

Edwin Washington Project

White Petition

Date	Town or School	Cross Ref	Key word(s)	Topic
August 3, 1938	Sterling		Transfer of children	Letter from parent expressing dissatisfaction with teacher Mildred Rawlings and requesting to transfer 2 children to Ashburn.
August 5, 1938	Response from O. L. Emerick			Letter denies the request as too late for board and bus is overcrowded.

**Text**

Mr. Emerick

Sterling Va  
Aug. 3, 1938

Dear Sir

I am sending you some name (sic) of the patrons of the Sterling School who are dissatisfied (sic) Mrs. Mildred Rawlings we are asking you to not put her back for another term as we cannot put our children back in school xxx I work hard to send my children to school & I would like to have a good teacher here (sic) which would help them with their work. I will have (sic) to ask you myself If you don't make a chance (sic) If you will send me permission to send my 2 children to ashburn on the bus as I want (sic) my children to have a education which I am trying so hard to give them I am hoping to hear from you real soon telling me If It will be all right for me to put my children (sic) on the bus & send them to ashburn school as we don't (sic) want (sic) to put them back here (sic) as they did not do very there (?) hear (sic) In school this past term unless you will put another teacher here (sic) let me hear from you at once.

Your truly  
/s/ Mr. J. R. Alder,  
Sterling Va

Box 55

**Names**

Mrs. A. L. Testerman Sterling Va  
Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Norman. Sterling Va  
Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Alder. Sterling Va  
Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Harrison Sterling Va.

*Response letter*

August 5, 1938.

Mr. J. R. Alder,  
Sterling, Virginia.

My dear Mr. Alder:

I have your letter about Mrs. Rawlings work as a teacher at Sterling. It is too late for us to do anything about this now and since our school bus is already overloaded we could not consent to have your children taken to Ashburn. I am sorry I can do nothing about your complaint or request.

Very sincerely yours,

Division Superintendent

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