Mr Wessels

Dear Sir

I understand that they are gaming to have a meeting tomorrow I am Sorrie I cant attend but I am not near three cubing cem and have no help — mr Pappan + mrs Costello was up here with a Petition for me to Sign against you so I Signed not having anything against

you whatever, as neither
one of our children has
ever come home and
said a word of harm
about you Mr Poxon and
Mr Costello told me that
you and miss Weadon
could not agree in the
School so they said they
would have to get rid of
both of you they said
if could get you out
that miss Weadon would
reign. last Spring when
Mr Carr & Mr McCarty
was around with the
Petitions my Wife & I both
signed for you to come
back.

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and I think most ever
body else did # by the
looks of the Petition when
it was heare as ever body
was Pleased with our
last Session. I hope this
truble will be Settled and
you will stay your term
out with us

Yours Truely

J. H. Arrison

Waterford Va.
Oct. 2, 1928.

Supt. Mr. O.L. Emerick
Dear Sir,-

In regards to the petition that Raymond Paxson had a round against Mr. Wessels of Waterford high school, I signed it, and am asking you to remove my signature without fail. If you havent the petition Please let me know at once.

your Sine.

E.F. McKimmey.

October 2, 1928.

To County School Board Members:

I have received a petition signed by 48 persons under the following heading:

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I have notified Mr. Wessells that this petition will be heard at 11:00 A. M. at the regular meeting date of our board on Tuesday October ninth. I suggest that if all members come promptly by ten o'clock the routine matters other than this can be disposed of by eleven o'clock.

Very sincerely yours,

Division Superintendent.

OLE-RMF

October 2, 1928.

Mr. S. A. Wessells,
Waterford, Virginia.

My dear Mr. Wessells:

I have received a petition of which I inclose a copy. This petition will be heard by our board at its regular meeting on Tuesday, October 9 at 11:00 A. M. or thereabout.

Very sincerely yours,

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OLE_RMF

Oct. 3. 1928

Dear Mrs Vessels:

I am indeed sorry for the way you found things out here. Please dont think I have ever said any thing about you. to any body. or have not signed any papers against you. I have never been able to reason with Mrs Menefee. in any thing concerning school. in any way. And you spoke of Mr Pappoon being drunk that is the kind he always sides with. I am very sorry for you and the way the people are doing I can simpathize with any boy away from home ~~c~~ to meet with what you have. but I hope every thing turns out right. please do not blame me or the children. Kindly Mrs Menefee

File

October 4, 1928.

Mr. Raymond Paxson,
Waterford, Virginia.

My dear Mr. Paxson:

At the request of Mr. Wilbur C. Hall I inclose two copies of the petition filed by you in this office.

Very sincerely yours,

Division Superintendent.

OLE_RHB

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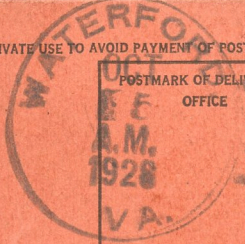
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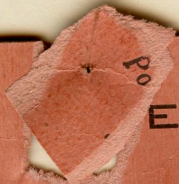
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Treaty Weadon
(Signature or name of addressee.)

Fred A Weadon
(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, Oct 4, 1928

Form 3811

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

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October 4, 1928.

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OLE-RME

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O. L. E.

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OLE.RME

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Ernest L. Carr. x 6
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J. L. Compher. x 9
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J. A. Rollins x 12
Mrs. J. A Rollins, x 13
Mrs R. E. McCarty x 14
Mrs. W. S. Smart x 15
M. L. Compher. x 16
Mrs Luther Brown. x 17
R. O. Compher x 18
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T. J. Newton x 21
Mrs. R. J Newton x 22
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Mrs J W Arrison

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P. E. McCarley x 27
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Waterford, Virginia, Oct 8 1928

Mr. Emerick

Dear Sir.

