

Washington, D. C. January 10th, 1916.

Professor W. B. Matthews:

Louisville, Ky.,

Dear Professor:

I have been taking a little annual leave ever since last Friday, the 7th, and will not return for duty until the 17th, next Monday, therefore, I did not receive your kind letter containing check for \$28.00 for rent, from the 5th of Dec. 1915 to the 5th of January, 1916, until this morning, when I called there to see if there was any mail for me. I therefore wish to thank you for same and apologize for my tardiness in sending you the enclosed receipt.

I hope this letter will find you and your family quite well-- we are all well with the exception of slight colds. I sincerely wish for you and yours a most prosperous and successful year during 1916.

I wish to say in regard to the repairs that have been made, being a case of emergency, you did exactly right, for I only meant when I wrote to you, that it was only in cases where the repairs were not so urgent thereby giving me time to take the matter up myself. I hope you did not get offended, as I explained to you, it is mutually understood between Mr. Harris, my mother and myself in regard to this matter, and, of course, as you know, we all like to know what we have to spend before we spend it--this is the only reason I have for asking this. Enclosed please find receipt.

Most respectfully,

John B. Davis

No 50,

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John B. Davis

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BALTIMORE, Md., June 3,1916.

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

My dear Prof. Matthews:

It was great pleasure to me to see you just a little while in Louisville attending the session of the Lexington Conference. I thought that I would have an opportunity to speak further to you in reference to my son. I desire to say that he has experience as a teacher. He graduated with honor from Wesley University, Middletown, Conn. He did post-graduate work in Columbia University four years for his master degree and he has had five years experience in teaching. He can teach the languages, history or anything of that kind. Professor Kelly Miller recommended him last summer when you desired to secure a teacher, but the time was so short and you were in such a rush for a teacher that you had to take the first man you could get. If you have any opening that you are contemplating this year, I would be glad for you to give my son a chance. Kindly write me as soon as possible to my address given below.

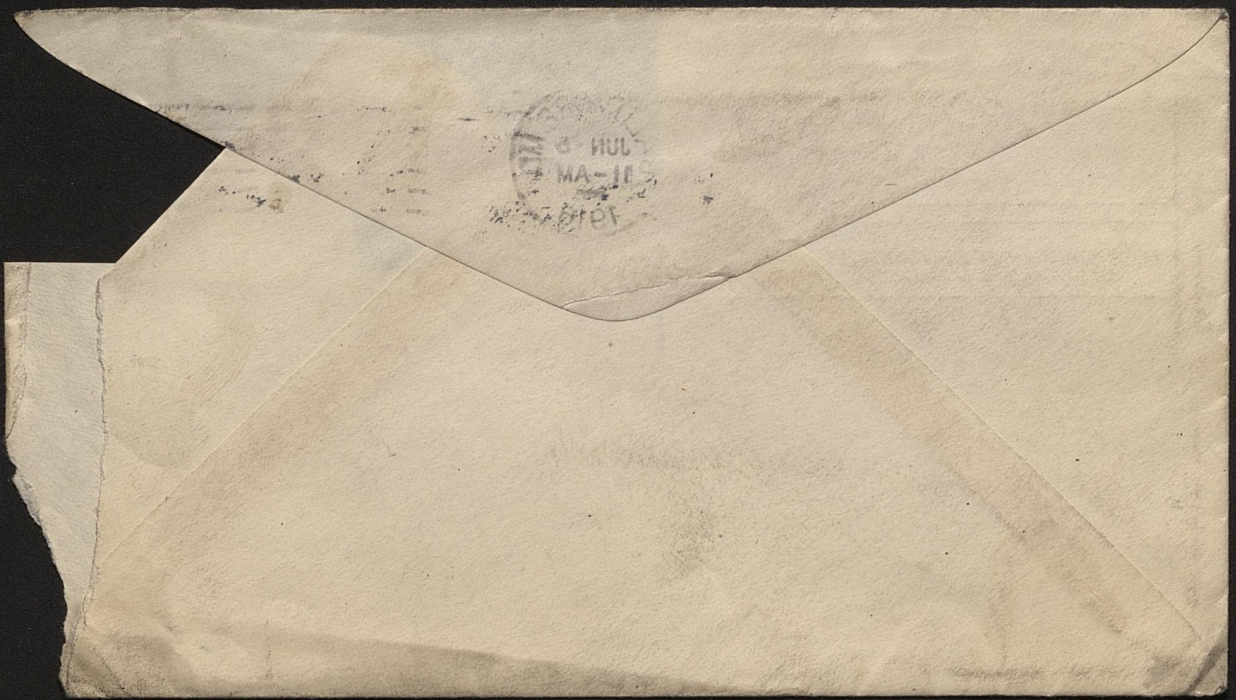
I wish you every blessing in life. I am
Sincerely

I. L. Thomas

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From ISAAC L. THOMAS, Field Secretary
2111 Druid Hill Ave., BALTIMORE, MD.

Prof. W. B. Matthews,
1720 W. Chestnut Street,
Louisville, Ky.



