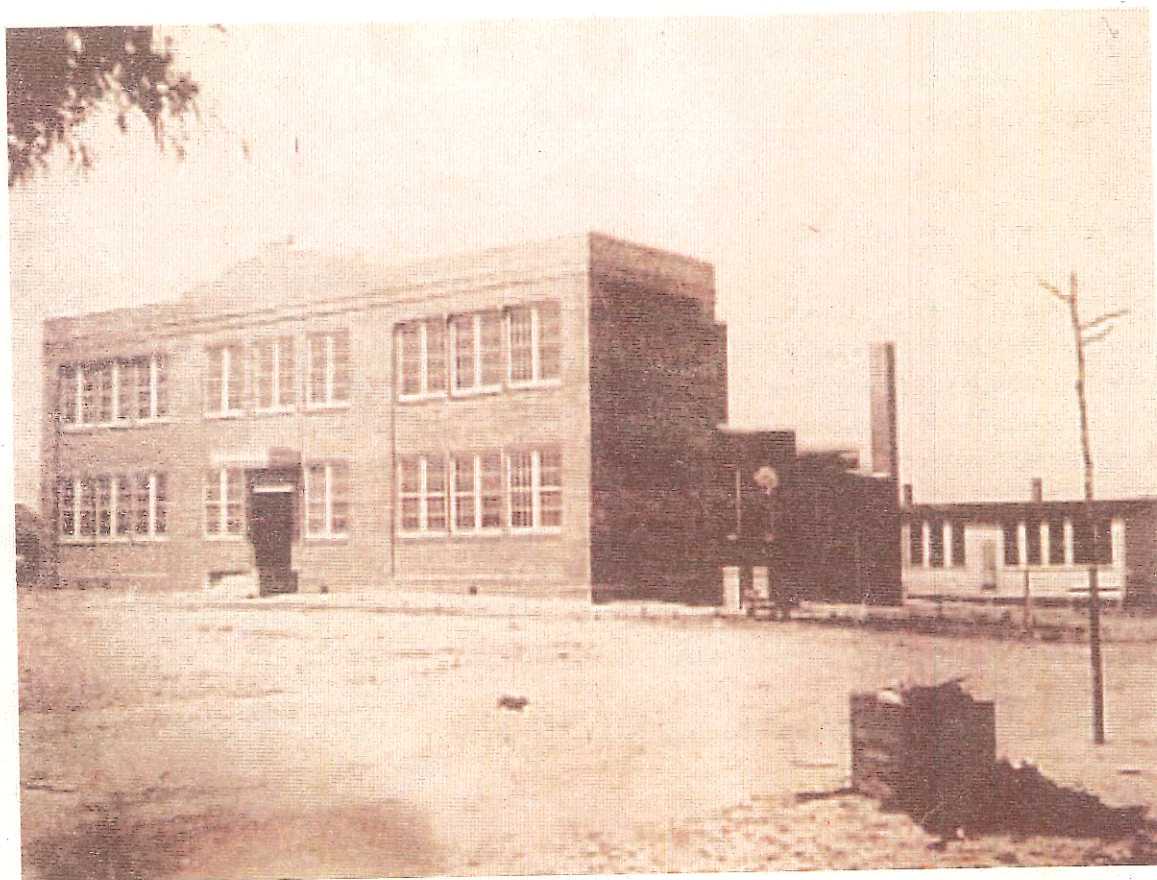




Thy Noble Sons, Thy Daughters Fair



This picture of the Tarboro Colored High School was taken immediately after completion in 1924. The building, a two-story brick structure, was classified as an eight-teacher school. Construction was funded, in part, by the Julius Rosenwald Foundation. It was demolished in the early 1970s. (Photo courtesy of the Fisk University Rosenwald School Archives.)

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W. A. Pattillo, Principal
1924-1946



W. H. Pattillo, Principal
1946-1960

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Dedicated to my first teachers,
for their patience, understanding,
and caring:

Jetta Howard Knight, Mother
Catherine Perry Weston, Kindergarten Teacher
Thelma Maxine Coley, First Grade Teacher

C. Rudolph Knight



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And all others, unnamed,
you know who you are.

W. A. Pattillo High School

This volume celebrates the graduating classes of the W. A. Pattillo High School, originally the Tarboro Colored High School. It was renamed in 1943 for W. A. Pattillo, the school's first Principal.

The Pattillo School had its origins in the Princeville Graded School, founded in 1881 and which made outstanding growth under the leadership of Principals: W. P. Mabson, a graduate of Lincoln College (now Lincoln University); John Jones, a graduate of Oberlin College; and William A. Perry, a native of Tarboro and a graduate of Yale University. The first eighth-grade class was graduated in 1909.

In 1912, Walter Alexander Pattillo succeeded Perry. A few high school courses were added to the curriculum. In 1923-24, the Julius Rosenwald Fund helped finance the construction of a two-story eight-teacher brick building in east Tarboro, and Pattillo became its principal, a position he held until his retirement in 1943.

Princeville students in grades 1-4 now attended classes in the Princeville Graded School building, while Tarboro students in grades 1-4 now attended classes in the new east Tarboro building. All students in grades 5-8 and in high school attended classes in the new building in east Tarboro.

