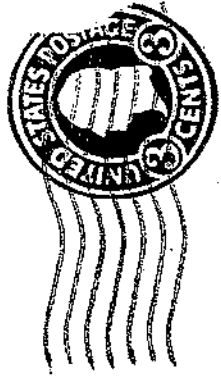


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MR HARRY T. MOORE  
BOX 4  
MIMS, FLORIDA

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O. FRANK SCOFIELD

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ATTORNEYS AT LAW  
INVERNESS, FLA.

ROOMS 206-7-8  
MASONIC BLDG.

September 13, 1946.

Dr. Harry T. Moore,  
Mims,  
Florida.

Dear Sir:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 11 and note what you say about a case against William Miles, a negro undertaker of Perry who is now confined in the State prison at Raiford, Florida, on a charge of manslaughter.

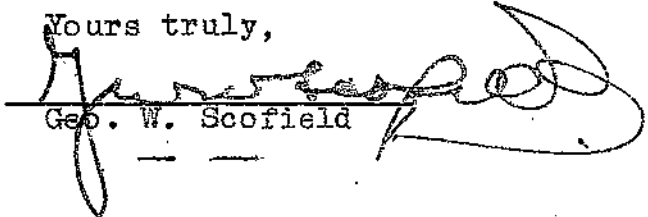
It would not be possible for me to communicate with Miles by telephone and it would necessitate a trip to Raiford for that purpose. My fee for making the trip and investigating the case will be \$100.00. If you care to have me do this you can send me the money and I will investigate the case as early as possible, however, Circuit Court convenes in Citrus County on September 17 and I will be busy almost continuously for two or three weeks. The only day I could go to Raiford for this purpose would be on Sunday September 22. If this meets with your approval and you care to advance the fee mentioned herein I will make the trip for you.

After I have investigated the case I will make a report to you and advise you what fee I will charge for undertaking to defend Miles.

Awaiting your reply, I am

Yours truly,

GWS:ceg

  
Geo. W. Scofield

Mims, Florida  
September 11, 1946

Gov. Willard F. Caldwell  
Capital Building  
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Governor :

We wish to commend you for sending highway patrolmen to Perry last week for the protection of William Mims, Negro undertaker of Perry, who is being held on a Retail accident charge. Prompt and vigorous action like this will do much to keep mob violence at a low ebb.

We note that a white woman was killed in this accident, and we have been informed that the situation around Perry is tense. We wonder, therefore, if it will be wise to have Mims returned to Perry for trial. Bitter experience has taught us that local authorities in that section of Florida cannot always be depended upon to provide ample protection for Negro prisoners in cases of this nature. The Collins Harrison Case in Jackson County and the Jesse James Payne Case in Madison County are concrete examples of the situation to which we refer.

To avoid a repetition of these disgraceful incidents, we respectfully urge that arrangements be made to hold the trial in some other county, as far removed from Taylor County as possible. We also urge that the prisoner be kept in the custody of highway patrolmen.

Respectfully yours,

Harry T. Moore  
Executive Secretary

Mims, Florida  
September 11, 1946

Atty. George W. Scheffield  
Box 95  
Lawrence, Florida

Dear Sir :

On Labor Day William Miles, Negro undertaker of Perry, was involved in a highway accident in Taylor County, in which a white woman was fatally injured. The situation around Perry was tense, and Governor Caldwell was induced to dispatch highway patrolmen to Perry to protect Miles. Miles is now at Raiford.

I am not too familiar with the details of the case, but I have been told that the accident happened primarily because a truck was parked on the highway with no tail light. It is said that a mechanic was working on the truck.

Officers of our Branch in Perry are anxious to have this case investigated. Please let me know how much you will charge to interview Miles at Raiford and ascertain the facts in the case. Or, can you do this successfully by telephone ?

After you have ascertained the merits of the case, we would like to know if you will defend Miles and how much your fee will be.

Sincerely yours,

Harry T. Moore

Mims, Florida  
September 11, 1946

Rev. G. C. Clayton, President  
Perry Branch, NAACP  
P. O. Box 591  
Perry, Florida

Dear Rev. Clayton :

I have your letter of Sept. 8, in which you explained the case of Mrs. W. M. Miles, colored undertaker of Perry, who was involved in a fatal highway accident on Labor Day. I note also that a white woman was killed in this accident and that Miles had to be sent to Raiford to avoid possible mob violence. In fact, I had read an article in the Florida Times Union last week which stated that Gov. Caldwell was induced to send highway patrolmen to Perry because of this case.

I am inclosing copy of our letter to Gov. Caldwell, in which we commend him for his prompt action. You will note also that we are asking that the trial be held in another county and that the prisoner be kept in the custody of highway patrolmen.

You also will find inclosed a copy of our letter to Atty. George W. Scheffield, noted white criminal lawyer of Inverness, in which we are asking his terms to make an investigation of this matter and to serve as defense attorney. As soon as I hear from him, I shall write you again. No doubt the family will be able to provide some money for a lawyer. I would suggest that your Branch raise what you can to help provide the necessary amount. You might talk with Mrs. Miles and see if she has another lawyer in mind. I just thought of Scheffield because he is working on a case for our Lake Wales Branch. If you wish it so, we can handle the matter in the name of the State Conference, and the family and the local Branch can furnish the lawyer's fee. This might help to relieve you of local pressure.

Please keep me in formed of any new developments.

Sincerely yours,

Harry T. Moore  
Executive Secretary



STATE OF FLORIDA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
TALLAHASSEE

MILLARD F. CALDWELL  
GOVERNOR

JOHN T. WIGGINTON  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

September 23, 1946.