Atlanta Ga

July 6-16

Dear sir

your house is leaking

bad and the plastering is fall
ing unless it is fixed soon
is all will fall and the
front steps need fixing to

several things need fixing
and the fence need fixing

hoping to hear from

you soon

yours truly

C. W. Gholston

20 Lyons Ave

Atlanta

it is raining
hard every day
and it is leaking
on my things

3111 Druid Hill Ave.,
Baltimore, Md.,
July 5, 1916.

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

My dear Prof. Matthews:

I wrote you a letter some time ago expressing a desire that my son might work with you next year. I asked you to send an application blank for a teacher's position. I have heard nothing in response to my letter. I take it for granted that you have been very busy closing up the year's work and have not gotten around to the matter. You would do me a treat favor if you will send him an application blank and make any suggestion you might desire and ask him any questions concerning his qualifications.

I told you that Professor Kelly Miller will highly recommend him and you can write to Judge Robert Terrill and he will, also, endorse him. Judge Terrill's address is 1333 F Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. You know where to find Professor Kelly Miller--Howard University. I will thank you so much if you will write my son immediately to 827 Grape Street, Syracuse, N. Y.. I thank you in advance for what you may do in the matter.

I wish you a pleasant and profitable vacation and trust that everything goes well in your plan for another year.

God bless and keep you. Please write soon. I am

Sincerely,

G. F. Thomas.

Tuskegee Institute, Alabama,
July 25, 1916.

Mr. W. B. Matthews,
Principal Central High School,
Louisville, Kentucky.

My dear Mr. Matthews:

I am sending you an application
for a position as teacher of science
or mathematics.

My early education was received
at Tuskegee Institute. I was graduated
from that institution in the year of
1909. I then entered Atlanta University
and was graduated from there in
the year of 1915.

I was a tutor in the chemical and physical laboratories at Atlanta University for four years. I taught Arithmetic one summer at Tuskegee and last year I taught Science and had charge of the Academic Work in Phillips University at Tyler, Texas. I taught also Science in the Smith County Summer Normal at Tyler this summer.

Concerning my ability as a student, you may write to Mr. E. T. Ware, Box 147, Ogunquit, Maine.

I am a Christian and a member of the Church of Christ at Atlanta University.

Yours very truly,
John P. Whittaker.

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October 13, 1916.

Mr. W. B. Matthews,
Principal, Central Colored High School,
Louisville, Kentucky.

My dear Sir:

Sometime during the summer a young man by the name of Marshall Blount from Birmingham, Alabama, was suggested to you to fill the position as instructor of Blacksmithing in your school. I am very anxious to know if he secured the position mentioned and if he is doing the work in an acceptable and satisfactory manner. I am the instructor in Blacksmithing at this institution and am anxious to know if he is making good.

Be kind enough to treat my inquiry as confidential. Also let me have his address in your city if there. Thanking you,

Yours very truly,

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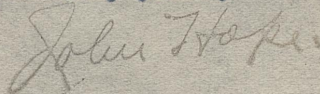
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ATLANTA BAPTIST COLLEGE
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

November 2, 1916.

Dear Sir:

In reply to my letter written with reference to December 2nd or December 29th for the meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Association of Teachers in Colored Schools, I have heard from twenty five officers and members of the Committee. Of these twenty five, fifteen definitely favor December 29th, six are willing to have December 29th, two prefer December 2nd, and two have no preference. If I include myself among the voters there would really be sixteen out of twenty six definitely favoring December 29th as the day of the meeting. Acting upon this vote, I am requesting you to attend the meeting in New Orleans, December 29th. Hoping that you will be present, I am

Sincerely yours,



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

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Nov. 15, 1916

Prof. W. B. Matthews,
Principal Central Colored High School,
9th and Magazine Streets,
Louisville, Ky.

Dear friend,

I was pleased to get your letter of October 18th and learn that things were going well with you.

All of us here are well and hard at work and I think in many respects things have never gone quite so well as this year. This does not refer to financial conditions especially, though in that respect I am hoping that we shall be able to get through the year in spite of Wilson, War and other discouraging conditions.

It is true that a great many colored people are leaving the South for various points in the North ^{though} comparatively few have gone from this section so far, and as a result it has not yet ^{to be} come the burning question that I understand it is in other places.

While no doubt many things are contributing to this exodus, in my opinion and so far as I have been able to learn, the main causes are a desire on the part of large numbers of colored people to better themselves in a material way. In this connection I may state that so far as I have been able to find out there has been comparatively little increase in wages for laborers, especially farm hands, during the past year or two, while the cost of living, as you know, has gone up enormously. "I do not see how they can live on what they make" is an

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Prof. W. B. Mathews: 2nd sheet

expression which one oftens hears now when persons are speaking of wage earners, particularly farm hands of this section. A rather curious co-incidence just now is that practically every man who owns land and even renters who rent land and work it for themselves and share croppers have made money and are perhaps in little better conditions than they have been for years, while the laborers were never quite so poor.

The other cause and one which may be even deeper than the one just mentioned is the desire of a great many Negroes to go where they can enjoy a larger degree of personal liberty and be free from the constant dread of mob violence. Let people say what they will, ~~but~~ there is no doubt in my mind that this is one of the chief causes for the exodus which is taking so many of our people North.

We had a pleasant visit from Mrs. Kate Ware Smith, a short while ago. She was visiting schools and graduates with the hope of getting information and inspiration for the half million dollar campaign for A.U. this year. We are praying earnestly that Mr. Ware and others who are helping him may succeed beyond their expectations.