Please take my name of the petition against Mr. Wenrich

H H James

Waterford Va
Oct. 8=1928

Mr. Emerick

Dear Sir

Please take our maner of the petition that Mr Paxton gave you againt Mr. Wendle.

H. H. James
Mrs. H H James

Waterford, Virginia
October 9, 1928

Hon. O. L. Emerick,
Superintendent of Schools,
Purcellville, Virginia

My dear Mr. Emerick:

I beg to acknoledge receipt of your letter of October 4th which you have addressed to the School Board, and in which you say that the difficulty at Waterford involves both Mr. Wessells and myself.

I know of no charge pending against me for any cause whatever, and I therefore, cannot consent to become the subject of criticism and attack before the School Board when charges against another teacher are being investigated. Surely you will appreciate the fact that every person whose conduct is attacked is entitled to know the nature and character of the charges made against her, as well as the names of those by whom they are made, and then a reasonable time and opportunity to prepare to answer them should be accorded her. I do not consider that I am today on trial before your Board.

Respectfully yours,

Leafy M. Weadon

Witness: see M.C. 30 for p

3 teachers

Patrons. Compher
McCarty
Gavis
Snoots
McKinney
Stute ?

5

Cooley
M C Brown
Dick Fun
Doris Meyers Pyle
Mrs Devine

George Eenhaus
Shutts Boys

Fr. 6 Ars

Fred Stater
J Devine

Mr. H. B. Parker: (not a patron)

Pistol held in air

Said see what I have. My life has been threatened.

Va. Paxson: (Pupil)

Saw Wessels in P.O. with a pistol.

Since school began

Said wasn't safe to go up street

man had threatened his life.

Chapel: Said would seal his bond with his blood. Cut wrist and invited pupils to come up and see.

Trouble between Miss Weadon and Miss. Wessels.

Emerson James — (Pupil 2nd year).

Saw Mr. Wessels on ground with pistol in pocket

(Said if you hit us with the ball I'll kill you)

Commanded to stop throwing ball. Stopped.

Reminded of statement about pistol by Paxson.

Mary James —

2nd year. Sept. 14th, Oct. 1st

Saw all day in right hip pocket.

Visible. Did not see pull out.

Pulled out pen knife. Down and said "Seal his bond with his blood."

Didn't see blood. About week ago.

Regina Harper (15) — H.S. 2nd year. Saw Pistol Sept. 14 and Oct. 1st.

Seal Blood etc. Didn't see blood.

Heard Mr. Weadon was treating other pupils right.

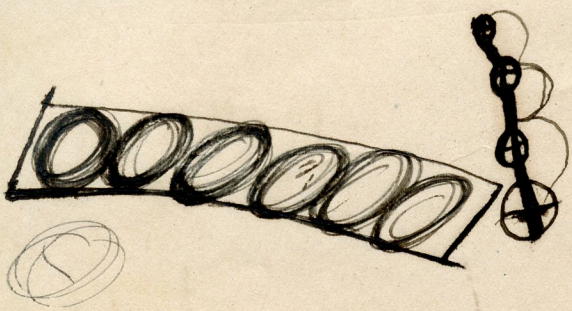
Sept. 12.

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Sylvia Thompson

2nd year. Sept. 14. Oct. 1 Pistol Right hand hip pocket. visible. "Seal Band with blood" 9 inches to circumf. Oct. 2nd ↑

Leafy Weadon



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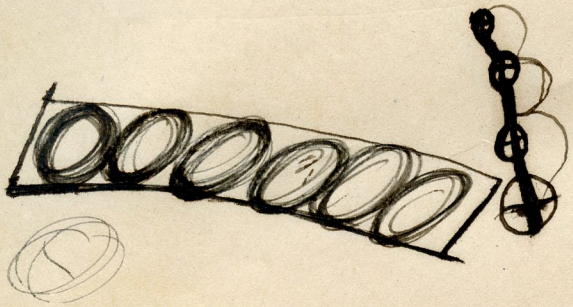
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Emended & Granted.

Leafy Weadon

Sept. 17 ——— Question of resignation? both.
Faculty meeting not invited.

