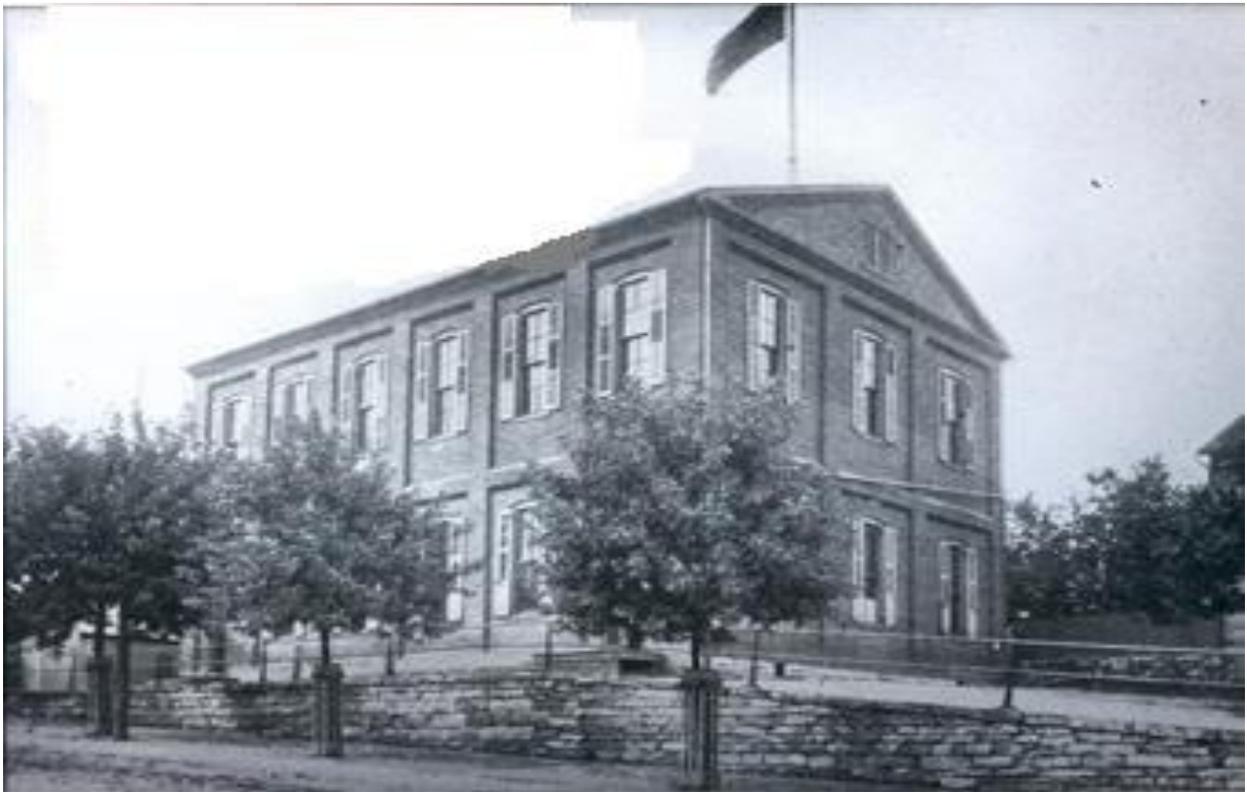


Hygienic School for Colored Children

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Memorial Unveiling

Saturday October 17, 2020 at 11AM

Frank S. Brown Blvd (formerly Adams Street)

and Bailey Street

In the early years prior to the village of Baldwin there was a school titled "The Colored School". It was started in Swatara Township in a wooden building which sat on the corner of Conestoga Street and Trawitz Alley. This land later became part of the Borough of Steelton. At this school, one of the earliest teachers was Marmaduke Pidgeon from Gloucester, Va. in the year 1883. He only resided in the area for several years before leaving for Boston, Ma.

The Conestoga Street site eventually became the land for the Major Luther Bent school. This clipping gives more detail on the evolvement of the school.

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Citizens of Steelton and the Patrons of the Steelton Public Schools.

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Three years have elapsed since the Board of Directors spoke to the patrons and tax-payers of the Borough through the medium of the Tri-ennial Report of the Public Schools, and the fifth report being about to be issued, we feel constrained to again address you, setting forth in brief review, a report of our work and of the advancement that has been made, not only with reference to actual school work but also to the improvement along the line of buildings, grounds, etc.

Erection of New Buildings.

Three years ago we made the following prediction: "The growth of population on Hygienic Hill and the northwestern part of the town will render an increase in school accommodations in that part of the Borough imperative in the near future. These demands can best be met by the erection of a new four room building in some location equally accessible to the patrons of Hygienic Hill and the Cameron Extension, and by the location of four colored schools in the present Hygienic building." This prediction was speedily fulfilled. On October 9, 1891 the Board held a meeting on Hygienic Hill for the purpose of selecting a proper site on which to erect the building. The location was finally fixed upon the corner of East Conestoga street and Trawitz alley. On December 11, 1891 it was determined that a six room building should be erected. The land was purchased at a cost of \$3,700 from the heirs of H. Trawitz, David R. Hoffman, Maria Nisley, Paucake Bros., and Mrs. C. R. Swarger. They willingly disposed of a portion of their land that the Board might secure this favorable location. After consulting numerous architects, the plan of J. C. Smith was adopted on February 2, 1892, as was also the plan of Smead, Wills & Co. for heating and ventilating. After ad-

Throughout their years in the school system, the students would learn the basic studies of reading, writing, arithmetic, science, history, English, geography, health, art, music and debating courses. Girls would be given special courses in sewing and cooking and the boys would get special courses in mechanical drawing and domestic science. They used the playgrounds for games such as bean bag, jump rope, ball tossing, running, skipping, swinging and various physical activities. The youth would also have the benefit of sports such as football and track.