The first high school class was graduated in 1924 with three members. In 1931, an additional building with 17 rooms was added along with more teachers making a grand total of 700 students, 34 classrooms, 38 teachers, one principal and two schools. The Tarboro Colored High School, which included the grammar school grades, held the classification of a "union school," that is, a school with both elementary and secondary classes.

In the fall of 1943 a group of concerned citizens petitioned the Tarboro Board of Education to change the school from the Tarboro Colored High School to the W. A. Pattillo High School to honor its founder's numerous contributions and dedication. The petition was approved by the school board and a ceremony was held on May 30, 1943. The first class to graduate with the new name was the class of 1944.

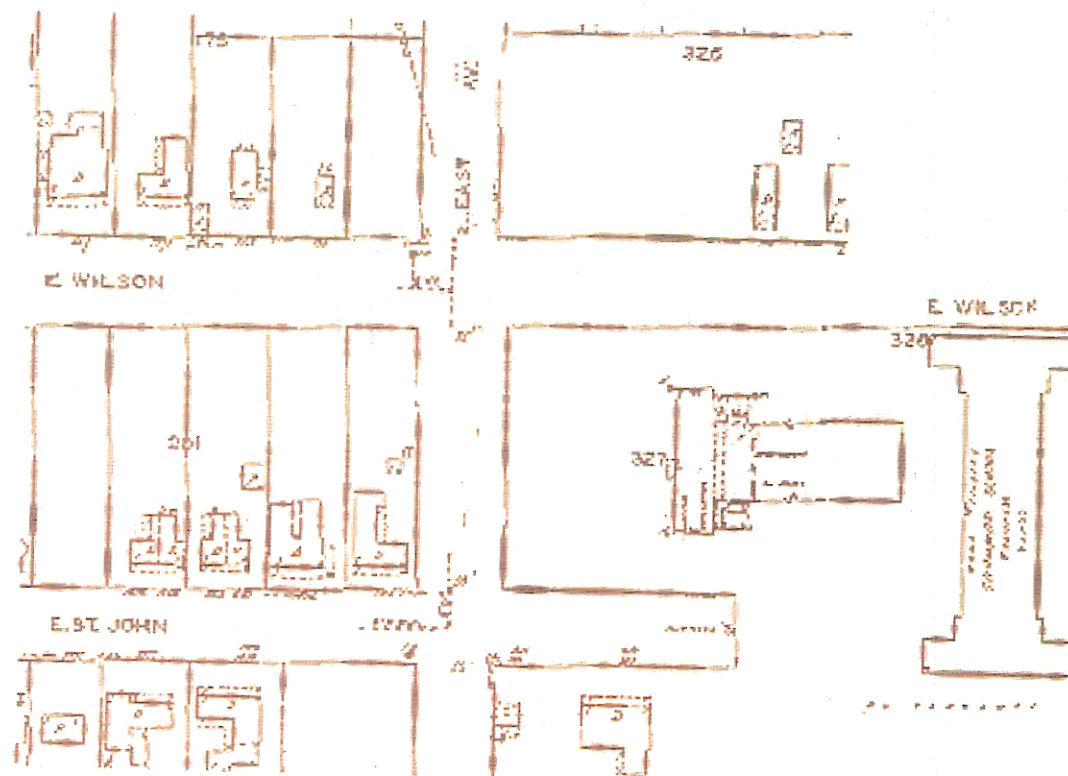
Professor Pattillo retired in 1946, and his son Walter H. Pattillo was appointed principal.

The school developed into a community center for the East Tarboro African-American citizens for a variety of activities, including concerts, piano recitals, dramatic plays, banquets, dances, fundraisers. It had the full support of the whole community, because each individual in the community felt a strong connection with the educational institution by being a graduate or being a relative of a graduate or by having a relative enrolled.

