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69 5th Ave  
N.A.A.C.P.

Copy to Mr. Harry J. Moore

Mr. C. W. Harris  
Secretary, Volusia County  
338 South Clara Avenue  
DeLand, Florida

My dear Mr. Harris:

We were happy to  
hear from you and  
thank you for the  
\$40.00 to cover  
the dues.

The membership  
will be forwarded

Please send  
the dues to  
the members of  
the permanent chapter

Under separate  
of the branch  
of the local pro  
to hearing from  
regarding your



Mr. Harry F. Moore  
P. O. Box 4  
Mims, Florida

Allen L. Attaway  
406 E. Ohio Ave.  
DeLand, Florida

*Deland branch*



ALLEN ATTAWAY

CROWER AND SHIPPER OF

Asparagus Plumosus Fern

406 E. OHIO AVENUE

DE LAND, FLORIDA

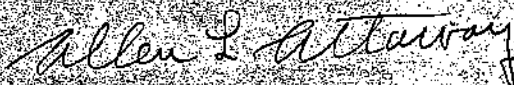
June 22, 1943

Mr. Harry J. Moore  
P. O. Box 4  
Mims, Florida

Dear Sir:

Your letter was received a few days ago. I have been trying to arrange for a meeting on the 26th of June, but I find that we will not be able to have it on that date. However, in about two weeks I will have all arrangements ready for a large meeting. I also have spoken to Professor Harris. He is home, now and will be my assistant chairman. We will let you know just what date we can have the meeting. The place will be the Negro Recreation Center.

Yours very truly,



Allen L. Attaway

N.A.A.C.P.  
69 5th Ave  
New York 3, N Y

Copy to Mr. Harry T. Moore

September 1, 1943.

Mr. C. W. Harris  
Secretary, Volusia County Branch  
338 South Clara Avenue  
DeLand, Florida

My dear Mr. Harris:

We were happy to receive the report of 70 members from your group, applying for a charter as a branch of the NAACP, together with the remittance of \$40.00 to cover membership fees, Crisis subscriptions for the president and secretary, and literature.

The membership certificates for these members will be forwarded to you for distribution.

Please send us by return mail, on the enclosed blank, the names and addresses of the officers and members of your executive committee. We must have this information before we can recommend a permanent charter for the new branch.

Under separate cover, we are sending you copies of the Branch Constitution and other material for the local program. We shall look forward to hearing from you in the very near future regarding your plans for the new unit.

Yours sincerely,

Ellis J. Baker  
Director of Branches

Per: L. Black

LB

Committees

Sanford

Oct. 1942

I. Resolutions

1. Mr. Dan Wally

Tampa

2. Mr. Matthew Segary

3. Mr. Elmer Elias

4. Mr. E. A. Pickett

Bradford Co.

5. Rev. K. S. Johnson

Orange Co.

Summit Co.

II. Finance

1. Mr. J. W. Knowles

Sanford

2. Miss Adeline Kerkow

Tampa

3. Mr. D. B. McLean

St. Petersburg

III. Time & Place

1. Rev. E. J. Jackson

W. Palm Beach

2. Miss Wade

Boynton Beach

3. Mr. C. B. Strickland

Sanford

IV. Publicity

Rev. P. H. Johnson

Miss C. B. McLean

Mr. E. A. Pickett

Mr. J. W. Knowles

It has been suggested that Rev  
J. Jackson be elected state  
treasurer and place on the  
executive committee

committee

money for expenses  
of the committee

Rev. J. Jackson  
E. H. Proctor

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Pass. A. C. P. L. A. G.