With best wishes for all of you and with the hope that I shall hear from you occasionally,

I am

Your friend,



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November 15th 1916

Prof W B Mathews
Louisville Ky

My dear Sir:

I have just returned from a visit to Tuskegee Institute, and Mr Richardson informed me that he had written you regarding the information you desired about the proposed Cyclopaedia of the Colored Race.

In talking with you it was my understanding that if this information was satisfactory, and met with your views that you would be glad to contribute a page representation in this work. I know that Mr Richardson has decided to request Dr B E B Du Bois to serve as one of the associate editors.

I trust that we may hear from you favorably at a very early date.

Very truly yours
NATIONAL PUBLISHING COMPANY

E. M. Noble
General Manager

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P S I am sure that we could make the payments on your contribution suit your convenience.

Chicago Ill.

Nov. 27, 1916.

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

my dear sir: -

I am in receipt of your letter of November 25. I wish to thank you for your promise of consideration of my application in the event of a vacancy.

I am enclosing a letter from Mr. Hunt acknowledging one of mine which explains itself. I am sure that Mr. Hunt would recommend

me if you should write him.
I am also enclosing two letters from
the Director of Academics under whom
I taught for two years at St. Paul
School, Lawrenceville Ga. As these
are originals and as I have not
access to a machine on which I
could make good copies I am
enclosing stamp for their return.

In case copies are needed to
be filed with my application
blanks I will have copies

made if you will so instruct me.

Thanking you for any future
consideration you may show me,

I beg to remain,

Yours very sincerely,

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1720 W. Chestnut St.,
City.

Dear Sir:

Feeling that at the beginning of this school term you may find it necessary to have printing of some kind done, we at this time take pleasure in putting in our bid.

We feel that we are in the position to do just as good a quality of printing as can be gotten in Louisville. We have a first class printer, a graduate of Hampton, and herewith send you ~~xx~~ samples of his work.

Our presses are modern and are run by electric power. We would be pleased to be allowed to bid on the paper that is gotten out by the school. We got out Mr. Cotter's paper last year and he was very much pleased.

We are now giving employment to two young men of the High School. They work morning and evening and are in the meantime getting a fair knowledge of the printing trade.

Thanking you in advance for any consideration, we are,

Yours very truly,
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September 22, 1916.

Mr. W. B. Mathews,
Central Colored High School,
Louisville,
Kentucky.

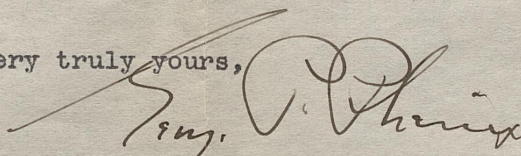
My dear Mr. Mathews:-

Your letter to the Application Department in regard to Clevis DePugh has just reached me. I thank you very much indeed for your frank statement. More and more we are getting just such frank statements from teachers to whom we apply for information, and it is making a noticeable difference in the character of our school. It enables us to refuse admission to a lot of loose material which would drop off of its own accord after a year or so. The result is that our school is increasing in numbers, although we do not increase the number admitted. Those who come are better material, and they stay longer.

I am writing, as you suggest, to Rev. John Little, and to President Thompson.

GPP/V

Very truly yours,



Vice Principal.

After 5 days, return to
Office of the Vice Principal,
THE HAMPTON NORMAL AND AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE,
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Sept 22, 1916

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BOWLING GREEN, KY. _____ 191__

Sept. 11, 1916.

348 Center Street.

Prof. W. B. Matthews,

Louisville, Ky.,

My dear Sir;

I am writing to Prof. Nixon to-day concerning our annual foot-ball game between Central High School and State Street High School. I am writing to ask that you take a personal interest in helping to arrange the schedule. We enjoy our relations with your school, and trust that nothing will stand in the way of the game. Let us hear from you soon.

I am

Very truly yours,



T. C. Cherry

159 Groveland St
Obelin Ohio
August 29, 1916.

Mr. W. B. Matthews,
Louisville, Kentucky.

my dear Sir,

I would like very much to put in an application as teacher in your Colored, High School. I am a graduate of Obelin College, my major work consisted largely of History, both American and European, together with a minor in Educational subjects. Although, I feel that I could teach any of the elementary subjects.

I would appreciate any favor
that you could extend to me
in getting located in your school.
Will you let me know at
your earliest convenience just
what the situation is.

If any further information is
desired it may be obtained by
writing to the Bureau of Appoint-
ments, at Oberlin College,
under the direction of Professor
J. Lord, Oberlin Ohio.

Yours truly
Miss Patsy J. Cowan.

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Prof. A. B. Mathews,
Principal, Colored High School,
Louisville, Kentucky.

My dear Sir:

AMK
BOND
Please be good enough to fill out the enclosed application blank in behalf of Mr. B. O. Wilkerson, jr., who has made application for admission to the College of Arts and Sciences of Howard University.

I should thank you for an immediate consideration of this matter.

Yours truly,

August 29, 1916.

Kelly Miller

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Paris, Tex., Aug. 24, '16.

Prof. W. B. Matthews,
Prim. Colored. High School,
Louisville, Ky.,

My Dear Friend:

I wish to file with you my application for a position in your school. I am away from my endorsements, but, if there is a vacancy, I will be pleased to have you write Supt M. E. Pearson, Kansas City, Kansas, where I have taught Latin for eight years.