Sept. (21 near end) - Wessels threatened warrant
Oct. 1 — (~~Stated did not like action~~ Legal proceedings threatened.)
Last Year — (Wessels instructed to take money and kept it.)

Wessels

Wessels
1. Pleads guilty to first charge ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓
Miss Weadon
1. Declined to attend faculty meeting. +

2. Violated regulations by coming to my office.
Wessels Altercation with janitor.

Papson rode by several times made threats.

Papson and others called at night at boarding houses

Sept. 28 Wessels called for list of patrons.
Miss Weadon left grounds to see Papson,
Sunday heard about petition.
Oct. 1 Mr. Weadon came to house.
Mr. Papson and others around.

Eliz. Decker
Elsie Shaver
Elizabeth Jones
John Devine.
Agnes McCauley
Marjorie Compton
} Good principal - conducted properly.

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Bob Compher

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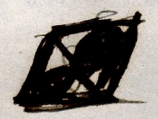
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James	II	—	2
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R.T. Newton	I	—	1
J.W. Garrison	I	—	1
Palmer	II	—	2
Rollins	II	—	2
Thompson	I	—	1
Divine	I	—	1
Lingle	I	—	1
C.T. Newton	I	—	1

24

37 children on enrollment

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15 P. L. Myers.
16 Mary Myers.
17 G. Robt. Costello.
18 Rosalie W. Costello
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14 R. D. Costello
15 P. L. Myers.
16 Mary Myers.
17 G. Robt. Costello.
18 Rosalie W. Costello
19 E. F. McKinney (See letter of 6)
20 L G. Harper
21 Mrs L. G. Harper
22 W H Kent
23 Mrs W. H Kent
24 Charles A. Merchant
25 B. M. Carnich
26 C. L. Russell
27 J. P Baker
28 Mrs D. D. Baker

29 L. Shutts

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To the School Board of Loudoun County:

The undersigned, who are residents of Waterford School District and who are patrons and were formerly patrons of Waterford School, respectfully request that your Board will not re-engage for the coming school year S. A. Wessells as Principal or in any capacity connected with said School.

While your petitioners hesitate to in any way suggest to your Board any policies in connection with school affairs, they feel that the interest of the Waterford School, and indeed the interest of the community generally demand that Mr. Wessells be not retained. It is well known to your Board that the conduct of the said School by Mr. Wessells has not been satisfactory to a great many of the patrons of said School and his retention as Principal thereof has resulted in the withdrawal of not less than twenty-six (26) pupils. Under these circumstances your petitioners feel that his connection with said School after the expiration of present Contract is undesirable and to the decided disadvantage of said School. Your petitioners regard Mr. Wessells, as exemplified by his conduct in the past, as a man utterly devoid of tact, judgment and any sense of the fitness of ~~same~~ Things. It is well known to your Board that there has been friction in the conduct of said School ever since his connection therewith, and that he has been guilty of carrying and displaying fire arms in the School.

Your petitioners further pray that Misses Elizabeth Decker, Elsie Shawn and Elizabeth James be no longer retained as teachers in said School, for the reason that they have justified the said Wessells in his aforesaid actions, and are no longer acceptable to the great proportion of the patrons of said School.

Very Respectfully,

Trustee-Com.

Contents

3 single deck

For Appeal

10:25

R. O. Compher —
R. E. McCarty — Sworn.
J. W. Carr — "
W. O. Leigh — "
Mrs. R. E. McCarty — "
Mrs. R. O. Compher — "
Mrs. J. W. Carr — "
Mrs. E. Divine — "

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Receiving Appeal

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11:02

W. E. Steele —
H. W. Thompson —
Leafy Weadon —

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Out for Board

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Citizens Petition

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To

Mr. O. L. Emerick, Division Superintendent of Schools of Loudoun County, Virginia.