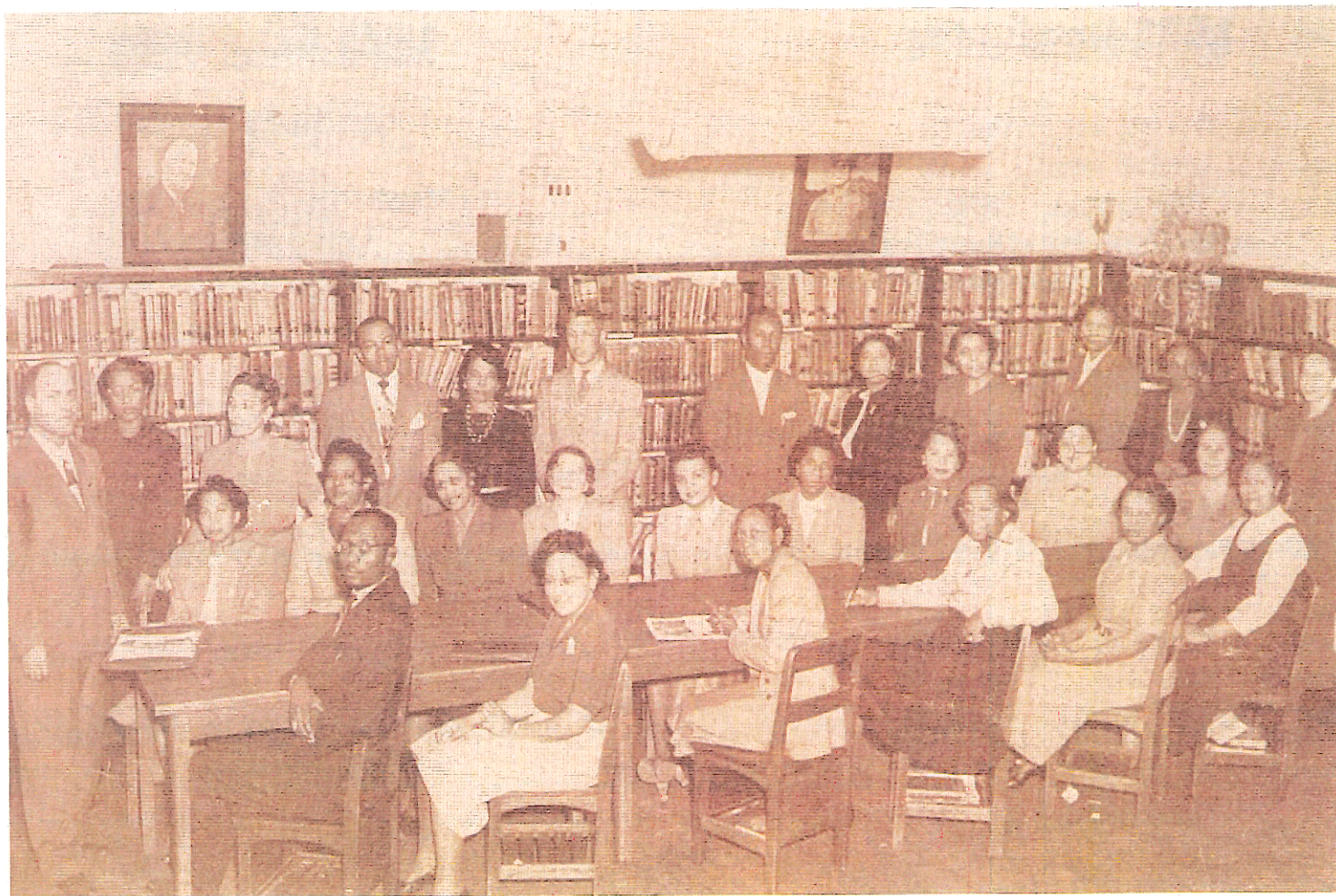
On W. H. Pattillo's retirement in 1960, R. H. Cherry was appointed principal. He was followed by Rudolph W. Snowden (1967 - 1968) who, in turn, was followed by James Barnes (1968 - 1970).

The Class of 1970 was the last class graduated from the W. A. Pattillo High School. With full integration, subsequent classes graduated from Tarboro High School.

NOTE: In spite of the compilers' efforts, some parts of the W. A. Pattillo School story remain incomplete. Your help in providing the names of students missing from the class rosters, in locating missing pictures of graduating classes, in identifying teachers, and in locating pictures of teachers will be appreciated. Also, please report any errors to the compilers.



The image above is adapted from the 1931-1947 Sanborn Map of Tarboro. The W. A. Pattillo High School was located east of East Street between E. Wilson and E. St. John Streets. The building shaped like the letter "I" is the Elementary School. The High School is the hammer-shaped structure to the left of the Elementary School.



Pattillo School Faculty, 1950

Pattillo Faculty

Only some records of the School's faculty and their years of service were located. Thus, this listing is incomplete. When an individual appeared under more than one form of her/his name, the records were combined under the latest form of the name.

Mrs. L. Alderman (1965)
 Miss Catherine M. Anthony (1937-1945)
 Miss Catherine B. Anthony (1934-1936)
 Mr. Armistead (1967)
 Mr. W. H. Arnold (1953-)
 Mr. W. P. Arnold (1962-1965)
 Miss M. R. Baines (-1968)
 Mr. E. B. Barnes (1953-)
 Mr. James A. Barnes (1962-1970)
 Miss Jeraldine Barnes (1965)
 Mrs. H. K. Barnett (-1966)
 Mr. J. R. Battle (1953-)
 Mr. Erastus B. Batts (1941, 1948-)
 Mrs. Pearl W. Bennett (1943-1953)
 Miss Leron M. Berry (1962-1966)
 Mrs. Mary P. Boddie (1964-1965)
 Miss Hannabel Branche (1940-1941)
 Miss Florine G. Brandon (1931-1934)
 Miss C. Delon Braswell (1943-)
 Miss D. L. Bridgers (1962-1964)
 Miss Fannie O. Bridgers (1931-1953)