Since my graduation from Atlanta in 1899 I have had fourteen years' experience in the school rooms. I have had extended experience in school music and so eminent an authority on school work as Prof. Kelly Miller says that I get the best music from a school chorus that he has ever heard.

If you have nothing to offer, I will appreciate any efforts to place me elsewhere.

Please let me hear
from you at once and
I trust that your reply
will be favorable.

I have heard of your
excellent work and
have been proud to
learn of your success.

Yours very truly,
Geo. F. Porter

Birmingham Ala.,
August 22, 1916.

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

My dear Mr. Matthews:—

I received a letter from
Supt. O. L. Reid on the 18th Inst.
stating that I was appointed as
one of the teachers in the Central
Colored High School. Of which
I thank you very much. Hoping
to render ~~the~~ satisfactory service
required.

Yours truly
Marshall J. Blount

P.S. I will leave here Saturday
night on the 8:55 train arriving
in Louisville Sunday morn-
ing.

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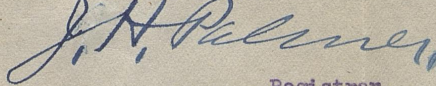
Dear Sir:

Mr. R. R. Taylor has already written you with regard to
Marshall Blount, who is seeking a position as teacher of Black-
smithing in your institution.

With reference to Mr. Blount will say he is apparently about
twenty-six years of age, and my understanding is that he has been work-
ing at his trade, Blacksmithing, for sometime in Birmingham, Alabama.
I do not know of any experience he has had in teaching aside from what
he did while a student of this institution.

Mr. Taylor, I think, has already answered the other questions in
your letter quite fully.

Yours very truly,



Registrar.

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Aug. 17, 1916.

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

Dear Sir:

Since I saw you here at the National Teachers' Association, I have been very sick for several days with the Malarial Fever contracted in Louisiana while teaching at Southern University, and my mother and father do not wish me to go back there. I am writing this to ascertain whether any vacancy is now existing in your school, and if so, I should be pleased to make my application to you for the same. As you doubtless know, I am a graduate of Howard University with the degree of A. B and have taught for three years at Selma University with my father and two years at Southern University with Dr. Clark. I assure you that I shall endeavor to be faithful in case I find work in your school and will do all I can to make your administration a success. I am glad to say that I have practically recovered from my sickness and am feeling stronger every day. Any favor you may render me in this matter will be greatly appreciated by me.

With best wishes and hoping to hear from you at an early date,
I am

Yours sincerely,
Ruth M. Gilbert.

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M. W. GILBERT, D. D.
1718 JEFFERSON STREET
NASHVILLE, TENN.

*Aug 17,
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Erin. W. B. Matthews,
Colored High School,
Louisville, Ky.

1720 W. Chest

THEODORE C. BURGESS
DIRECTOR

Bradley Polytechnic Institute
Peoria, Illinois

August 10, 1916.

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

Dear Mr. Matthews:-

We have had a number of colored men but all of them are busy so far as I know and not likely to leave the positions in which they are placed. I doubt if any one of them would be just the person for your blacksmithing.

Very cordially yours,

T. C. Burgess

ARMOUR
INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
CHICAGO.

OFFICE OF THE DEANS

F. W. GUNSAULUS,
President.

August 9th, 1916.

Mr. William B. Matthews, Principal,
1720 West Chestnut Street,
Louisville, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:

We have received your letter of August 7th, in regard to
a teacher for work in the Central Colored High School, but regret
that we have no young man whom we can send to you at the present
time.

We thank you for your interest shown in the Armour Institute
of Technology.

Very truly yours,

H. H. Raymond
Dean.

Bainbridge Ga 8/8/16
Prof W. B. Matthews
Louisville Ky

Dear Sir I am writing
at the request of
Miss L. Mitchell as to
she has lost her job
with the F. O. at
Bainbridge she
ask me to ask you
if you could do any
of any thing in her
way please do so
I hope you and family
are well as I and family
are at this writing

Excuse this writing as
I am on the train
Drop me a line the
first got to see her
She wanted to go
Bass and you no
She had to go out
again hope you are
well I will
write you some real
news next week.

Yours fraternally

Rev. C. J. Smith

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Admitt
Cambridge
Jr

8/8/6

Prof W. B. Matthews Jr
9th and Magerly st
Lawrenceville Ky

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THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS
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COLUMBUS

August
Seventh
1916


Mr. W. B. Matthews,
Louisville, Ky.

My dear Mr. Matthews:

When your letter of Aug. 7th arrived asking for a young man to teach founding and blacksmithing in a colored high school of your city, I referred the same to Prof. Sanborn, Head of the Department of Industrial Arts. I have just received Prof. Sanborn's reply, which I herewith enclose.

I regret that we are not in position to be of service to you.

Very sincerely yours,


Secretary.

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THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Department of
Industrial Arts

August 9 1916.

Mr. Wolfe,
Entrance Board.

Dear Sir:-

In looking up this matter, I find that we have had no colored fellows who have satisfactorily passed the founding or the blacksmithing, at least in the last few years. I do not recall any others before that.

We have had three or four fellows taking woodworking, but that is not what is wanted. Sorry we cannot help you out.

Yours very truly,

F. Sauter

Director, Industrial Arts Dept.