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PROF. HARRY T. MOORE, PRESIDENT  
BOX 4  
MIAMI, FLORIDA

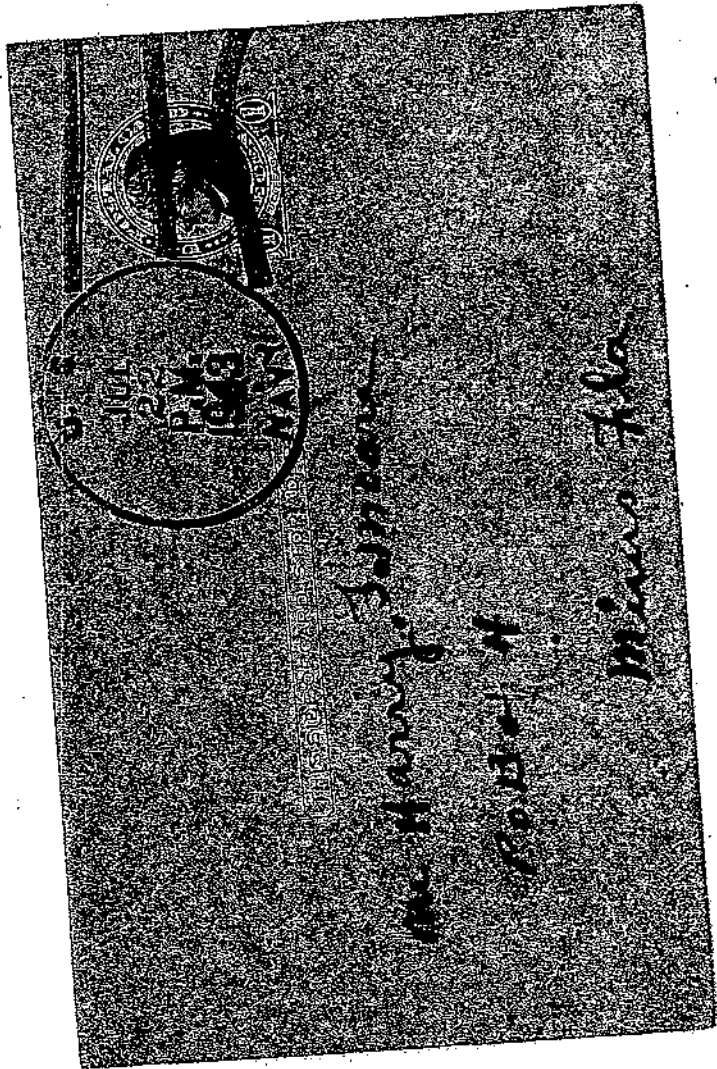
501 Cypress Avenue  
Sanford, Florida  
August 4th, 1945

Prof. Moore:  
In regular board meeting tonight we have  
decided to be over to New Smyrna August 12th,  
to organize a branch of the N. A. A. C. P. We are  
hoping that you join us there. Bring some one  
with you such that we can make a good show.  
We planned to have two cars to come.

Fraternally yours,

*R. S. Johnson*  
R. S. Johnson





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Mr. Henry J. ...

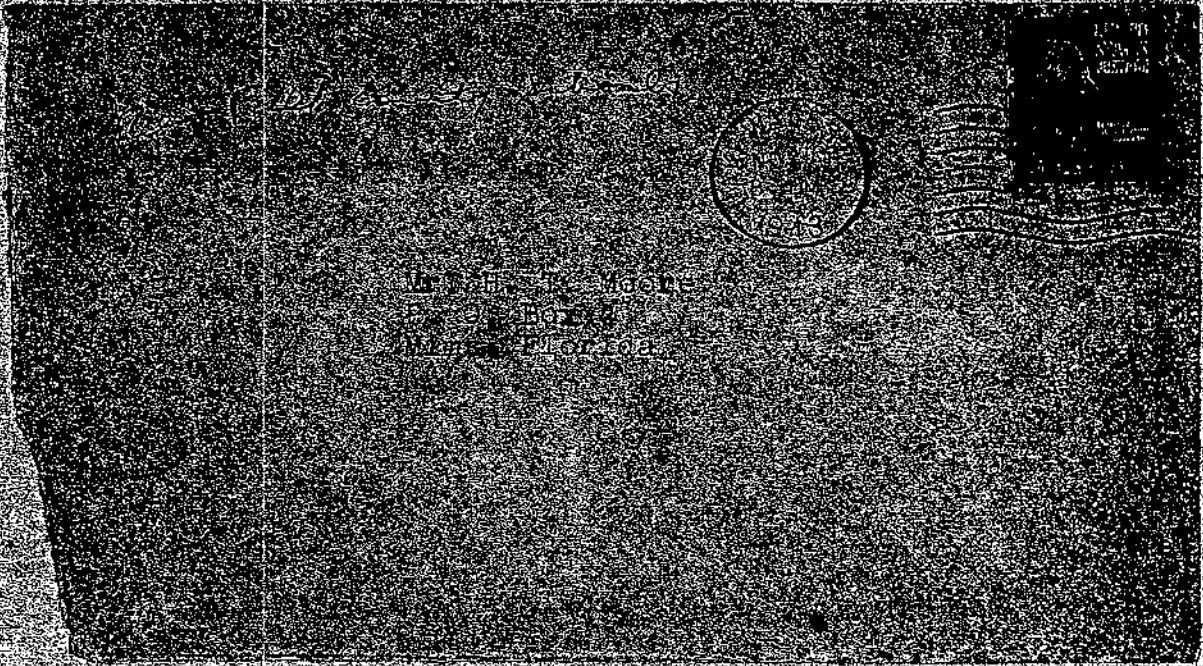
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Richard Hill of July 22 1943  
My most dear Sir  
we have made all plans for  
you coming to us on the 30 of  
July about 9 PM please let us  
know if you can be here that  
date and time  
Yours sincerely  
Walter D. Hill





300 Dorsett Ave  
Lake Wales, Fla.  
Nov. 10, 1943

Mr. H. T. Moore  
P. O. Box 4  
Mims, Florida

Dear Mr. Moore:

Your message of a few days ago came to hand and the contents were noted with care.