Mrs. Mable J. Brown (1943-1965)
 Mrs. Mattie Brown (1933)
 Mrs. S. V. Brown (1943-)
 Mr. Sylvester V. Brown (1939-1941, 1947-1950)
 Miss Eula M. Bryan (1937-1950)
 Mr. Kelly W. Bryant (1943-)
 Mrs. Nannie W. Bryant (1933-1965)
 Miss L. S. Bullock (1953-)
 Miss Lillian B. Bullock (1933-1934)
 Mrs. M. J. Bullock (1962-1970)
 Mrs. Martha M. Bullock (1931-1939)
 Mrs. Beatrice G. Burnett (1939-1944)
 Mrs. E. G. Burnett (1938-)
 Mr. Earl C. Burnett (1933-1939)
 Mrs. S. G. Burnett (1962-)
 Mr. W. G. Byers (1937-1938)
 Mr. W. H. Check (1953-)
 Mrs. B. L. Cherry (1965)
 Mrs. B. S. Cherry (1962-1964)
 Mr. R. H. Cherry (1960-1967)
 Miss Corinne V. Clark (1933-1935)
 Miss N. Viola Cobb (1931)
 Mr. Cogdell (1967)
 Miss Thelma Maxine Coley (1953)
 Mr. Cooper (1966)
 Miss E. E. Curry (1964-1965)
 Miss J. E. Darden (1964-1965)
 Mrs. Vivian M. Diggs (1953-1965)

Mrs. Lucy M. Dunn (1936-1945)
Miss L. M. Edmonds (1931-1933)
Mr. L. E. Edwards (1963)
Mr. Charles M. England (1950-1953)
Miss D. L. Exum (1953-)
Miss Eugenia Exum 1934)
Mr. J. E. Faison (1953-)
Miss V. L. Fenner (1931)
Miss Beatrice Ferebee (1965)
Mrs. M. G. Ford (1964)
Mrs. Mamie F. Forrest (1940-1948)
Mrs. I. S. Foster (1965)
Mrs. J. P. Foster (1950-1953)
Miss Naomi Foster (1936)
Mrs. Thelma Q. Foster (1945-1965)
Mr. J. A. Freeman (1962-)
Mrs. S. B. Freeman (1962-1965)
Mrs. M. F. Fuller (1953-)
Mrs. Mamie H. Fuller (1931-1938)
Mrs. Ruth M. Garnes (1938-1950)
Miss S. B. Garrett (1945-1953)
Mrs. Gaylord (1967)
Mrs. Josephine P. Gibson (1933-1935)
Mr. G. C. Goodman (1964-1965)
Mrs. M. W. Goodman (1964-1966)
Miss Ruby A. Graves (1931-1965)
Mrs. Ruth M. Graves (1937-)
Mrs. Thelma Q. Gross (1940-1941)
Mr. R. H. Hadley (1964)
Mr. R. L. Hadley (1963-1965)

Miss Emily G. Hairston (1939-)
Miss Laura R. Hammonds (1931-1962)
Mr. Hardy (1967)
Mrs. Esther M. Harper (1931-1936)
Mr. George L. Harper (1931-1936)
Miss J. M. Harriot (-1967)
Mrs. E. Hedgepeth (1953-)
Mrs. A. B. Hemphill (1933)
Miss E. Scott Hines (1931)
Miss Dorothy L. Hinton (1934-1936)
Miss D. L. Hodge (1965)
Mrs. Virginia L. Hodges (1937-1939)
Mrs. Lillian B. Holloway (1935)
Mrs. Alice P. Hooker (1947)
Miss Brenda Hooper (1965)
Miss M. L. Horne (1962-)
Mrs. C. N. Hussey (1963-1965)
Mr. H. B. Hussey (1962-1965)
Mrs. Ella W. James (1931-1953)
Miss Ruth M. Jeffers (1935)
Mrs. V. M. Jenkins (1963-1964)
Miss Arnie M. Johnson (1937-1938)
Mrs. Emma O. Jones (1937-1965)
Miss Marlene Jones (1965)
Mrs. S. J. Jones (1969-1970)
Mrs. Willie F. Jones (1943-1953, 1963-1964)
Miss H. V. Kelly (1962-1965)
Mrs. L. F. Kilpatrick (1964)
Mrs. Mavis Knight (1948-)
Mrs. R. L. Knight (1965)

Mr. Charles Lassiter (1965)
Mrs. Corinne C. Lassiter (1940-1945)
Miss Addie A. Lawrence (1933-1937)
Mrs. R. M. Lawrence (1953-)
Mr. Ernest Leach (1962-)
Mrs. E. E. Lewis 1947-)
Mrs. Lulalia S. Lewis (1943-1944)
Mr. Nolan Little (1944-1953)
Miss Reba E. Little (1938)
Mrs. Reba M. Little (1943-1950, 1963-1965)
Mrs. M. R. Littles (1964)
Mrs. L. P. Lloyd (1962-1964)
Mrs. Chanie F. Lowe (1950-1965)
Miss Barbara McCracken (1965)
Miss Lois M. McNeill (1936-1950)
Mr. Frank A. Matthewson (1944-1947)
Mr. G. C. Matthewson (1962-1967)
Mrs. Mary W. Matthewson (1945-1948, 1953)
Miss Susie E. Matthewson (1939-1944)
Miss Reba E. Mayo (1934-1941)
Mrs. Ruth M. Meekins (1944)
Miss Katebeth Mills (1940-1941)
Miss Mattie Moss (1965)
Mr. Reginald A. Moss (1962-1970)
Mrs. T. M. Nance (1962-1964)
Miss C. V. Newsome (1962)
Mrs. Beatrice. G. Parker (1931-1937)
Mrs. E. T. Parker (1937-1938)
Mrs. Hazel. S. Parker (1931-1933)
Mrs. Helen T. Parker (1936-1945)