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FROM
Central Colored High School
LOUISVILLE, KY.

Notice

Violin class

*will report 8:30
Sat. Sept. 7. in
the Chapel*

William B. Matthews, Prin.,
1720 W. Chestnut St.,
Louisville, Kentucky.

Aug 10, 1946

3801 Rhodes Ave
Chicago Ill
Aug 6 1916

Mr W B Matthews.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 5th
was received today many
days over due. I am spending
my vacation here ^{and} took
a side trip to Detroit that
accounts for my delay.

I would be very pleased

to return. If you had a ^{vacancy} along those lines or in your science dept I would consider the proposition.

Thanking you very much for your consideration I am

Very Respectfully yours
H. D. Bailey.

to accept a position in your schools but not teaching the subjects you mentioned. Since graduating from Purdue University in '09 I put 3 yrs in practical work as machinist & draftsman in the automobile shops of Detroit. I taught ~~machinery~~ at Talladega machine works & mechanical drawing the past yr I taught woodwork and mechanical drawing at Goshka Kans. and am expected

New Orleans, La.
8-5-16

Prof W. B. Matthews,
Louisville Ky.

My dear Prof Matthews,
yours, of the 31st was
forwarded here.

I have read it very carefully
I would like very much to accept
the place, ^{but} if I should I would
make a big sacrifice. My salary
is \$1000⁰⁰, house, light, and fuel per
year which would amount to
something like \$1300⁰⁰ or \$1400⁰⁰ per
year.

I am here in a garage doing
some special work ^{ing} engines
now Prof. I would like for
you to see if that salary can be boosted
any I would like ^{very} much
to come Louisville, but you
see my position.

You may write me to college
address as I leave here in a few days
Yours truly
J. H. James,

FROM
Central Colored High School
LOUISVILLE, KY.

8/5/16

Mr. W. B. Matthews, Principal,
Central Colored High School,
Louisville, Kentucky.

17 204 W. Chest

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Aug 4.

Saugatuck, Conn.,
July 30, 1916.

The Principal of the Colored High School,
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Sir:-

I hereby apply to you
for a position in the Colored High School
of Louisville as teacher of German,
German and English, German and
Latin or German and French.

I am a graduate of
Staples' High School, Westport Conn.,
of the State Normal School at New
Haven, Conn., and of Hunter College
(formerly Normal College) of the City
of New York, class of 1916.

My major subject
was German and I took the high

School Pedagogy of that subject, which included practice-teaching and observation in Hunter (Model) High School, N.Y.C. My minor was French.

For information in regard to my personal character I refer you to the Rev. H. O. Bourke, 26 Sperry St., New Haven, Conn., and to Dr. Karl Kayser, Head of the German Department, Hunter College N.Y.C., and to Professor Frieda von Unwerth, Hunter College, N.Y.C. Both Dr. Kayser and Prof. v. Unwerth are able and willing to inform you concerning my scholarship.

I should very much appreciate a reply from you stating whether or not you will be able to consider my application in case of a vacancy.

Very respectfully yours,
Edith Adair Morsey.

BUILDER AND PAINTER
OF
CARRIAGES AND WAGONS

PAINTER AND REPAIRER
OF AUTOMOBILES

HORSE-SHOEING OF ALL
KINDS NEATLY DONE

E. T. LEWIS

Wheelright And Blacksmith. Horse-Shoeing And Carriage

Painting. All Work Guaranteed

Phoebus, Va.,

July 31st

1916

Prof Wm. Mathews
Central Colored High School
Louisville Kentucky;

Dear Sir:

Some time ago I had a friend to write you I being busy myself and could not at the time about a position as blacksmith in your school. I have not heard from you and Capt. Harvise who is to be one of your instructors advise me to write again thinking perhaps you did not receive the letter.

I am a graduate of the class of 1906 Hampton Inst. for seven years I conducted business for my self unfortunately for me a few years ago I was burned out with heavy loss. I afterwards went to work in New Port News Va at the dry dock and ship yard as angle iron Smith. Later I accepted work with the British Commissioners as veterinaire blacksmith horse shoeing. I am now employed in the Civil service at Fort Lee Monroe as post blacksmith in charge.

I would be glad if you would write me as to your terms.

I am
Respect yours
E. T. Lewis

619 OrangeSt.,

Fayetteville N.C.

July 28-1918.

Principal W.B.Matthews,
Louisville, N.C.

Dear Principal Matthews:

I should like to make application to you as a teacher in your school in your scientific or technical departments. In particular I mention mathematics, physics or allied engineering subjects.

I am a graduate of the A & M College, Greensboro N.C., Howard University Washington D.C., and have done graduate work in winter session at Columbia University in Math & Electro-mechanics. I have had two years of teaching experience and had the approval of the Secretary of the American Math. Society upon entering the profession of teaching. I am 25 yrs of age, married, no children, and can give you more information if necessary.

Very Truly Yours, *Edw. Evans Jr.*

Instr. Math & Science,

Lincoln Academy,

Kings Mt., N.C.

Ans. 4.
Aug. 4.

1234 Etting Street,
Baltimore Md.,
July 26, 1916.

President, of Colored High School,
Louisville,
Kentucky.

Dear Sir:

I hereby apply for a position
as teacher in your High School.

