

Edwin Washington Project

White Petition

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| 1927 | Carter's School | | Hemsley, reappoint, leadership | Request for reappointment of Mary Hemsley as teacher for 1927-28. |

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Greetings

To the Honorable School Board and Superintendent of Schools.

Gentlemen: We, the undersigned Patrons of the Carter's School and Members of the Carter's Community League, respectfully petition and request that you reappoint Mrs. Mary E. Hemsley as Teacher of our school for the next school term.

As is well known we have very bad roads and none of our children live close to the school house. Most of the children have a mile or more to come and yet our little backwoods school won the attendance banner this session!

The excellent work and progress of the pupils is most gratifying. We feel that the instruction and training they have received from Mrs Hemsley has been equally as good as they could have obtained had they been in the best school in the county.

Both the Junior League and the Community League have been very active and great interest has been manifested by the Patrons and all Members of the Community. All this is due, primarily, to Mrs. Hemsley's leadership and most excellent efforts.

We believe that the work Mrs. Hemsley is doing to stimulate increased (sic) interest in school activities will benefit not only the present pupils but will also be helpful in maintaining a school in this community for the younger children not yet of school age.

(signed)

Names

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| R. C. Printz | James O. Erwin |
| Mrs. R. C. Printz | Louis Erwin |
| Ruby Martyn | L. S. Armel |
| Mrs. N. E. Martyn | C. C. Moran |
| Mrs. Ima Brinklye | Henry Hemsly Jr. |
| Mrs. R. J. Carter | Mrs. C. C. Moran |
| Mrs. A. R. Erwin | Mrs. L. S. Armel |
| Reba Hemsley | Tesmis? Reynolds |
| R. Donald Hemsley? (sic) | M. R. Weeks |
| Matie B. Crosen | Mrs. M. R. Weeks |
| W. H. Martyn | John Moran |
| Mrs. W. H. Martyn | |
| Mrs. Tesmis? Reynolds | |
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TO The Honorable School Trustees And Supreintendent (sic) Of Schools, Greeting.

It has been brought to our attention by various reports and rumors that no teacher was to be appointed to the Carter School for the session of 1927-28.

Not to have a teacher for this school would be a great injustice and injury to the deserving children of this isolated community. No other schools are near and the almost impassable mud roads of winter would make it impossible for most, if not all, of our children to attend school else where.

Therefore, we, the following tax payers and Patrons of Carters School (with the number of children as indicated) most vigorously and strongly protest that failure to appoint a teacher for our school would be an unnecessary discrimination and injustice to us and our children.

We respectfully petition and request that you appoint as teacher of the Carters School, Mrs. Mary E. Hemsley, a teacher of high standing and ability. With Mrs. Hemsley's force of character, energy and enthusiasm directing our school the daily attendance (sic) will be much better than heretofore and pupils and patrons will have a renewed and greater appreciation for educational training.

(signed)

Names

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| R. C. Printz & Wife | 1 child |
| Mr. & Mrs. Tesmis? Reynolds | 3 children |
| Mr. & Mrs. G. P. Sutphin | 2 children |
| W. H. Martyn | 6 children |
| J. A. Skinner | 2 children |
| L. S. Armel | 1 child |
| L. H. Jarrell | 1 child |

16 children