Miss Aura Imes class of 1886-1887

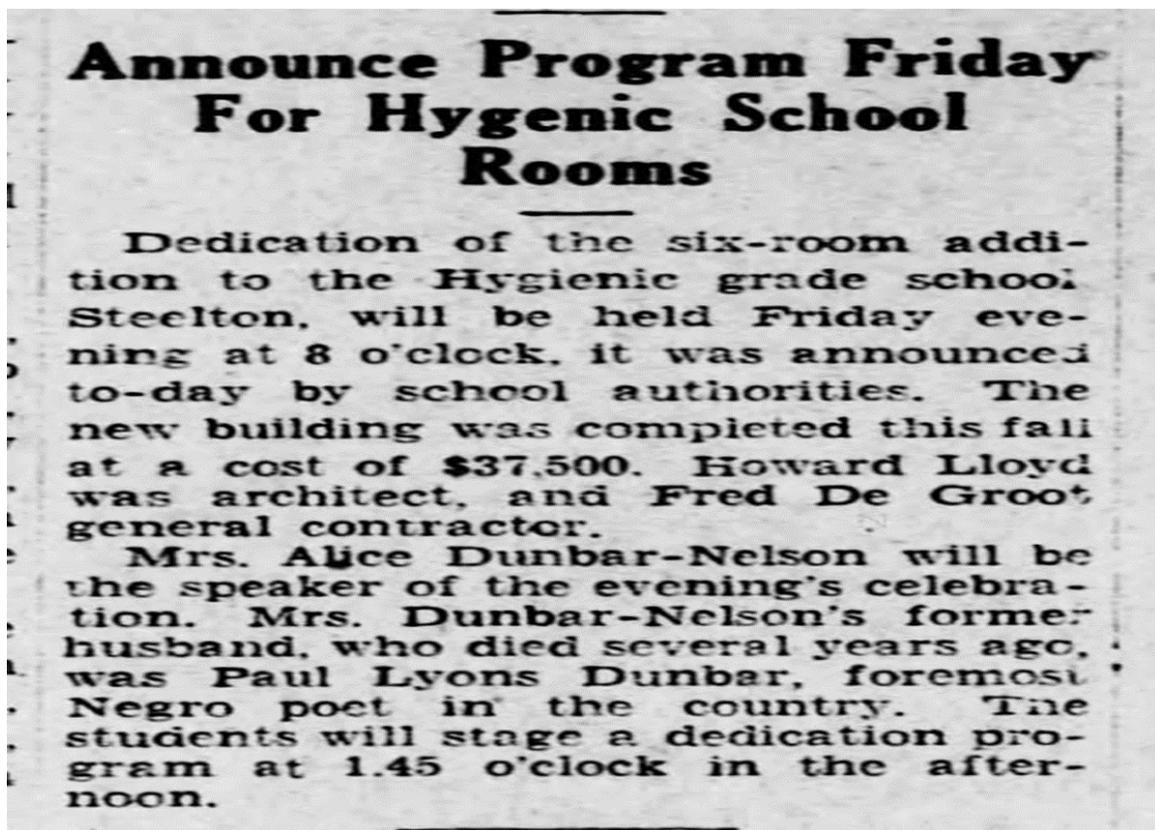


Some of them making it all the way to graduation in 1896.

Goldsboro, on his "bike" yesterday.
Appended is the list of the graduating class for 1896. The exercises will be held in Felton Hall, the 27th inst.: Blanche V. Attick, Elizabeth J. Attick, Annie D. Bannan, Thomas E. Bowman, Edward L. Carey, jr., Wm. E. Dehner, Francis R. Douglass, Harry C. Dress, Wm. M. Harclerode, Wm. M. Henderson, Ella V. Hocker, Otho S. Imes, Milton B. Litch, Anna H. Longnacker, John W. Markley, Wm. H. Mathias, Emma O. Miller, Moses Montgomery, George R. Morrow, Alice S. Myers, Sarah E. Prosser, Albert A. Smeigh, Hattie M. Stees, S. Ira Toomey, Samuel A. Walter, Wm. C. Wensell.
The hour of meeting of the First Pres-

Over the years there were notable people that graduated from the Hygienic School as well as the teachers who taught there as noted in the previous clipping.

In this clipping Mrs. Alice Dunbar-Nelson was the speaker of a dedication celebration. She was the widow of Paul L. Dunbar, the great poet.



In later years, Peter Sullivan Blackwell, who was known as a newspaper editor, owner and the first Colored Councilman in Steelton (1904) helped for years to make sure that the youth of Steelton got their education. He encouraged community support to the school and was a speaker at the Douglas Association annual banquet. The Douglas Association was named for Frederick Douglass and was for the purpose of having acknowledgement of the Hygienic students. Unfortunately, the Colored students were not allowed to attend functions with their counterparts such as dances, proms, banquets to celebrate graduation and other events. The association survived for many years into the forties. This clipping from the Harrisburg Telegraph is from 1913.

BLACKWELL TO ADDRESS GRADUATES

The Douglas Association, the colored branch of the alumni of the Steelton High school, will hold their annual banquet and reception in the Monumental A. M. E. Church, Second and Adams streets, to-night. Editor P. S. Blackwell will deliver the oration of the evening.

Unfortunately, they had sad times at the school when a dedicated teacher that went to work feeling ill succumbed to a heart attack.

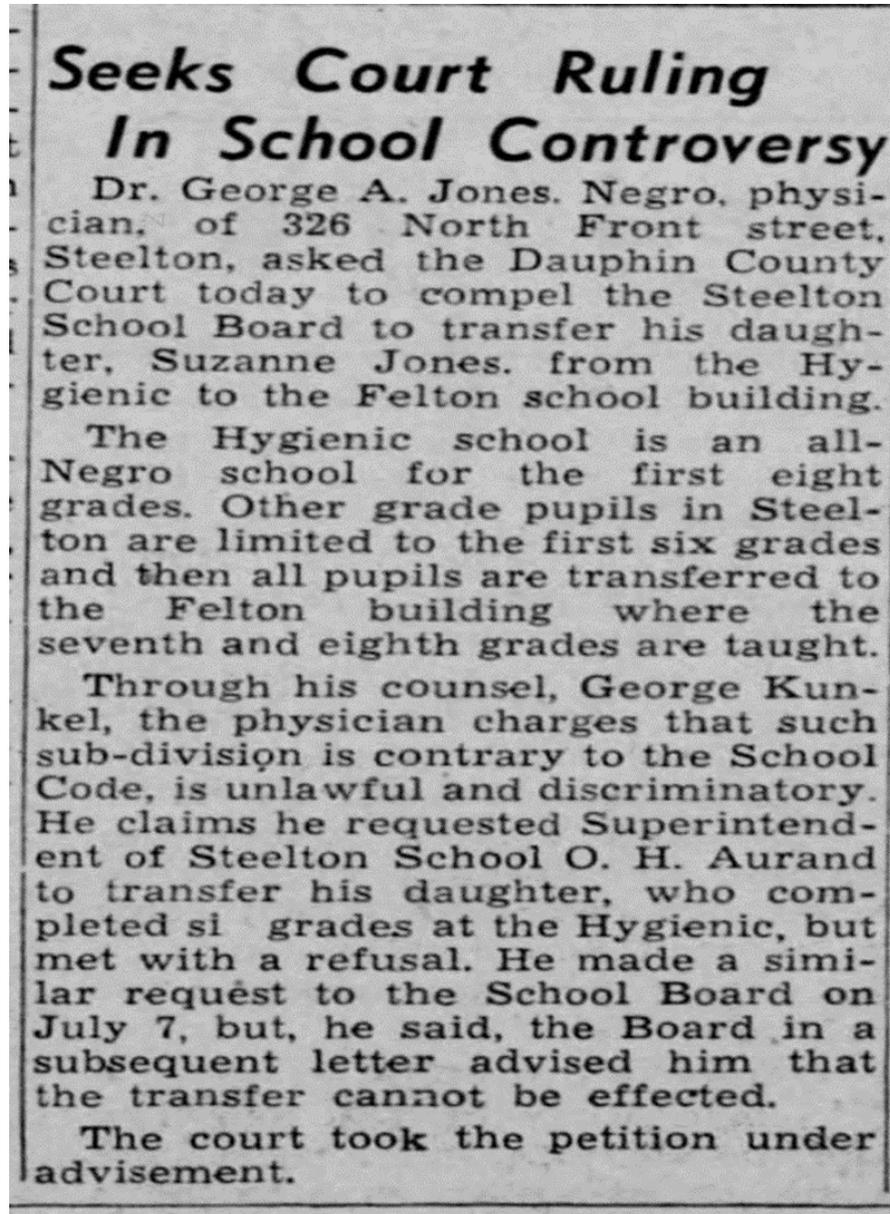
Services on Thursday For Steelton Teacher

Funeral services for Miss Sarah C. Holmes, of 226 Adams street, Steelton, a teacher in the Hygienic school building, Steelton, who suffered a fatal heart attack yesterday at her desk as she prepared for the opening of the school, will be held on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the First Baptist Church, Steelton. The Rev. O. P. Goodman, pastor of the church, will officiate. Burial will be in the Midland Cemetery. Besides her father, William Holmes, with whom she made her home, she is survived by a sister, Mrs. Martha Darlington, of Washington, and a brother, Oscar Holmes, of Detroit, Mich. The body may be viewed tomorrow from 5 to 9 p. m., at the home.

Sarah Holmes died at her desk in 1934 at the age of 38.