I graduated from the Colored
High School, Baltimore,
Maryland, in June, nineteen
hundred twelve, and from
Morgan College, Baltimore,
Maryland, in June,
nineteen hundred fifteen,
receiving the degree of
Bachelor of Arts.

I have done special work

in Mathematics and
Education. I also, tutored in
the College for one year.

Should any further
information be desired, I shall
be glad to furnish the same.
Thanking you in advance.

Respectfully Yours,
Jannette E. Johnson.

an early answer.

Yours Fraternally,

J. A. Klumpp

I will remain at this address
until about the latter part of
August.

18 Harry St., Dayton Ohio

18 Harry St.,
Dayton Ohio July 13 '06

Mr. W. B. Matthews;
Principal Colored High School
Louisville Kentucky.

Dear Sir:

I have just received a letter
from Mr. St. Elmo Brady in which
he states that you did not receive
the letter I addressed to you about
the 2nd of last month, and that the
position of an instructor in
mechanical drawing is still open.

Mr. Brady did not give me your
street number so I addressed
your letter as Principal of Central
High School, Colored.

I made a trip to your city

about
on the 27th of last month and called
at your home but found you out
of the city. Your daughter told me
she could not give me your
address as she had not heard
from you and did not know
where you were stopping. In
the meantime I called on the
Superintendent at the Board of
Education building. He informed
me that a Mr. Harris of Hampton
had been elected to fill the
vacancy. Upon receiving this
knowledge I let the matter drop
of course there has been some

mistake and no one has been
chosen to fill the vacancy. I would
be very glad to have you consider
my application.

I am a graduate of Ohio
State University. I have spent three
years at Tuskey. If you wish to
know further of my work you may
write Mr. W. A. Vogel of Tuskey
Institute. Or if you wish to have
an expression as to my character
you can address Attorney J. D.
Chamberlain, ^{Reibold Bldg.} of this city. I might
say that Mr. Chamberlain is prosecut-
ing attorney in this city.
I shall be very glad to get

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALABAMA,

March 23, 1916

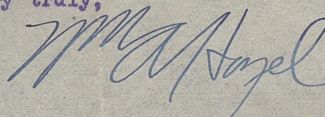
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Mr. James A. Dunn has for the last three years been an Assistant Instructor at this Institution, in the Division of Mechanical and Architectural Drawing; Department of Mechanical Industries.

I take pleasure in saying that as an Instructor in Mechanical Drawing, he has been most efficient and satisfactory, having a very comprehensive grasp of the subject. He is an excellent draftsman. In Architectural Drawing he has also done excellent work.

Mr. Dunn is a courteous gentleman--a most agreeable associate--he has admirable control of the students with whom he comes in contact. Any Institution that may secure his services will find him a valuable acquisition.

Very truly,



Head of Mech. & Arch. Drawing Div.

Richmond Colored Schools

J. D. M. RUSSELL, SUPERVISOR
212 Big Hill Avenue

Office 334—TELEPHONE—Residence 620

Richmond - - Kentucky

April 7, 1916.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that Miss Elsie Fields has had charge of the Domestic Department of the schools under my charge for two years and her work is first class in every way.

She came to us highly recommended having graduated from both St. Paul Institute, Lawrenceville, Va. and Hampton, Institute, Inst., Hampton, Va., two of the best schools in the country for the training of Domestic Teachers. She is a Post-graduate of PRATT Institute, Brooklin, N. Y., and taught in Mt. Clair N. J. before coming to us. While we would regret to give her up, yet we commend her to any one who may desire a teacher, a worker and a doer of things in her department for she has no equal in my humble judgement.

J. D. M. Russell

W. T. B. WILLIAMS
FIELD DIRECTOR
JOHN F. SLATER FUND
NEGRO RURAL SCHOOL FUND
ANNA T. JEANES FOUNDATION

HAMPTON INSTITUTE
HAMPTON, VIRGINIA

May 9, 1916.

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

My dear Mr. Matthews:

Contrary to my wife's telegram to you I did not go to Louisville, as I expected to do, at all. I found it necessary to take a shorter but less pleasant route home. I have then just come to your letters regarding a man for your manual training department.

The man I have in mind is Mr. W. H. Harris, one of the workers in our trade school here at Hampton Institute. He has been with us a number of years, and is a finished workman. He has ^{two} years of experience at teaching boys and young men. And he is a fine, clean, straightforward man of a family. However you have enlarged your idea of what you expect such a man to do, since I talked with you in Cincinnati last summer. Mr. Harris is a woodworker. Housebuilding, and all the forms of manual training work in wood fall in his line. He has had no experience at blacksmithing, molding, and automobiling. As for concrete work, he could of course learn that between now and next fall, if there ^{is} an occasion for it.

For a man used to shop work, to teaching carpentry and cabinet making and to doing practical work, and one accustomed to handling any machinery you are likely to have for wood work you will have to search far to find Mr. Harris' superior, in my judgment. It is hardly probable that you are going to find any man who can teach effectively all the subjects you mention. A good man in a few subjects at the head of your shop assisted by a man who can do the other things is

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

Mr. W.B. Matthews. #2.

what, I am pretty sure, you will have to come to in the end. In Mr. Harris you have a chance to get hold of a man of experience.

If you are interested in securing him, write him as follows, Mr. W. H. Harris, Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va. Of course you are at liberty to make any inquiries concerning him from others. If it happens that you prefer to have him write you, let me know.