Miss Mable Pattf (1965)
Mrs. J. J. Pattillo (1950)
Mrs. R. M. Pattillo (1950-1953)
Mrs. S. Jeannette Pattillo (1931-1948)
Mr. Walter A. Pattillo (1924-1946)
Mr. Walter H. Pattillo (1946-1960)
Mr. William C. Pattillo (1933-1940)
Miss Mary L. Peary (1933)
Mrs. Minnie F. Perrot(?) (1939-)
Miss S. Perry (1963-1964)
Mrs. Janie M. Pettaway (1943-1953)
Mrs. L. M. Pettaway (1962-1964)
Miss Mary J. Pitt (1941-1943)
Miss R. L. Powell (1963-1964)
Miss Ratliff (1967)
Mr. F. W. Richardson (1964)
Miss Aurelia L. Shearin (1950)
Mrs. E. c. Sherrod (1965)
Mrs. Vivian M. Smith (1935-1938, 1962-1965)
Mr. David E. Smoot (1962-1964)
Mrs. Dorothy B. Smoot (1965)
Mr. Rudolph W. Snowden (1967-1968)
Mrs. Mary P. Stancil (1939-1940)
Miss Cora Steele (1936)
Mrs. B. B. Tanner (1962-1964)
Mrs. Jennie D. Taylor (1948-1950)
Mrs. Susanna M. Thomas (1945-1948, 1950-1965)
Mrs. D. L. Thompson (1962)
Mrs. D. M. Thompson (1964)
Mrs. V. L. Thompson (1963)

Mrs. Y. H. Transou (1962-1964)
Mr. Thomas R. Turner (1965)
Miss N. E. Waddell (1931)
Miss Helen A. Walston (1931-1953)
Mrs. E. L. Ward (1964)
Miss Pearl. J. Ward (1931-1941)
Miss Lillian E. Washington (1939-1941)
Miss G. B. Watkins (1963)
Miss Mabel V. Weaver (1940-1945)
Mrs. N. W. Wesson (1953-1964)
Mrs. M. M. Weston (1931-1935)
Miss Christine Whitaker 1934)
Miss D. S. Whitaker, (1964-1965)
Mrs. E. B. Wiggins (1953-1962)
Mrs. C. P. Williams (1964-1965)
Mrs. Catherine F. Williams (1948-)
Mrs. K. P. Williams (1953-1963)
Mrs. M. P. Williams (1962-1965)
Mrs. Marian Williams (1931)
Mrs. Mary P. Williams (1944-1948)
Mrs. G. S. Wimberly (1931)
Mrs. Minnie G. Woodley (1934-1965)

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The Perry-Weston Institute is named for the Reverend John W. Perry, first rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Tarboro, North Carolina, and his daughter Mrs. Catherine Perry Weston. Mrs. Weston was the wife of Reverend Milton Moran Weston, the second rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church; the mother of the Rev. Dr. Milton Moran Weston, Jr., rector of St. Phillip's Episcopal Church in New York (Harlem); and the great aunt of the Rev. Dr. Kwasi Thornell, an Episcopal Priest formerly with the National Cathedral in Washington, DC.

Mrs. Weston's parents, the Reverend John W. Perry and Mrs. Mary Eliza Pettipther Perry, operated St. Luke's Parochial School beginning September, 1881, and the school continued until 1957. In later years it

was operated by their daughter Mrs. Catherine Perry Weston and her husband, Rev. M. M. Weston. The Perry School was located on Panola Street, adjacent to the Mount Lebanon Masonic Hall.

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1942 Graduates

Felton Carrington
William A. Dancy
William Harris
Hilliard A. Lewis
Fred P. Mitchell

Elizabeth Bradley
Bessie Bulluck
Alfreda L. Clark
Sallie O. Hopkins
Mary E. Johnson
Flora M. Lloyd
Mary K. Mercer
Helen E. Newton
Mary Louise Reeves
Anna Vera Rollins
Martha W. Stancil
Lillie Mae Tillery
Ethel Whitehurst
Dorothy G. Wilson