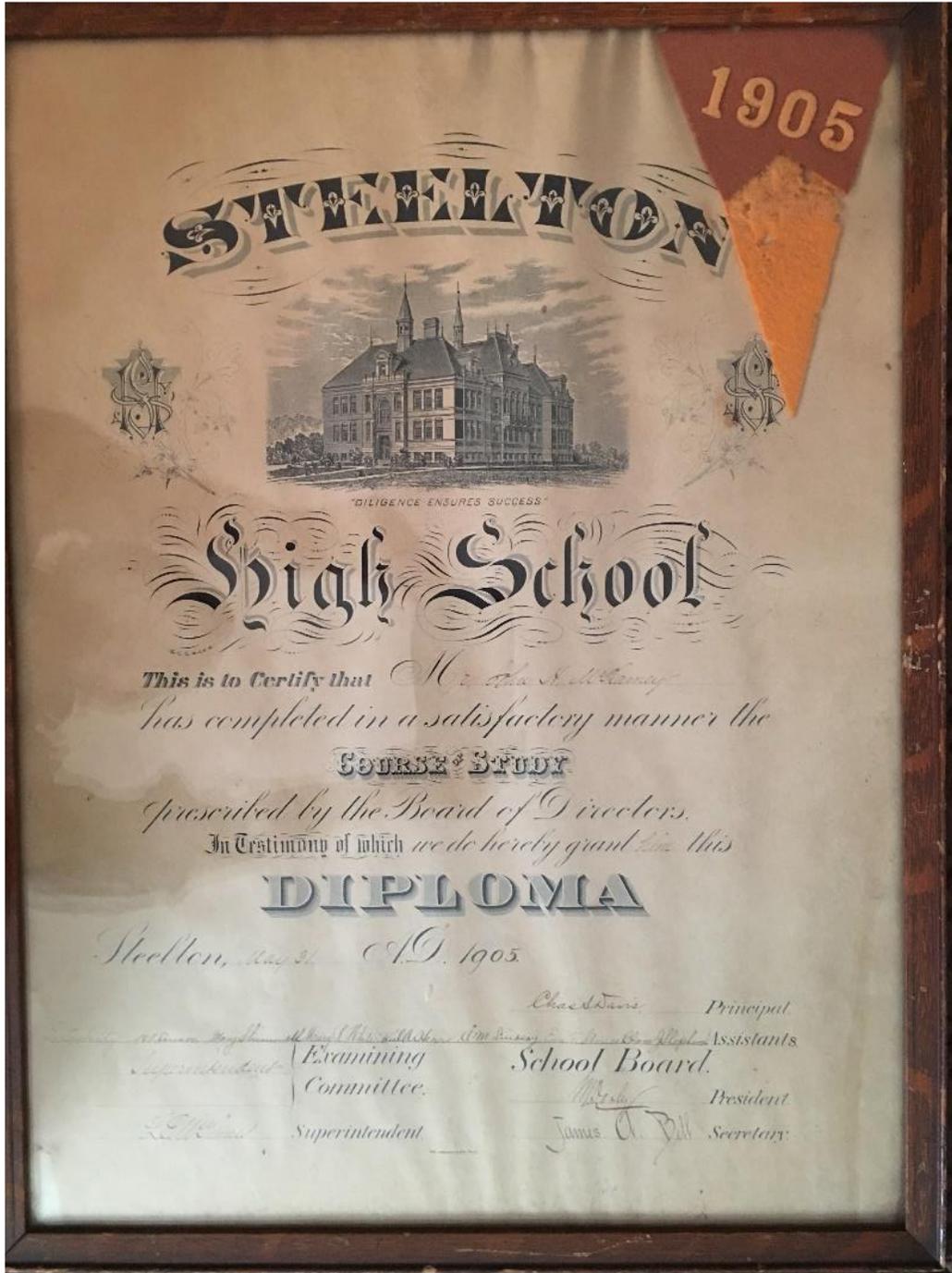
The Hygienic students could not mainstream into the Steelton High School System. They had to stay here until they completed the eighth grade whereas the other schools in the Borough transferred their students in the seventh grade to the Junior-Senior High School.

Students completing the eighth grade would then attend the high school for their final years until the school closed in 1958. This Harrisburg Telegraph newspaper article of 1947 documents concerns of Dr. George A. Jones request to transfer his daughter Suzanne to attend the junior high school before she completed the eighth grade at Hygienic. In all the years since its conception, the rules did not change.



The Steelton School system student body consisted of primary classes (grade 1-4), secondary classes (grades 5-8) and Intermediates (grades 9-12).

Here is the 1905 diploma of Lee McKamey



Some of the students were sent to the Monumental AME Church, the First Baptist Church and while others went to the Odd Fellows building which all were located on Adams Street.

It came to a point that the African American community had to come together to force the school board to rebuild the school as mentioned in the following clipping.

NEW SCHOOL WILL RELIEVE CONGESTION

**Building at Adams and Bailey Sts.
Will Be Replaced by
\$30,000 Building**

Present congested conditions at the Hygienic school in Adams street will be relieved by the erection of a new school house at Adams and Bailey streets, the site of the present building, before next fall. At a meeting of the school board Monday evening C. Howard Lloyd, of Harrisburg, is the architect.

The new building will be a two-story structure of brick with stone trimmings. It will have a frontage of 43 feet in Adams street and will run back toward Ridge street 101 feet. The building will be constructed so that the entire second floor may be thrown into a single large assembly room. The building will cost approximately \$30,000 and will be of the most modern construction throughout.

At the present time about 140 pupils attend the Hygienic school. As there are only four rooms in the building, the overflow must be cared for by holding sessions in the Odd Fellows' Hall, in Adams street, close by. Here the sanitary conditions make the building unsuited for school purposes.

Some time ago the board decided that a new building should be built. The board then purchased the ground in the rear of the present building, on which there are at present three frame houses. Work will be commenced on the new building as soon as the weather permits and will be pushed to completion as rapidly as possible.

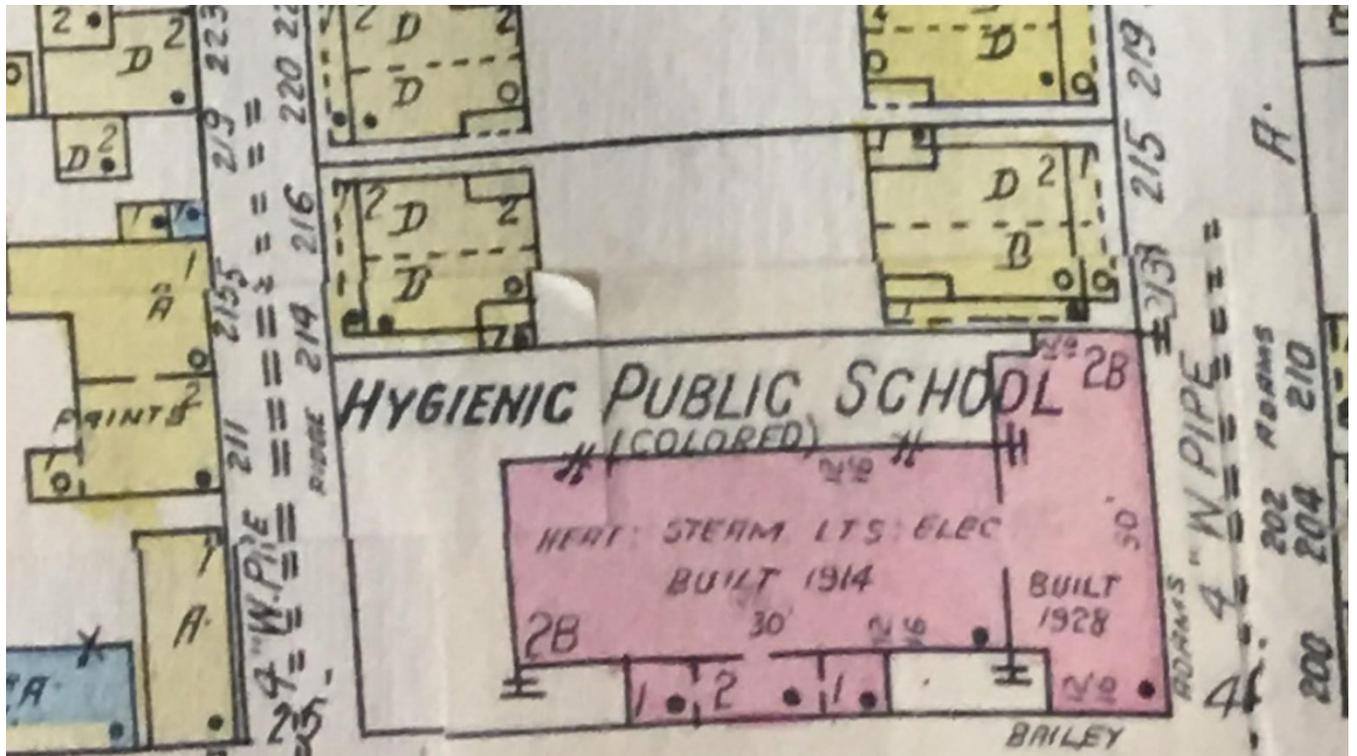
department at the steel plant.