With regrets for the delay in replying to your letter which my absence from home has caused, I am

Yours sincerely,

W. T. B. Williams

Lincoln Institute

Normal, Collegiate, Industrial and Agricultural Courses

Jefferson City, Mo., May 31, 1916.

Prof. W. B. Mathews,
Louisville, Kentucky.

My dear Sir : - I hasten to write in reply to yours of today that you are scheduled for Wednesday night instead of Tuesday night.

I regret that I cannot recommend Mr. J. S. Himes. He taught here and could do some things in blacksmithing; but nothing like what you would want in a school like yours. You would better let him alone. Then, he and his wife are trouble-makers. Enough said.

Yours very truly,



R. R. WRIGHT, PRESIDENT

COMMISSION FOR
THE SCHOOL

GEN. P. W. MELDRIM,
CHAIRMAN
JUDGE W. R. HAMMOND
HON. P. J. CLINE
PROF. OTIS ASHMORE
HON. M. V. CALVIN
HON. J. W. BENNETT
HON. CLARK HOWELL

Georgia State Industrial College
For Colored Youths

Savannah, Ga., June 10, 1916

Professor William B. Mathews,
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Sir:-- In reply to your letter I beg to say that Mr. Hines was with us for a while as Blacksmith. Of course I do not know as to his ability in moulding and automobiling. Confidentially I think Mr. Hines is a fairly good man. He would be with you as long as he thought the Board of Education is with you. I fear that neither he nor his wife are very choice as to whom they will be loyal. He probably might be a better man with you than he was with me. However I do not wish to prejudice his case. Give him a trial.

By the way I shall leave Savannah about the first of July. I want to stop by the National Teachers Association, and should be delighted to have you accompany me, should you come to Savannah at that time.

With the highest regards, I am

Very truly yours,

A. K. B. J. H.

FROM
Central Colored High School
LOUISVILLE, KY.

May 31, 1916

Mr. W. B. Matthews, Principal,
Central High School,
Louisville, Kentucky.

212 Summit Ave.,
Atlanta, Ga.,
June 1st, 1916.

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

My dear Mr. Matthews,

I am writing this to ask you if there is an opening in your school that you could favor me with, and if not, if there is a place that you could recommend.

I am anxious to begin work in the fall, and anything that you could do for me would be very highly appreciated.

Hoping to hear from you at
your earliest convenience and
thanking you for your kindness.
Yours truly,
Jessie M. Murphy.

435 Sheridan Road,

Winnetka, Ill.

June 19, 1916.

Prof. Matthews
Louisville,
Ky.

My Dear Mr. Matthews:-

Are you in need of a Domestic Science teacher or Sewing teacher in your school, if so I would be very glad to fill the place. I am a graduate of Talladega College and I have studied at the University of Chicago. Prof. Hutto informed me that you were in need of a teacher.

Respt. yr. (Miss) Lizzie Smith

Orange, New Jersey,
June 19, 1916.

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

Dear Sir:

I wish herewith to submit myself as applicant for teacher in your school if there be vacancies for the next year.

I am (24) twenty-four years of age and am a recent graduate of Atlanta University. I feel that I can give perfect satisfaction. For further reference I wish to refer you to Pres., Edward F. Ware or Dean, Myron W. Adams of the above named institution.

I am travelling with the university's quartette and for that reason I can better be reached by addressing: 56 Walnut St., Atlanta, Ga. Thanking you in advance for the favor, I am,

Respectfully yours,
Rufus E. Payne.

ORANGE, N.Y.
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Prof. W. B. Matthews,
1720 Chestnut St.,
Louisville, Ky.

Tuskegee Institute, Ala.
June 23 1916.

Mr. Matthews,
Central Colored High School,
Louisville Kentucky.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Brady has asked me to write you in reference to a position as instructor in Mechanical Drawing in your High School. He tells me that you are in need of a competent man to fill a vacancy. If that be true I wish to place my application before you.

My training and preparations for this kind of work has been as follows: Two years were spent at the Y. M. C. Y. night school of Dayton Ohio. I am a graduate of Steele (Manual Training) High School of Dayton, graduating in 1905. A year and a half was spent with the Dayton Lighting Co. in their drafting department. I took a four year course in Architectural Engineering at Ohio State University, graduating in '13. For the past three years I have taught at this institution. The work as taught here is not unlike that taught at our best

technical schools. Our course here covers a few lessons in geometrical problems to familiarize the student with his instruments and at the same time lay a foundation for the work to follow. We lay great stress upon orthographic projection, believing it to be the A B C's of all the work to follow. In due course of time this work is followed by trade drawings which differs as to the trade of the student. I mention our course here, in a brief way, only to let you know what kind of work I have been engaged in.

In view of my preparation for this kind of work and the experience I have gained while teaching here, I do not hesitate to apply for the position you have open.

I might state that I am married and have one child.

I am inclosing a recommendation from Mr. W. A. Hazel head of the division of Drawing. I wish also to refer, by permission, to Prof. H. L. Buchanan, Bluefield Institute, Bluefield, West Virginia, and to Mr. W. R. Harrel, Tenessee Institute.

if you wish to know further of my ability
or character I shall be glad to send other
references.

Thanking you for an early reply
I am

Yours truly,

J. Arthur Sumner

Box 116.