We, the undersigned interested heads of families, residents of Jefferson District, feeling ourselves aggrieved by the action of the County School Board of Loudoun County, Virginia, which did on the eighth day of May appoint Miss Leafy Weadon as a teacher in the Waterford school for the session 1928-29, do now complain that such action was not in the interest of the welfare of the Waterford school, and we pray that she be removed from the position as aforesaid.

R. E. McCarley ✓
C. T. Newton
J. W. Clark ✓
W. O. Leigh ✓
R. C. Confalone
D. W. Orrison ✓

Received
May 25, 1928.

To The School Trustee Electrid
Board of Loudoun County,

I wish my name be
stricken from the
petitions that I signed
against Miss Lady Waddon
As I have learned that
the facts that were misrepre-
sented to me,

J. W. Orrison

6-12-26

10-30 1 hr -

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Coupler - } Did not Speak to,
McCarty - } " " " -
Corr -
Leigh - } Will Send -

Mrs McCarty = Particulars ✓
" " Coupler. "
" " Corr - Discovered -
" " Devine - "
Newton -

Steele - 29 pages - 18- 11- ✓
Thompson - approval. ✓

Miss Hayden ✓

Waterford, Va.
May 30, 1928.

Mr. O. L. Emrick
Purcellville, Va.

My dear Mr. Emrick:

I am in receipt of your letter of May the twenty-first in which you inform me that you have in your hands an appeal signed by six heads of families of the Waterford school asking that I shall be removed.

I regret most deeply this action on the part of these petitioners. But since they feel that they can secure my removal by this course, nothing remains for me to do except to defend myself before the School Trustee Electoral Board.

I must take this opportunity to thank you for the valuable assistance that you have so generously rendered me.

I am

Very sincerely yours,

(Miss) Leafy M. Bradon

May 23, 1928.

Miss Leafy Weadon,
Waterford, Virginia.

My dear Miss Weadon:

I have talked to at least one member of the family in the case of all those who signed the petition requesting your transfer and to both members in most cases.

I find a few of them without a hostile attitude but most of them do seem somewhat hostile. The reasons assigned for their attitude varyamong them but in general the propelling reasons seems to have been that their children dislike you, having a feeling that you are too severe with them or show partiality. Two families expressed regret on account of having signed the petition although one of these said it was difficult to get her child to go to your classes.

I have had three calls from patrons who expressed the desire that you remain.

I have the feeling that under usualy conditions in the face of this ~~mass~~ hostility I would personally desire to escape from so unpleasant surroundings in my work and would resign.

However, I do not ask that you do so, and do not think the school board will. I realize that at least a part of the hostility has grown out of your desire to have the children maintain an high standard and this is to be commended.

At present I can see no prospect for compliance with the petitioners'request that you be transferred to another school and I can only let the matter rest where it is.

Very sincerely yours,

Division Superintendent.

OLE_RMF

May 26, 1928.

Miss Leafy Weadon,
Waterford, Virginia.

My dear Miss Weadon:

I have inn my hands an appeal signed by six heads of families of Waterford school asking that you be removed from your position. Under the law I am bound either to adjust this or refer the appeal to the school trustee electoral board who have the right to annul the action of the school board in appointing you or to affirm their action.

I do not have any hope ofplacating the patrons who have assumed an attitude of hostility toward you.

The appeal would not be placed before the school trustee electoral board for action before June fifth.

I regret exceedinly that we have such a situation as does exist at Waterford and I feel very much at fun fault for bringing you into it. At the present time I am quite helpless to do anything in a corrective way. I am afraid too many patrons are against you for you to feel sure that the outcome before the school trustee electoral board would be in your favor.

Very sincerely yours,

Division Superintendent.

OLE-RME

for petitions

We the undersigned, patrons of Waterford High School, in behalf of the best interests of the school ask that Miss Leafy Weadon be transfered to some other school in the County for the 1928-29 term.

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16 H. H. Lamar
17 Mrs H. H. Lamar
20 Nannie Elvine
21 N. M. Thompson
22 Ada E. Thompson.
23 Mrs R J Newton
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