James is Honored.—Emory James, graduate of the Steelton high school, class of 1909, completed his studies and received a diploma at Lincoln University this week. He was president of his college class. Among the local people who attended the commencement exercises were Vernon James, John Fields, Frank Broadus, Miss Susie Beckwith, Miss Eva Brandt, Miss Susie Crampton and Miss Ethel Fields.

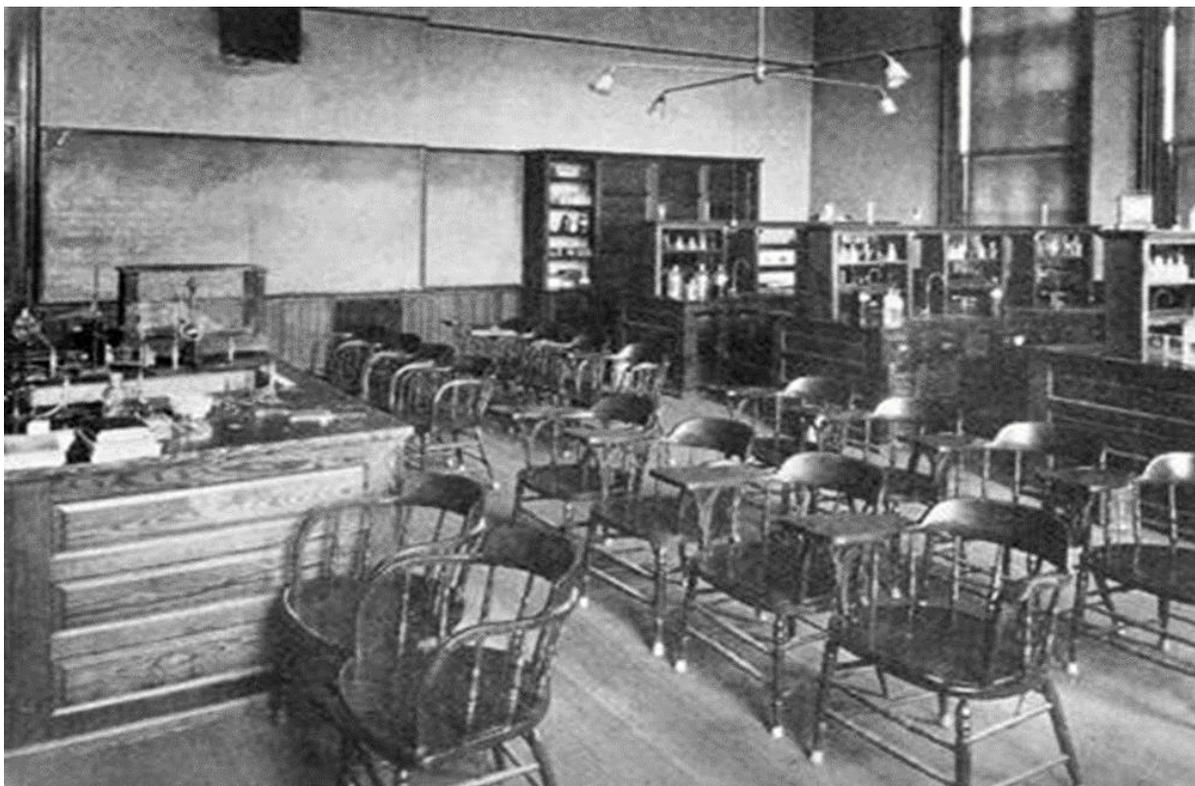
Reese Resigns.—I. W. Reese, assist



This 1910 photo depicts Principal C.R. Howard with students of the grammar school.



This map shows the stages of the expansion of the school building from 1914 to 1928. Inside the halls of the building the students of the upper grades enjoyed science and art classes. This is a look at the actual science classroom at Hygienic.



These are the teacher records of Shellen T. James. It indicates that he taught science.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
Teacher Education and Certification
Harrisburg

TEACHER'S RECORD

Teacher **James, Shellen T.** Date of Birth **Oct. 24, '89** Retirement Rate **9-3253**
 Last name First name
 Permanent Home Address **409 Lebanon St. 420 Ridge St.** Local Address **409 Lebanon** Phone No. **9-3253**
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Sections 1323 and 1324 of the School Code require all county and district superintendents to examine and record all certificates held by teachers under their supervision. A valid teaching certificate must be presented and the record filled out by all such teachers before entering upon the work of teaching.

CERTIFICATION RECORD

Kind	Number	BRANCHES SPECIFIED ON CERTIFICATE	Date of Issue	Date of Expiration	Date of Renewal
Normal	6349	Kindergarten - Primary Reg. 9-14-'45	Aug 1, 23	1925	1925
Coll. Prov.	136785	ELEMENTARY			
Cult. Pech	"	CURRICULUM			
	6/25/54	Retired 6/10/1960	Aug 7, 51	Mod. Form 6/25/54	

TEACHING EXPERIENCE IN LOCAL SCHOOLS (Include present position)

Year	School	Grade or Branches Taught	Yearly Salary	Year	School	Grade or Branches Taught	Yearly Salary
1923	Steeltown	Third	1150	1945	Hygienic	Fifth (Substitute)	
1924	Steeltown	Third	1200	1946	Hygienic	Fifth	
1925	Steeltown	Third	1250	1947	Hygienic	Fifth	
1926	Steeltown	Third	1300	1948	Hygienic	Fifth	
1927	Steeltown	Third	1400	1949	Hygienic	Fifth	
1928	Steeltown	Third	1450	1950	Hygienic	Fifth	
1929	Steeltown	Third	1500	1951	Hygienic	Fifth	
1930	Steeltown	Third	1550	1952			

PITC-16-10M-11-43 **James, Shellen T.** 1959- (OVER)

EDUCATIONAL RECORD

Institution Attended	Institution		Dates Attended				Nature of Course Completed	Credit Received (Certificate, Diploma, Degree, etc.)
	Name	Location—Town and State	From (Yr.)	To (Yr.)	No. of Years	Wks. per Year		
Elementary School	Hygienic	Steeltown, Pa.		1925	3 1/2			Certificate
High School	Steeltown	Steeltown, Pa.	1925	1927	3 1/2		Acad.	
Normal or Teh. Ed. School	Shippensburg Normal	Shippensburg, Pa.	1927	1928	2			Diploma
College	Univ. of Pa.	Phila.						
Graduate Sch.								
Tech. Sch.								

Special Courses which indicate special preparation for position held or applied for.

* PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE RECORD

Years of Service			Position		Nature of Work			Length of Term (mos.)	Salary per Mo. (Final year of service)	Certificate Held
From (Yr.)	To (Yr.)	No. of Years	Location—District, County, State	Title—Teacher, Supv. Prin., Supv., Prin., Supt., etc.	Kind of School—(Elem., Jun. High, High, Evening, etc.) or Type of Dist. Supv.	Grades Taught (K to 12)	Subjects Taught (When part of course of study is taught)			
1915	'16	1	Leves, Del.	Teacher	Elem.	1-2	prin. subject	7	\$30	Grade B
1916	'19	3	Bridgetown, Del.	Teacher	Elem.	1	prin. subjects	7	45	Grade B
1919	'21	2	Millsboro, Del.	Teacher	Elem.	1-6	prin. subjects	7	80	Grade B
1921	'22	1	Shawson Hill, Pa.	Tr.	Elem.	1	prin. subjects	9 1/2	115	Provisional
			Del. Co.							

* Vocational teachers will indicate, in addition to their teaching experience, their vocational experience in this space, ignoring the present captions, and giving: Trade or occupation; nature of work; time spent as apprentice, journeyman, master, farm worker, or housekeeper; with the name and address of the employer in each case.

I certify that the record upon this card is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Shellen T. James
Signature of Teacher

Shellen T. James 1946		1951	
General Psychology	3 credits	Appreciation of Music	2 credits
Education Psychology	3 "	Music II	2 "
School Law	1 "	Historical Geology	3 "
Visual Education	1 "		
American Literature	3 "		
Biological Science II	3 "		
Physical Science I	3 "		
Physical Science II	3 "		
Curric. in Elem. Science	3 "		
Principles of Geo.	3 "		
Economic Geo.	3 "		
History of Civilization	4 "		
History of Pa.	2 "		
American Govern.	3 "		
U.S. Hist. before 1865	3 "		
U.S. Hist. since 1865	3 "		
Ethics	3 "		
Health Educ. I to VI	6 "		

This is a picture of the Art room.



Students had the pleasure of having some of the best teachers available. Here are some of the records of Vernon R. James.

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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
Harrisburg

TEACHER'S RECORD.

Teacher James, Vernon R.
Last name First name

District Steelton County Dauphin
County County

School Steelton, Pa. Superintendent District Chas. S. Davis
Location Name

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Permanent Home Address Lebanon Street Steelton Town Pa. State. Date of Birth Aug. 15, 1882

Present Home Address 407 Lebanon Street Steelton Town Pa. State. Sex male

Member of State Retirement Association? No Yes No Race Negro

CERTIFICATION RECORD

Kind	Number	By whom issued	Date of Issue	Date of Expiration	Date of Renewal	Additional Branches	Annual Salary
{ College Permanently	3637	Supt. J. Geo. Becht	10/22/23			English, French Latin, Louisiana & elimination subjects	
{ Elem. School Permanently	18	Supt. J. A. H. Neith	4/4/30				

I certify that the record upon this card is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Vernon Randolph James
Signature.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REGISTRY OF TEACHERS.
Vernon Randolph James

Take note that Mr. James attended Lincoln University.

EDUCATIONAL RECORD

Institution Attended	Institution		Dates Attended			Nature of Course Completed	Credit Received (Certificate, Diploma, Degree, etc.)
	Name	Location—Town and State	From (Yr.)	To (Yr.)	No. of Weeks per Year		
Elementary School							
High School							
Normal or Tr. Tr. School							
College	Under "Nature of Course" give major and minors						
Graduate Sch.	If holder of degree						
Tech. Sch.							
Special Courses which indicate special preparation for position held or applied for.							

Lincoln U. Lincoln U. Credits from Ind. U. Feb 27, 1900.
major, education
master, history

* PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE RECORD

Years of Service			Position	Nature of Work			Length of Term (mos.)	Salary per Mo. (Final year of service)	Certificate Held
From (Yr.)	To (Yr.)	No. of Years		Kind of School— (Elem., Jun. High, High, Evening, etc.) or Type of Dist. Supv.	Grades Taught (K to 12)	Subjects Taught (When part of course of study is taught)			

I certify that the record upon this card is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Teacher

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His records are extensive and includes his studies in New York, Lincoln Univ., Indiana Univ, Univ of Pa., Wilberforce, Ohio, Pa. State College and Lebanon Valley College, Annville. He studied history, Greek, Latin, psychology, philosophy, German, European history, Public Administration and several other courses. This is what qualified him to become the Principal of the Hygienic School.

EDUCATIONAL RECORD									
Institution		Time Required to Complete Course				Nature of Course Completed	Credit Received (Certificate, Diploma, Degree, Units, etc.)		
Name	Location—Town & State	From (Yr.)	To (Yr.)	No. of Yrs.	Wks. per Yr.				
Stoelton Pub. S.	Stoelton, Pa.	1887	1897	8	36	General	Certificate		
Stoelton Pub. S.	Stoelton, Pa.	1897	1900	3	36	General	Diploma		
Lincoln Univ.	Lincoln Univ., Pa.	1918	1922	4	36	Classical A.B.			
Indiana Univ.	Bloomington, Ind.	1926	1927	1	36	Education & Hist. A.M.	pending		
Columbia Un.	New York, N.Y.	1910	Summer	6		Methods, Greek, Solid Gen.			
Univ. of Pa.	Pa.	1914	extension			Definiteness in Education			
Wilberforce	Wilberforce, O.	1917	Summer	6		German, Psychology, Philosophy			
Pa. State Coll.	State Coll., Pa.	1921	Summer	9		Sec. Ed., Pub. S. Adm., Phys. Ed.			
Leb. Val. Coll.	Annville, Pa.	1921	1922	EXTENSION		Hist. of Eng., European Hist. of Ed.			
Stoelton Pub. S.	Stoelton, Pa.	1928	1929	1		Double Entry Bookkeeping			
NIGHT SCHOOL	Stoelton, Pa.	1928	1929			Psychology of Adolescence			

Years of Service		Position		Nature of Work			Length of Term (Mos.)	Salary per Mo. (Final year of service)	Certificate Held (Annual Diploma, Examination, etc.)	
From (Yr.)	To (Yr.)	No. of Yrs.	Location—District, County, State	Title—Teacher, Supv. Prin., Supv., Prin., Supt., etc.	Kind of School (Elem., Junior High, High, Evening, etc. or Type of Dist. Supv.)	Grades Taught (High 1-12)	Subjects Taught (when part of course of study is taught)			
1902	1903	1	Stoelton, Pa.	Teacher	Elementary	3-4		7½	\$24	Provisional
1904	1906	2	Carlisle, Pa.	Teacher	..	7-8		9½	45	Professional
1906	1918	12	Stoelton, Pa.	Teacher	..	5-6		9	75-80	Permanent
1921	1922	1	Lincoln Univ., Pa.	Instructor	College	—	Pedagogy	9	50	Permanent
1924	1926	2	Franklin, Pa.	Teacher	High School	9-12	Eng. & Hist.	9	133½	H.S. Class A
1927	PRES. POS.		Stoelton, Pa.	Teacher	Elementary	7-8	Eng. & Arith.	9½	125	College Perm.

TEACHER'S RECORD									
MASTERS Commonwealth of Pennsylvania DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION Harrisburg									
Teacher	James, Vernon R.		Date of Birth	Aug. 15, 1882		Retirement Rate			
Permanent Home Address			Local Address	409 Lebanon St.		Phone No.	93253		
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CERTIFICATION RECORD									
Kind	Number	BRANCHES SPECIFIED ON CERTIFICATE				Date of Issue	Date of Expiration	Date of Renewal	
College Principal	3	English, Latin, Greek, social studies, and elementary subjects				10/22/23			
Elementary Principal	18	Elementary School Principal				7/4/30			
TEACHING EXPERIENCE IN LOCAL SCHOOLS (Include present position)									
Year	School	Grade or Branches Taught	Yearly Salary	Year	School	Grade or Branches Taught	Yearly Salary		
1906-78	Hygienic	5-6	\$685						
1927-31	Hygienic	7-8	3300						
51-52	Hygienic	6							
PITC-16-10M-6-87 James, Vernon R. Retired - June, 1952 (OVER)									

bugler gram is in charge of the Rev. F. S. Gallup and the supper is under the personal direction of Mrs. N. J. Gilbert.