In regard to the letter of Mr. Brigham's, in which he stated, you were misinformed about the closing of Negro schools in Polk County. The facts speak for themselves as you see. Every Colored School in Polk County is closed except the Lake Wales School here in District 3.

The resolution adopted by our recent conference was an appeal to the Polk County School Board of Public Instruction, to keep the schools open instead of closing our schools, October 26. We were further backed by the growers of Lake Wales as Mr. Rollie Tillman and others. These men appeared before the Board on Oct. 21st. So through the efforts of our Local Branch, we were able to keep this school open in this vicinity. So the Board partially carried out our resolution, backed by the Growers of Lake Wales. In another category, Negro schools are only given eight months, while the whites receive nine months. The teachers are not paid equal salaries as the whites. The other part of our County could have granted the same privileges, had they not defeated their own interests.

Well, we enjoyed the Conference. We will have our annual meeting this Thursday Nov. 11. We have contacted folk in Pierce, Haines, City and other places. Mr. Millands, the manager of Hewing Funeral Home, has formed a temporary organization, assisted by Mr. Geilbert. We are in to organize the County. We shall expect you on Dec. 5th.

Best wishes.

Respectfully yours,

W. O. H. Black  
*W. O. H. Black*

P. S. Enclosed you will find the original letter.  
Many thanks for the copy.

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DISTRICT 1  
GUSSEY SULLIVAN, CHAIRMAN  
POST POND

DISTRICT 2  
F. G. CARNER  
WINTER HAVEN

DISTRICT 3  
E. L. PADGETT  
LAKELAND R. F. D.

DISTRICT 4  
C. EDMISTON  
LAKELAND

DISTRICT 5  
LUCH W. WEAR  
BARTOW

F. E. BRIGHAM  
SUPERINTENDENT  
BARTOW

## THE BOARD OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK

BARTOW, FLORIDA

October 22, 1943

A. BOSWELL, JR.  
ATTORNEY  
BARTOW

RAY H. WALKER  
AUDITOR  
BARTOW

MEMORANDUM TO: Harry T. Moore, President  
National Association for the  
Advancement of Colored People  
Mims, Florida

FROM: F. E. Brigham, Superintendent

SUBJECT: Letter of October 20, 1943

Apparently, from reading your letter of the above date, your conference in West Palm Beach adopted a resolution in regard to the Polk County schools without being sufficiently informed in regard to the economic conditions existing in this large county. I feel very confident that, if you had the full knowledge of the actual conditions in this county, your conference would not have adopted a resolution without knowing what the real facts were in the matter.

Of course, not having a copy of your resolution, I am rather at a loss to know exactly what it contains. In the school schedules adopted in this county last May, there was no more break in the school schedule than there has been in the schedules in force in the county for many years, and the pupils will not have two intermissions during the calendar school year. Consequently, there can be no retardation or automatic increase in retardation, as your suggestion was based upon the wrong predicate.

If you understood the conditions in Polk County, you would realize there is no discrimination against the Negro children, as the same vacation period exists for many of the children in one of the largest white schools which we have in this county, which has operated on this basis for many years, so as an actual fact, you owe an apology to the Polk County Board of Public Instruction for an unjust criticism of the Board, based upon misinformation without taking due care to obtain correct information.

If you are enough interested in the welfare of the children in Polk County to ascertain the facts in regard to Negro education, I am sure that you will find there has been a great deal of progress in the county.

Yours very truly,

*F. E. Brigham*  
F. E. Brigham, Superintendent of  
Public Instruction, Polk County

FEB: JMB

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT  
COURT, IN AND FOR THE EASTERN  
DISTRICT OF FLORIDA, ORLANDO  
DIVISION.

CASE NO.

JACK ROGERS,

Plaintiff

-vs-

COMPLAINT

J. P. WILSON,

Defendant

1. The plaintiff, Jack Rogers, is a resident of Titusville, Brevard County, Florida; and the defendant, J. P. Wilson, is likewise a resident of the City of Titusville, Brevard County, Florida.

2. This court has jurisdiction of this cause under Title 8, Section 46, U. S. C. A., §. 4; U. S. C. Paragraph 1976 and under Title 8, U. S. C. A., paragraph 31, U. S. 2004.