Mr. Harry T. Moore  
Box 4  
Mims, Florida

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of September 11th I wish to advise that I have no authority to grant a change of venue in the trial of William Miles. This request will have to be presented to the court in due form and the Judge will rule on the matter in accordance with the facts as they exist at that time.

There was nothing done in Taylor County to indicate that violence would have occurred, but it was decided to remove Miles from the county in an abundance of precaution. I am sure that this matter will be handled by the courts without prejudice to the defendant's securing a fair trial.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Millard F. Caldwell".

Governor.

MFC/wj

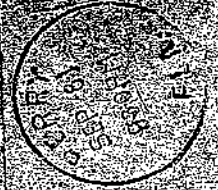
## Patrolmen Sent To Protect Negro

TALLAHASSEE, Sept. 4.—Gov. Caldwell last night dispatched 15 State highway patrolmen to Perry to protect a negro being held on a fatal accident charge against possible violence.

The Governor said he received a call from a group of substantial citizens that an effort might be made to take the negro from the Taylor County jail.

The negro, Williams Miles, was the driver of an automobile involved in a Labor Day accident which resulted in the death of Mrs. Roda Brack, 55-year-old white woman.

After the highway patrolmen arrived in Perry the negro was taken to the State prison at Raiford by Taylor County Sheriff J. H. Larker. There was no report of any violence.



RETURN IN FIVE DAYS TO

*W.C. Clayton*

*Perry Fla*

*Mr. Henry T. Moore*  
*Memphis Tenn*

Perry Fla  
9-2-46

Mr More Dear Sir

I am writing you of  
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Mims, Florida  
September 26, 1944

Mr. C. T. Williams  
Fifth District Chairman  
406 S. Parramore St.  
Orlando, Florida

Dear Mr. Williams :

I received your letter with reference to the possibility of inviting some of the candidates to our meeting in Sanford Saturday. I think, however, that the main task before us now is to get ourselves better organized. If we can get a really effective organization built up in this district, and in the state, we can make our strength felt, and we can bring the necessary pressure to bear. Then we shall not have to worry about inviting candidates; they will be seeking us up. It seems, therefore, that we should devote much of our time Saturday to getting this district more effectively organized, and to making plans for future work. Naturally, we can do this better right among ourselves.

I am inclosing copy of our letter to Mr. Moss. We also sent him the same type of letter that we sent candidates prior to the primaries. As you know, we already have a letter from Hendricks, in which he explained his opposition to the anti-lynching bill. We surely could not think of endorsing him, and I doubt if it would serve any good purpose to have him at our meeting.

Our Branch had a great meeting Sunday. Reeks was with us.

Best regards to all.

Sincerely yours,

Harry T. Moore  
Executive Secretary

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Mr. H. T. Moore, President  
Florida State Conference  
Box 4  
Mims, Florida

Dear Mr. Moore:

For your information charters were mailed to the following branches in your state on September 23, 1946:

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Rt. 1 Box 3  
Milton, Florida

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Mrs. Elsie Parker  
P.O. Box 184  
Milton, Florida

CLEWISTON, FLORIDA BRANCH

Rev. O. D. Williams  
Rt. 1 Box 71B  
Clewiston, Fla.

SULPHER SPRINGS, FLORIDA BRANCH

Rev. Emmanuel Johnson  
401 Ruth Street  
Tampa, Florida

We have suggested that the presentation of the charter be made an occasion for a special public meeting at which time some prominent speaker might be invited to deliver the main address.

Will you kindly follow up this request from your office and advise the Department of Branches of the program and future activity of the new branches.

Sincerely yours,

GLOSTER B. CURRENT  
Director of Branches

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Florida State Conference  
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**RE: BRANCH ORGANIZATION DRIVE**

Dear Mr. Moore:

Although the Association has the largest number of branches and memberships in its history we could double our membership and activity if more branches were organized throughout the country.

Enclosed is a list of Branches in your state. The Department of Branches would like for you to examine the list and return on the enclosed report form, the name of every city, town or village in your state in which a sizable Negro population resides which does not have a branch of the NAACP. We would like to have this information within the next two weeks in order to formulate a winter program of branch organization.

During the months of November, December, January and February, there will be assistant field secretaries available who might assist your state conference in organizing branches throughout the state. In order that such a project would not be too expensive, the itinerary would have to be arranged to include visitations to other branches presently operating which could pay some of the expenses of these visits. We are asking you or the state organizer to outline a tentative itinerary including dates, branches

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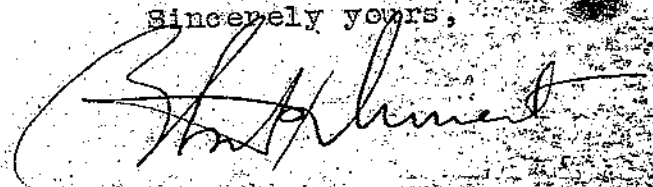
and areas which could be organized.

Will you kindly return the enclosed questionnaire regarding cities without an NAACP branch and fill in the other information.

The Department of Branches is trying to work through state conferences as much as possible. We shall from time to time forward by letter or telegram, action programs which we will want your office to disseminate promptly to the member branches.

Keep up the good work and remember the Department of Branches is at your disposal for assistance and advice.

Sincerely yours,



GLOSTER B. CURRENT  
Director of Branches

GBC:rlh  
Encl.

CC: State Secretary

FLORIDA STATE CONFERENCE OF BRANCHES  
REPORT ON CITIES NEEDING ORGANIZATION INTO NAACP

Report of \_\_\_\_\_ State Conference

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 1946

The following cities do not have branches of the Association:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ESTIMATED POPULATION (Negro)</u>	<u>NAME AND ADDRESS OF LEADERS TO CONTACT</u>
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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(State President)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(State Secretary)

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