REV. VERNON JAMES TO BE MEMORIAL DAY SPEAKER

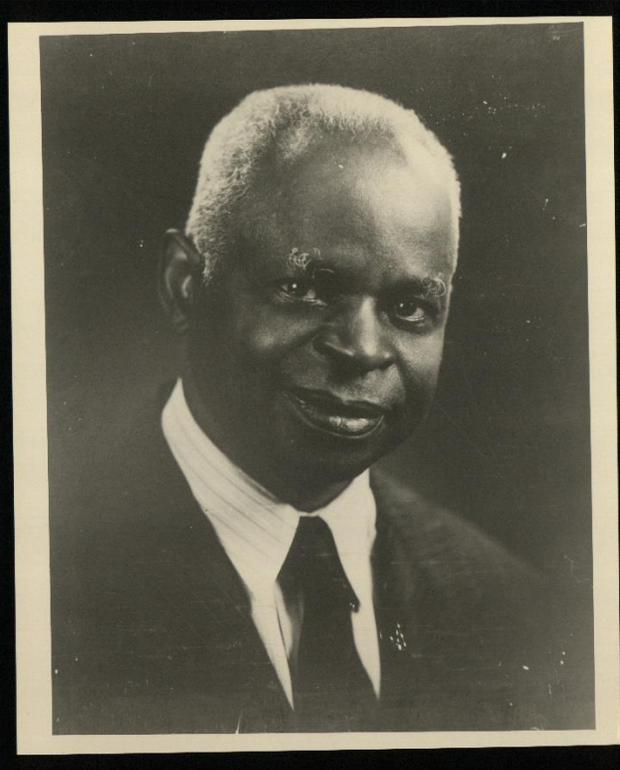
The Rev. Vernon James will be principal speaker at the Memorial Day exercises of the Andrew Askins Post, No. 497, American Legion, to be held in Midland Cemetery tomorrow afternoon.

Members of the post will assemble at Hygienic school at 1.30 o'clock. The parade will move at 2 o'clock and proceed to Midland Cemetery. The procession will be headed by Buffalo Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars Band of Harrisburg. T. T. Beckwith will act as master of ceremonies and the Legion ceremonies will be in charge of Commander W. H. Woolfolk.

LEGION DRUM CORPS TO MARCH IN DUNCANNON

The Steelton Post American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps will assemble at 12.15 p. m. tomorrow to take part in the annual parade at Duncannon. While there they will be guests of the Steelton Post, No. 240.

TELEGRAPH
MAY 29, 1934



He, along with many other teachers, got to shape the lives of many children despite the lack of supplies or old textbooks. It was the policy for the school to receive the used, worn out books from the other schools, but that did not stop the teachers from educating the students.



Some of the students that were blessed to walk the halls of Hygienic School for Colored Children and graduate from the Steelton School system were:

Charles F. Howard (1885) the first Black graduate of Steelton school system, Pressley Holiday, Frank L. Jefferson (1890); John W. Bailor, James William Porter (1891); John W. Cole, Aura C. Imes the first Black female to graduate from the Steelton school system, Lindsay A. Lewis (1896); Edward L. Carey, Otho S. Imes, Moses Montgomery (1896); Thomas A. Brown, Samuel M. Cole, Charles E. Covington, John W. Fields, Joseph W. Steele (1897); Gilbert A. Frazier, John E. Jefferson, Wilmer Phoenix (1899); Clarence O. Adams, Helen A. Fields, George Lake Imes, Vernon R. James, Emma G. Ruffin, Leonora B. Wagoner (1900).

Viola Payne (1902); John W. Lewis (1903); Harry E. James (1904); Numa P.G. Adams, Katherine Jones, John H. McKamey, M. Magdalene Moton (1905); Idella. Fisher (1906); Oscar W. Frey, Alice E. Price (1907); Edith A. Moton (1908); Joseph B. Butler; Emory A. James; Clara Lewis, Maud M. Mason (1909); Susan M. Beckwith, Rosa N. Harrod, Louis A. Howard, Fannie E. Jackson (1910)

Allen E. Fry, Olive M. Harrod (1911); Trennor T. Beckwith, E. Rebecca Brant, Leslie M. Brant, Harold Brown, Mary M. Ferguson, Fannie C. Jackson, Ruth Moss, Chester B. Roebuck, William Luther Stevenson, Pressley Taylor (1912);



Annie P. Beaden, Frank Broadus, Lula Brooks, Irence Porter, Marguerite Taylor (1913); Verinda Ferguson, Lewis Harris, Sarah C. Holmes (1914); Arthur Blackwell, Earl Brown, James Hammond, Emily Howard, William Jefferson, Eliza Jones, Naomi V. Payne, Anna Smothers (1915); Clarence J. Armstrong, Clyde Broadus, Martin Ferguson, Ola Jackson, Joseph B. Shepherd, Ethel Watson (1916); Molly Ausberry, Edward Jefferson, Albert Mobley, Jessie Palmer, John Taylor, Lee Taylor, Earl Young (1917); Annie Ferguson, Mary Howard, Nellie Polston (1918); Howard Butler, Samuel H. Cole (1919); Eva Brant, Somerville Brant, Ethel Frazier, Lena Willis (1920).

Leona Carter, Hattie Cole, Fonetta Crummey, Elcora Howard, Mary Jones, Virginia Keys, Isabella Stevenson, Ethel Washington (1921).

Esther Beckwith, Jno. Alphonso Broadus, Louise Jenkins, Russel Keys, Benj. Thos. Wells (1922); Lillian Ball, Martha Brown, Richard Brown (1923); Ada Askin, James Goodwin, Lucille Gray, Pauline Keys (1924); Iola Brown, Beatrice Carey, William Mont, Iamergene Rowland, Ruth Walker (1925); Naomi James, Frederick Mont, Myrtle Morgan, Merion Thompson (1926); Thelma Bailey, Pauline Dixon, Lillian House, Philome McKamey, Walter Polston (1927); Ruth Ausberry, Rachel Brown, Lavonia Fields, Dorothy Graves, Charline Howard, William McCullough, Richard Matthews, Mary Rowland (1928); Kelley Goodwin, Emmalene Hart, Eleanor Jackson, Florence Jackson (1929); Clara Atwell, Anna Carter, Frances Everett, Elizabeth Frye, Wilmer Phoenix, Marie Washington (1930).

Randolph Frye, Curtis Hubbard, Florence Keys, Henry Robinson, Charlotte Taylor, William H. Trice, James Watson, Vincent Whiting (1931); Emma Allen, Rozella Blackwell, Grover Brown, Grace Ferguson, John Fields, John Francis Frye, John Graves, Ulysses Graves, A. Jeffers Jackson, Carl Jenkins, Ruth Rowland, Beatrice Thompson, Ernest Washington (1932); Cora Brown, Virginia Foster, Rosie Goodwin, William Goodwin, Euphazine Graves, Ruth Grey, Charles Guthrie, Raymond Hughes, Lester Hitchens, Louis Jackson, Vivien Jenkins, Bessie Monk, Lewis Payne, Helen Trice (1933); James Allen, James Corbin, Norman Davis, William Goodwin, Peter Garnett, Vincent House, Maurice Morgan (1934).

There are additional records dated 1935-1940, but space does not permit their inclusion in this program. The above listing is the majority that attended the Hygienic School for Colored Children, however there are those who in the later years of the school system were able to attend other local grammar schools due to their location of residence.