No pictures were located of the Class
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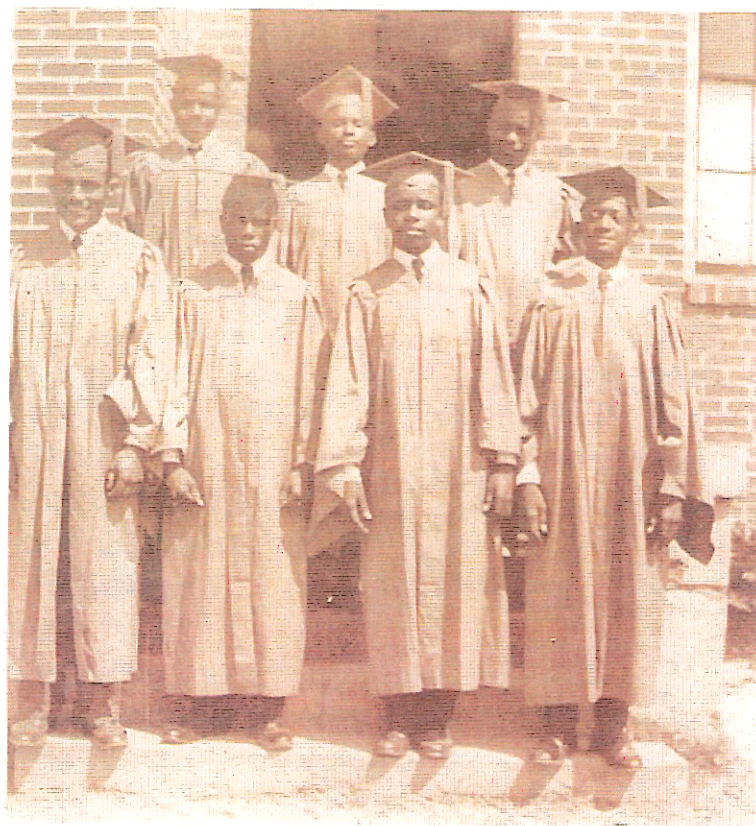
1941 Graduates

William Arnold
Benson Barnes
Woodrow Edmonds
Warren Gibson
Joseph Grant
Jasper Harris
John Knight
James Morning
Alexander Richardson
Melvin Robinson
William Ruffin
Fred Sharpe
Hubert Simmons

Doris Dickens
Erma Harrison
Doris Hughes
Nannie Jones
Sallie Knight
Mildred Lawrence
Cleopatra Lloyd
Lena Lloyd
Gladys H. Matthewson
Jessie Mitchel
Malvis I. Rollins
Suse N. Staton
Ruby Taylor
Juanita Wharton
Dorothy Whipple
Alice Wilkens
Willie A. Williams

No pictures were located of the Class of 1941.

1943 Graduates



Willie Lee Brown
William Gibson
Clayton P. Giles
Russell Hudson

James I. Jones
Troy E. Lassiter
William Weaver

Eva Bradley
Ada P. Brown
Rebecca Brown
Gertrude M. Bullock
Amy S. Davis
Dorothy Lee Exum
Mary Bell Exum
Claudine Haywood
Mamie Jenkins
Catherine Lancaster
Gladys G. Mays
Beverly M. Scott
Catherine Taylor
Annie L. Walters

No pictures of the women
of the Class of 1943 were
located.

1944 Graduates



Savalius A. Exum
Willie T. Giles, Jr.
Robert Harrison
Leroy Howard
William M. Newton
John R. Patterson

Walter Plemmer
Robert Sharpe
Jack, E. Spencer
James Rexford Taylor
Frank B. Weaver

Margie Lee Battle
Maggie L. Cotton
Evelyn M. Hilliard
Jetta Howard
Gladys D. Jones
Julia M. Jones
Esther L. Knight
Sarah B. Knight
Hazel D. Lawrence
Jessie Lee Parker
Vivian G. Perkins
Maggie Lee Pittman
Irma L. Richardson
Laura Thorne
Elizabeth B. Thorpe
Augusta B. Walters
Margaret Woodard
Norma H. Wooten

1945 Graduates

High Bullock, Jr.
Willie Moses Dunn
Roosevelt Everett
Washington Grimes
Percy Harry Harris
Waverly Mays Jones
William Henry Knight
Thomas Wood Newton
Willie Clarence Norfleet

Mary Jane Archer
Candace Elma Brown
Esther Vivian Brown
Cora Bryant
Lillian Shirley Bullock
Louella Veriene Dickens
Vilma Erieen Eason
Floriant Hopkins
Edna Marie Hughes
Dora Lee Jones
Helen Arabelle Jones
Violet Bernice Lewis
Geraldine Little
Mary Elizabeth Lloyd

Olivia Christine Lloyd
Shirley Odell Mays
Mary Etta Plemmer
Lossie Mae Ricks
Ruby Ricks
Bessie Christine Rollins
Lottie Mae Sharpe
Mary Bernice Sharpe
Mary Ellen Thorpe
Hattie Mae Tillery
Lila Mae Ward
Frances Leevonsia White
Ella Louise Williams
Sallie Ester Williams

No pictures were located of the Class of 1945.

