

**Edwin Washington Project****White Petition**

Date	Town or School	Cross Ref	Key word(s)	Topic
Unknown	Arlington		Opposition; closure	Letter with petition in opposition to closing of Arlington School and moving students to Lovettsville.

**Text**

Loudoun County School Board,  
Leesburg, VA.

Honorable Sirs:

It having been brought to our attention that you contemplate closing the Arlington School and transporting the pupils to Lovettsville for the next term, we wish to go on record as unequivocally opposing such a change and as most respectfully requesting that this school be kept open.

There are many reasons why we feel this school should remain open. We will not enumerate any of those that would apply with equal force to every community where schools have been or will be closed, but we do wish to call attention to a few reasons that apply especially to Arlington School,--

A large part of the patrons of this school are people without means. They are unable to clothe their children and furnish lunches in the same manner that town children enjoy,

They are at home and in the majority at Arlington. They are not forced out of school because they have been laughed at and have had an inferiority complex that may go through life with them forced on them,

Another very unfortunate sequence to the closing of this school would be the loss of school consciousness by the entire community. The patrons would not follow the school activities to Lovettsville, where they feel they would not be wanted,

Still another item is the fact that our roads are far from being adapted to bus transportation and with an average winter there would be weeks that a bus could not travel,

Another item peculiar to this particular school is the fact that the attendance is sufficient to justify its continuance. An enrollment of 35 would mean the employment of another teacher at Lovettsville with an added expense to the County.

Many other reasons could be given why we so strongly urge you to continue the Arlington School. We do not wish to be tiresome, but will appreciate an opportunity of going into detail if the reasons given are not considered sufficient.

Very truly yours,

THE LOUDOUN COUNTY SCHOOL BOAARD:

We, the undersigned patrons of Arlington School in Lovettsville District, respectfully petition your Honorable Body to continue the school known as the Arlington School, and not close it and transport pupils to Lovettsville School, as contemplated.

Respectfully,

**Names** (signed)

J. E. L. Cooper	Cela Danner	Dave Orrison
K. L. Cooper	O. P. Danner	
Hazel White	Carl W. Fry	
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Mary V. Simpson	Keeler R. Cooper	
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Lydia Kelley	Epp R. Frye	
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PATRONS OF ARLINGTON SCHOOL.