The Hygienic did create a wonderful environment for the children who went on to do some awesome things in the country and throughout the world. Some became teachers and did return to Steelton to teach at the Hygienic.

STEELTON BOY TO SPEAK HERE

Prof. G. Lake Imes is a Graduate of Local High School

Prof. G. Lake Imes, a graduate of the local High school and now dean of one of the departments at Tuskegee Institute, Booker T. Washington's famous school, will deliver a free lecture next Tuesday evening in the auditorium of the Hygienic school building. The progress made in uplifting the colored race by this institute will form the greater part of his address.

The speaker is the son of the late George H. Imes, who before his death was principal of the Steelton colored schools, being succeeded at his death by Prof. Charles F. Howard.



LOUIS A. HOWARD

Steelton, Pa.

Alpha Phi Alpha; Steelton High, '10; Howard University, '14, A.B.

"How hard it is for men to think."—Tilgham.

Howard hails from Steelton, and evidently Steelton turns out men of sterling quality as well as of the best steel. Judging from his record in High School and Howard University, he is an orator, an actor, a musician, etc., etc. Supported by this record, he soon persuaded "Josie" that in so far as New York law was concerned, he was the class authority. Today, when doubtful of a Pennsylvania doctrine, he delights to revert to the more obscure. Though a good student, he long ago suggested that every judge out to write a syllabus to each of his opinions, and averred that Mr. Wigmore's collection of cases on Evidence is of inferior judgment, containing too many inconsistent decisions. Although his ideas are revolutionary in a way, all agree with him and are willing to assist in the compilation of his new book.



The African American teachers were not allowed to teach White children. Having the Hygienic gave them the opportunity to have a job teaching locally and not all White teachers wanted to teach African American children. The unity happened after the Brown vs the Board of Education which eventually shut down the Hygienic School for Colored Children in 1958.



HYGIENIC CHORUS

Left to Right:

First Row: J. Wise, A. Leach, B. Brown, M. Thompson, J. Wright, P. Harrison, H. Chivis, M. Alridge.

Second Row: E. Allen, D. Slade, P. Alridge, S. Williams, R. Pearson, D. Watson, L. Moore, Mr. Stonesifer.

Third Row: J. Bones, F. Sappington, J. Moore, N. Holmes, R. Keys, J. Keys, E. Simpson, K. Atwell.

These chorus pictures are from the 1946 yearbook



HYGIENIC HI Y

Left to Right:

First Row: R. Richards, R. Hanna, J. Keys, C. Robinson, J. Phoenix, R. Clark, E. Allen, J. Moore, K. Patterson.

Second Row: G. Broadus, M. Daniel, P. Williams, M. Reynolds, P. Howard, R. Keys, N. Holmes, K. Goodwin, G. Everett, D. Edmonds.

Having the opportunity to document fun stories as told by past students of the school, Mr. Clayton Carelock shared how they were able to learn about Black History. He shared that the teachers would assign students to the doors as a look out while instructions were going on. The reason was that they would alert the teacher to quickly go to the daily lessons that were

to be taught if the Administrator would show up. This was a subject not on the lesson plan. He also spoke lovingly about fellow students such as Zane Phoenix, his best friend. He always lit up when speaking of the days at the school. He loved his teachers who were stern but caring.



Mr. Carelock's WWII picture.

Mr. Gene Allen shared a story about the children that had to walk from the West side of town and cross over the main street (Front) to walk to Hygienic while passing several schools teaching the same grades.



Mr. Eugene Allen wrote on Sunday, October 11, 2020

Barbara;

Sorry I will not be attending the event; however, my thoughts and prayers will be with you and those who attend. You are commended for getting the project to come to fruition. It will be a marker for future generations to become aware of the important history of their families and friends who were educated in the now defunct building. The truth is, the Hygienic School was more than a building. It was the seat of the culture of Blacks in Steelton. Research will show that it was the launching pad for the careers of a number of people.

I am grateful to the teachers of Hygienic School for the foundation it provided for me to complete a military career, become a licensed professional engineer, be selected to be the manager of engineering at Hershey Foods, retire as a Production Manager for E.I. Dupont, teach college at South Carolina State University, become Special Assistant to the President of Claflin University and, finally, retire as President of Columbia, S.C.'s Palmetto Health Hospital System's Foundation. Perhaps the crowning glory in my early life was having been selected to represent the United States Air Force in the national competition for the Nation's 10 Outstanding Young Men.

I owe so much to so many...

Respectfully,

Eugene D. Allen, PE, Capt. USAF(Ret)

Hygienic School Memorial Program.

Received September 29, 2020

The First Day of School; after a great Summer Vacation was the best. New clothes and all, seeing some of your friends that you haven't seen for a while, and getting to know a "new teacher" in your new grade.

The beautiful high gloss polished and waxed floors; as you entered from the Ridge Street side, that Mr. Lucketta (spelling), would always have in immaculate condition to welcome the students and the teachers. The memorable and pleasant smell of those old dark wood polished floors, will always be with me.

The dedicated and awesome teachers, all of them, who took the time to explain, sometimes longer to other students than others, issues with a classroom assignment. Their patience, as I look back on my own experience, was extraordinary.

The last day of school too was full of pleasant and sad memories. Pleasant - inasmuch as the summer vacation time was here and no more homework, no more running to school so as not to be late, no more classroom "pop quizzes", no more running into and out of the boy's bathroom (semi holding your breath) because of the breathtaking cleaning/sanitizing fluid odor, that Mr. Lucketta used too much of...AGAIN. (smiles).

And sad, because you will not see many of your friends for some time, because to the proximity of your homes, and social economics. Hygienic School did so much for us and the teachers we had did more than what they were paid for. All of them, sacrificed for the sake of helping African American (Colored) children in need of a solid foundation to compete and it meant caring about us unconditionally.

I will always love and cherish this school for what it did for me.

Jesse M Bowman

Listing of some
of the former
teachers at
Hygienic

Last name	First name	Taught
Armstead	Frank	1953
Armstead	Vilma	1949
Beckwith	Susan	1910
Brown	Martha	1941
Carey Reed	Beatrice	1925
Carey	Edward L Sr.	1896
Carey	Edward L Jr.	1920
Chamberlain	Amelia	1943
Clifford	Paul	
Cole	Samuel H.	1919
Cole	Hattie	1921
Dodd	Margaret	
Harrod	Olivia	1911
Holmes	Sarah	1914
Hope	Carl	
Howard	Charles	1885
Howard	Charline	1928
Howard	Elcora	
Howard	Emily	1915
Imes	Aura	1894
Imes	George	
Fields	John	1897
Fisher	Idella	1906
Garnett	John	
Keys	Florence	1931
Payne	Naomi V.	1915
Porter	Irene	
Mathews	Dorothy	1935
Stevenson	James	1944
Terrell	Shellen	1923
Jackson	Mary (Reed)	1922
Jackson	Mamie	
Jackson	Florence	1929
James	Harry	
James	Shellen	1923
James	Vernon R.	1900
Oxley-Fisher	Idella	1930
Smothers	Hattie	1949
Thomas	Mary Lee	1949
Wagoner	Leonora	1900

This is a glimpse of teachers records and diploma. Edward Carey's teacher's record.

Perm. Stan. Nor. Dip.
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
Harrisburg

Retired June 1, 1946 - 1947

TEACHER'S RECORD.

Teacher Carey, Edw. L.
Last name First name

District Stuilton County Dauphin County
Location

School Stuilton Superintendent District Prof. C. S. Davis
Location Name

Sections 1323 and 1324 of the School Code require all county and district superintendents to examine and record all certificates held by teachers under their supervision. A valid teaching certificate must be presented and the record card filled out by all such teachers before entering upon the work of teaching.