L. J. ROWAN, PRESIDENT

Alcorn A. & M. College

ALCORN, MISS. June 27, 1916. 191
ALCORN, MISS., FOR PASSENGERS, FREIGHT AND EXPRESS.

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

Dear Sir;

Your letter to hand and contents carefully noted. I did not mean to give you the impression that I had not taken automobiling and moulding, but I see I did. *automobiling.*

I did special work last winter under one of the best men in ~~that line~~ in this section of the country. I am writing him to write you of my fitness in that line. I am to spend four weeks this summer in his garage doing garage work. I had spoken to President Rowan before writing you the first time about having a course in automobiling added to the work here. He informed me that the Board was not in a position to purchase a car just now but that if we could get a car we could teach the work. So I wrote the Ford Co. Enclosed you will find their reply.

I spent twelve weeks at Cornell University in moulding and forging. I have never taught moulding for I have never had an opportunity. Now, Professor, I am just writing this letter to let you know that I am fully able to take care of the course you have mapped out.

What make of car are you planning on adopting? If you desire you may write to Mr. M. L. Williams of Fayette, Miss. as to my fitness in the automobiling. He runs a garage there.

Thanking you for considering me, and wishing for you continued success in your work, I am

Very respectfully,

J. S. Himes,

Richmond Colored Schools

J. D. M. RUSSELL, SUPERVISOR
212 Big Hill Avenue

Office 334—TELEPHONE—Residence 620

Richmond - - Kentucky

July 1st, 1916.

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

Dear Prof. Matthews,

Your letter was forwarded to me some days ago from Richmond and on my return here was received. I am more than glad that you were so well pleased with your visit to our little city. My people were delighted with your timely address to the graduating class, which was the best we have heard for many years. The members of my board of education and other white friends who were in the audience have asked me to have you come to see us again next winter so you may expect a call at any time after school opens.

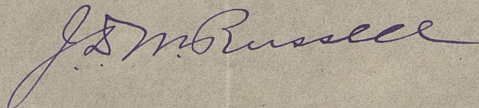
I instructed Mr Caldwell to send you the paper comments on your address which I am sure he did.

I hear there are several vacancies in Louisville, if so I would like to throw my hat in the ring to help swell the list of applicants. I will appreciate any information you may be able to give about matters and to I have no reason for desiring a change other than to a larger field.

With best wishes for a pleasant vacation, I am

Your Friend.

Wilberforce, Ohio.



F. J. NORWOOD, B. S.
PROFESSOR OF AGRICULTURE
AND SUPT. OF FARM

Alcorn A. & M. College

ALCORN, MISS., June 29 1916
LOMAN, MISS., FOR PASSENGERS, FREIGHT AND EXPRESS.

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

My dear Sir

I have had dealing with Prof. J. S. ^{Homes} for four years and I knew him to be efficient in all sort of machinery including Automobile repair work. He comes as near being an all round mechanic as any man I ever saw. His work as a teacher has given satisfaction.

If you need a man of this kind I am sure you would make no mistake in selecting him, while we would certainly regret to lose his services here.

Very truly yours

Frank J. Norwood,
Supt. Farm.

Ans.
July 10, 1916

4248 Cote Brillantes Ave
St. Louis Mo

July 5 1916

Mr. William B. Matthews

1720 W Chestnut St
Louisville Ky

Dear Mr. Matthews,

After considering your offer of the position in the Louisville high school, I find that I cannot accept it. The salary is twenty dollars less than I received when I started teaching here three years ago, and I have been having a regular increase every year since.

Thanking you kindly for considering me

I am respectfully
O. A. Reynard

If there be any good offer
you are giving you may
write me just what you
want and what you can
pay, the length of a term
and if any consideration
during vacation.

Hoping to hear from you
at your earliest moment

I remain yours

E. J. Lewis

E. J. Lewis
Shelburne Vt.

Shelburne Va

July 5/1876

Prof. W. B. Matthews

Dear Sir:-

I was asked by

Mr Harris who is to be one of your
instructors and also Miss Bluefields
that teaches at Richmond Ky.
to write you concerning my
ability.

I will say I am now
Black Smith in charge at
Fortress Monroe, Civil service employ.

I am a graduate of Hampton
Inst. of 1906 and have
conducted business for several
years and have a broad
experience,

I can do angle iron smithing
solid smithing horse shoeing
oxygen welding and master
them if I have facilities needed.

For reference if you want
such a man you may write
R. T. Palmer 175 W. Queen St
Hampton, Alincan Instructor
Hampton Inst. 1/2 White ^{house} ^{Post Office} ^{is}
Angle iron Blacksmith shop
New Port via Ship Yard & Dry Dock.

1510 Edgefield Ave.

Aiken S.C.

July 7, 1916

Prof. W. B. Matthews,
Central High School
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Sir,

I wish to file with you my application for a position as teacher in your school for the coming year. I am a graduate of the Collegiate Department of Atlanta University, Atlanta Ga. and also of Miss Lucey C. Lucey's School, Augusta, Ga.

I have had two years experience in teaching, having taught at Miss Lucey's for two years. And altho I have held the position as ~~the~~ teacher of Latin there, I feel competent to teach other subjects.

I can furnish references and recommendations if required.

Respectfully

Eva C. Connor
1510 Edgefield Ave.