1946 Graduates

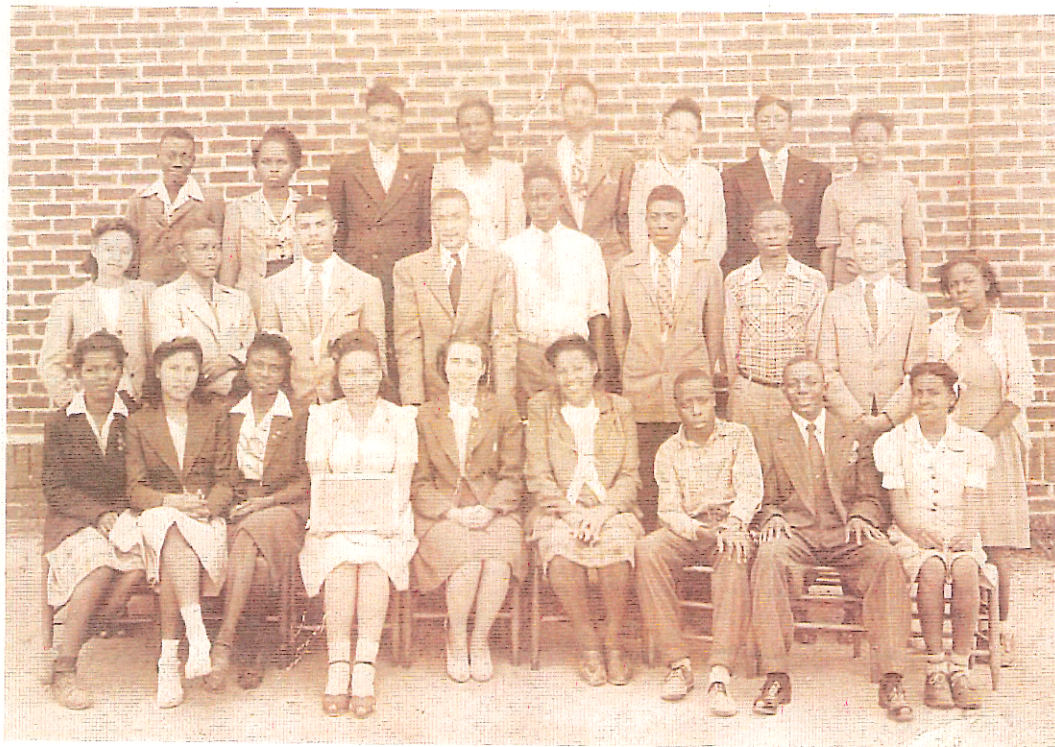
Henry Milton Harrison

Matilda E. Moore

When the twelfth grade was added in 1946,
these two persons elected not to continue into the twelfth grade.

No pictures were located of these two persons.

1947 Graduates



Audry Bullock
 Minnie Bryant
 Rosa Dancy
 Elizabeth Dunn
 Mildred Exum
 Annie Hart
 Erman Mays
 Mae Bell Moten
 Annie C. Price
 Florence Price
 Sara Richardson

Daniel Bridgers
 Milton Cephus
 Vernon Clark
 John Dunn
 Julius Freeman
 Wilbert Harrison

Millard Hopkins
 James Knight
 Thomas Lawrence
 Thomas Perkins
 Frank Pettaway
 Earl Staton

1948 Graduates



Julius Dancy
Hubert Harrison
Milton Johnson
Leroy Knight
Frederick Lloyd
Richard Parker

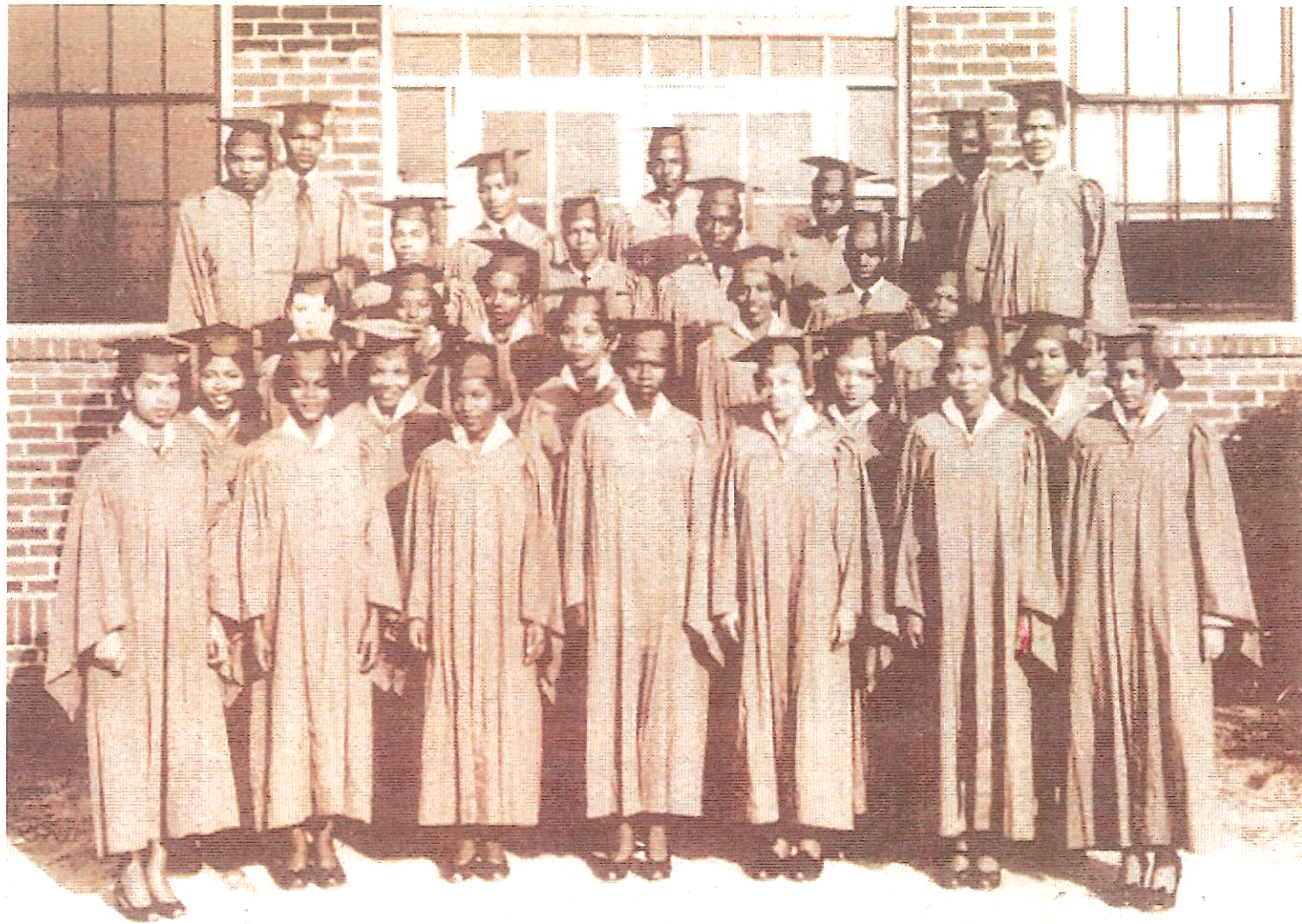
Joseph Taylor
Leslie Thorpe
James Ward
Fred White
Willie Williams