3. That the plaintiff is above the age of twenty-one years; is a citizen and resident of the City of Titusville, Brevard County, Florida, and is now and has been for more than twelve years last past and actual resident of the said City of Titusville; and was at all times material to this complaint and still is otherwise qualified to vote in and be an elector in the municipal elections of said City of Titusville, including the party primaries therein.

4. That the defendant, J. P. Wilson, was at all times material to this complaint the duly elected, qualified and acting chief clerk of said City, and, by virtue of that office, he was beholden to and duly bound to register all those to be registered as qualified electors of said City all residents thereof who were other



were qualified for such registration and who properly presented themselves at his office as chief clerk aforesaid, for the purpose.

5. That under and by virtue of the Charter and Ordinances of said City, and in accordance with proclamation dated September 20, 1945, and duly published according to law and issued by the Mayor of said City, a primary election was called for and to be held on the twenty-fourth day of September, 1945 at the City Hall in said City for the purpose of nominating candidates for the general election later to be held in said City.

6. That on the fourth day of September 1945, while the registration books of said City were open for registration, the plaintiff, Jake Rogers, herein did properly present himself at the office of the chief clerk of said City and offered himself as a qualified elector in and for said City and to be registered as such; but the defendant herein, J. P. Wilson, acting by and through his deputies and clerks then in charge of said office, did refuse and decline to register or permit to register the plaintiff herein as a qualified elector in and for said City; said refusal and declination being upon the sole ground that the plaintiff was a negro.

7. That the plaintiff desired to participate in said municipal election of September 24, 1945 and was entitled so to do save and excepting his lacking registration as a qualified elector; and that by reason of the refusal and declination of said defendant acting as aforesaid, this plaintiff was prevented from participating in said election and the plaintiff was thereby deprived of his right and privilege under the Constitution of the United States, including the Fourteenth, Fifteenth and Seventeenth Amendments to said Consti-

tution, and the laws of the United States enacted in pursuance of said amendments, to-wit: plaintiff's right and privilege to be registered as a qualified elector in and for said City of Titusville, Florida, and his right and privilege to participate in said election of September 24, 1945.

8. That the refusal of said defendant acting as afore-said was upon the following grounds:

a. That the plaintiff was a negro.

b. That the Democratic Party of said City of Titusville is a voluntary association of individuals and electors which prescribes and determines its own membership for the purpose of electing its choice of candidates to be placed upon the ballot in the general elections of said City and associated together solely for the purpose of nominating candidates for the several municipal offices of Titusville and not otherwise.

c. That the defendant in registering electors is governed by the rules and regulations of the several political parties or members of which the several electors choose to register and that the rules and regulations promulgated by the duly elected Democratic Executive Committee for said City of Titusville, promulgated and adopted for the purpose of determining who shall be entitled to participate in the Democratic primaries, specially provide that the members of the Democratic party of said City of Titusville shall consist of only white electors and that the plaintiff could not qualify under said rules and regulations in that he is a member of the negro race.

d. That the so-called municipal election held September 24, 1945 was an election for white electors only and that the plaintiff herein was not qualified to participate therein be-

cause the plaintiff was a negro.

9. That the plaintiff has heretofore upon numerous occasions sought to be registered as a qualified elector in and for said city of Titusville but that the defendant has consistently and repeatedly, in accordance with local custom in said City, refused to register or permit the registration of the plaintiff as an elector in and for said City upon the grounds herein stated, the substance of all which grounds is that the plaintiff is a negro.

WHEREFORE, the plaintiff prays judgment against the defendant herein, as follows:

1. That the plaintiff have judgment against the defendant for \$50,000.00 damages.
2. That the defendant be enjoined from refusing to register or causing to be registered the plaintiff herein as a qualified elector in and for said City of Titusville upon the ground that the plaintiff is a negro.
3. That this court adjudge and decree and declare the rights and legal relations of the parties to the subject matter herein in controversy in order that such declaration shall have the force and effect of a final judgment or decree.
4. That this court enter a judgment or decree declaring that the policy, custom and usage prevailing in said City of Titusville of the defendant in denying plaintiff the right to vote in the Democratic Primary elections in and for said city, as well as the general elections in said city, solely on account of the plaintiff's race or color, is unconstitutional and is a violation of Sections 2 and 4 of Article I and amendments 14, 15, and 17 of the United States Constitution.

5. That the court will allow plaintiff his costs herein and such further other additional or alternative relief as may appear to the court to be just and equitable in the premises.

E. K. McIlrath, Attorney for  
the Plaintiff, 121 Graham  
Building, Jacksonville, Florida.