. W. Warren. This is the quickest work in the history of the Order.

The Grand Chancellor says I may go to Boston Next Monday and not return until Sunday July 9th without loss of pay. Another thing he says, and that is that I may be elected if I care to be. It is a great thing to be in the land of your friends.

I am now at Mrs. Warren's, and you will remember that she is the lady who feeds me. I am just doing finely. I am having good table manners so don't worry.

How are you all getting on? What is new among the "Villians"?

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You may write me at Savannah so that it may reach me by Monday morning, otherwise it will miss me. After that date I shall be on the road until Sunday July 9th, when I shall reach Albany, Ga. Please forward any important mail for the 9th of July to Albany, Ga. care C. H. Mccarthy. I will write you a card from N.Y. and Boston.

In the event I have a few minutes while in Boston, asked mother what she would like to have me do or go for her? I certainly will not have much time.

I will inform you when I get to Savannah as to cost of trip to Boston and back. I am looking for a letter from you at Savannah. Do not let me down. With much love to you all, I am, Your Bro,

W. D. Matthews.

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AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

~~B. W. WARREN~~

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W. B. M.

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