Rosa Bryant
Minnie Black
Mary Bridgers
Audrey Brown
Lillie Dancy
Christine Glass
Ruth Harrison
Susie Harrison
Christine Jones
Emma Knight
Rosezinia Knight
Thelma Lawrence
Annie Lyons
Martha Parker
Estella Pittman
Bessie Sharpe
Georgia Rowe
Vera White
Maggie Williams
Mary Williams

1949 Graduates

William Black
Osborn Caine
Roland Clark
Elijah Cotton
Robert Davis
Willie Dickens
Isador Gross
William Hilliard
Charles Johnson
William Joyner
Bridgers Knight
Thomas Perry

Erma Lee Battle
Bertha Lee Bradley
Dorothy Lee Bridgers
Annie Mae Brown
Dorothy C. Brown
Marion D. Bullock
Mary L. Charry
Doris T. Dickens
Dollie Mae Hardy
Jamesena Hopkins
Ernestine Knight
Alice J. Lawrence
Lula Thorne
Snowdy Vines
Marian Williams



Class of 1949

1950 Graduates

Roy F. Bailey
Thomas Barnes
Robert Bottoms
Howard Clarence Bridgers
Douglas Bernard Brown
James R. Bryant
Cary Jordan Bullock
Clinton Clark
Horace Bell Hussey
LeErnest Knight
Robert Lloyd
Arthaniel Sharpe
Julius Spencer Sharpe
Charles K. Speller
Julian Weaver
Clifton Yarboro

Dorothy Mae Arrington
Gloria Evelyn Barrett
Jesse Lee Bellamy
Evelyn Gray Williams Best
Mary Boyd
Erma Lee Brown
Bettie Lee Clark
Clara Mae Cobb
Erma Lee Dickens
Virginia Dunn
Alma Christine Farmer
Cora Lee Freeman
Rosetta Harrison
Annie Marie Jones
Dora Lee Jones
Willie Mae Redmond
Maude Marie Richardson
Carrie Lucinda Smith
Ruth Hazel Thorne
Martha Olivia Thorne
Loraine Wood
Lucile Wood



Dorothy Mae Arrington



Thomas Barnes



Gloria Evelyn Barrett



MISS JENNIE B. TAYLOR
Gardner University, A. B.



MISS CHARNEY P. LOWRY
Proctor School, Teachers College, N. C.



MISS VIOLET M. THOMAS
State Teachers, N. C.



MISS ESTHERSON V. BAKER
North Carolina College, A. B.



Jessie Lee Bellamy



Evelyn Gray Williams Bell



Howard Clarence Bellamy



MISS ALABANZA L. UNDERHILL
North Carolina College, A. B.



MR. CHARLES M. ENGLAND
State University, A. B.



MISS LOIS M. McNEILL
Renaiss College, A. B.



Ray J. Bailey



Robert Bottoms



Mary Boyd



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Principal, Yonkers

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MR. W. H. PATTILLO
Principal
State University, N. C.



Douglas Bernard Brown



Erna Lee Brown



James R. Bryant



Cary Jordan Bellak



Bebie Lee Clark



Clinton Clark



Tarboro, North Carolina



Clara Mae Cobb



Erna Lee Hickins



Virginia Dunn



Miss Christina Farnace



Cora Lee Freeman



Beattie Harrison



Howard Bell Henry



Anale Marie Jones



Thera Lee Jones



Leif Ernest Knight



Robert Lloyd



Willie Mae Richmond



Maude Marie Richardson



Arthurd Sharp



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