Permanent Home Address 447 Linden Street Stuilton Town Penna. State. Date of Birth Feb 7 1876
Location

Present Home Address 447 Linden Street Stuilton Town Penna. State. Sex Male
Location

Member of State Retirement Association? Yes Race Colored

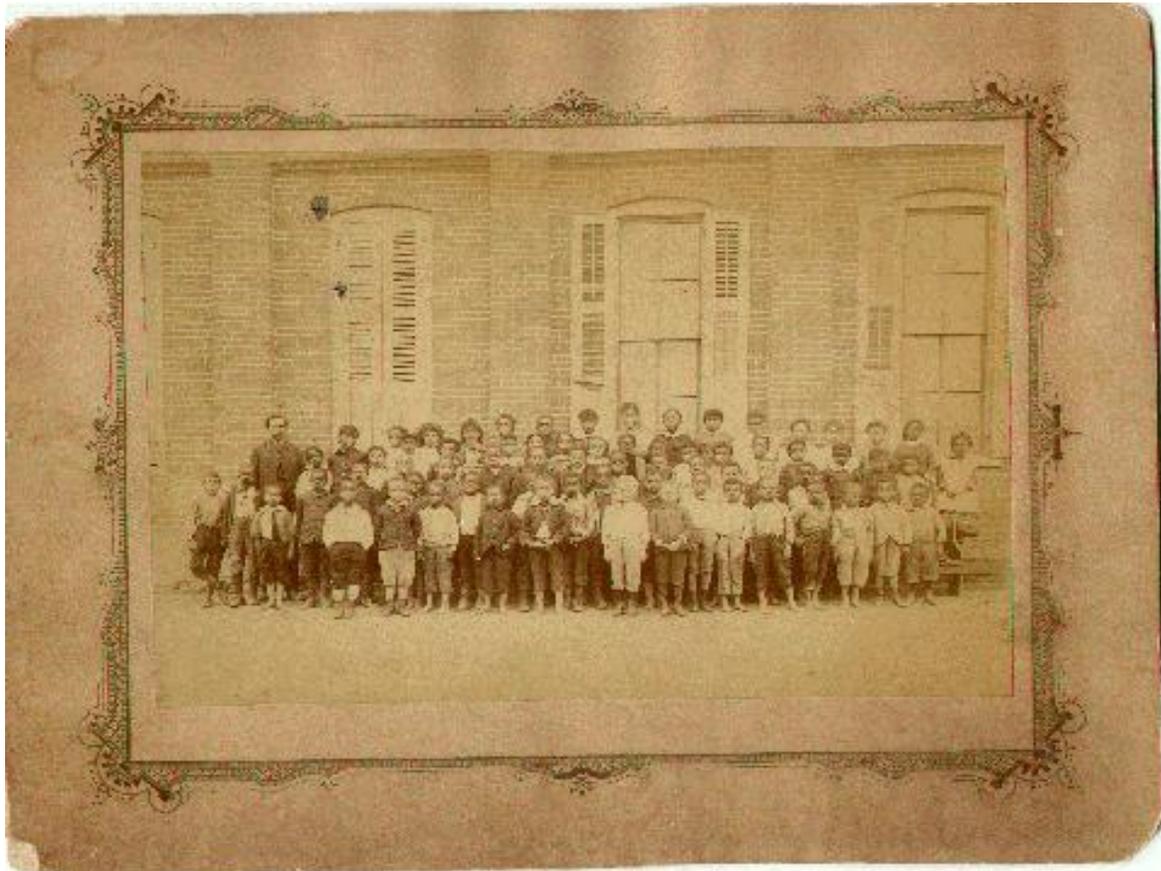
CERTIFICATION RECORD

Kind	Number	By whom issued	Date of Issue	Date of Expiration	Date of Renewal	Additional Branches	Annual Salary
<i>Prov.</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Prof. C. S. Davis</i>	<i>8-23-20</i>	<i>6-1-21</i>			<i>\$810</i>
<i>Stand. Cert.</i>	<i>4057</i>	<i>H. E. Fingers</i>	<i>8/1/22</i>	<i>8/1/23</i>			

I certify that the record upon this card is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

E. L. Carey
Signature.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REGISTRY OF TEACHERS.



Many of these little ones do not have shoes on while standing outside of the Hygienic.

Records of Beatrice Annie Carey Reed shared by her son Ralph (Buzzy) Reed.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

20257

NORMAL CERTIFICATE

Know all men by these presents that BEATRICE ANNIE CAREY a graduate of the Cheyney Normal School at Cheyney, Pennsylvania having specialized in the Kindergarten-Primary curriculum and having filed with the Department of Public Instruction satisfactory evidence of the other qualifications required by law is hereby granted this certificate and is authorized to teach in the public schools of this Commonwealth for two full normal school terms

In Testimony Whereof the proper authorities have hereunto set the seal of the Normal School at Cheyney in the Cheyney District this 14th day of June A. D. 1927

NORMAL DIPLOMA
 Made permanent as a Normal Diploma
 this 24th day of October A. D. 1932

John A. Smith
 Superintendent of Public Instruction

Lutie Pinckney Hill
 Principal, Normal School

Form No. 2-1500

State Board of Education
 Dover, Delaware

Certificate of Graduation

February 27, 1930

I hereby certify that Beatrice Annie Carey
 was graduated from Cheyney Training School for Teachers
 in the State of Pennsylvania, Year 1927
 receiving our Diploma in the Normal Academic Course.

Lutie Pinckney Hill
 Principal, President, or Dean of Faculty



FLORENCE KEYS



SAMUEL COLE

Two teachers appointed recently to positions in the Hygienic School Building, Steelton. Florence Keys is an instructor in the grade schools, teaching second grade. Samuel Cole succeeds Professor Howard as principal of the school.

Mr. Samuel Cole was the last Principal of the Hygienic School for Colored Children.



MR. COLE

From the time that it no longer functioned as a school, the building and grounds were used by the community to help the youth. Fairs were held on the playground and a few organizations used the building for meetings. The Hygienic School for Colored Children was demolished in 1974.



This monument is made possible by the contributions and efforts of:

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Jacqueline B. Jackson, PhD.

Ralph E. Reed in memory of Beatrice (Reed) Carey and Edward L. Carey Jr

Ryan Mohn Foundation

Committee members:

Barbara Barksdale, Elizabeth Jefferies, Cheryl Powell, Jesse Bowman, Carol Brown Grave

And

various donations.

NEW HYGIENIC CLASSROOM



This monument is dedicated to the students that are yet to come, who will challenge themselves to become the best they can be.

Major contributors:

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A. BEATRICE REED

AND EDWARD L. CAREY, JR.

This monument could not be done without the help of committee members:

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Carol Graves, and the Steelton Borough Council

PLACED IN 2020

HYGIENIC SCHOOL FOR COLORED CHILDREN stood on this site 1892—1958

The first school (house) in Baldwin is documented in the year of 1873, which was part of Swatara Township. It is noted that in 1879 there was a Colored School in Baldwin, which the town later became known as Steelton. This entire upper area was known as Hygienic Hill.

During this decade the Colored School children's four room building was at the corner of East Conestoga Street and Trawitz Alley. As the student body became larger the need for more classroom space became evident, which caused the Steelton School Board to make the decision to move the Colored school to this location in 1892. It became known as the Hygienic School for Colored Children.



The school's student body continued to grow, again causing the need to add a second floor, and then acquire more land in order to build an addition to the site here at Adams (currently Frank S. Brown Blvd) and Bailey Streets. During the upgrading of the school, student classes were held in the Monumental AME and First Baptist Churches, and the Odd Fellow Hall located on Adams Street.

The Steelton School system student body consisted of primary classes (grades 1-4), secondary classes (grades 5-8), and intermediates (grades 9-12). But Hygienic students could not mainstream into the intermediate grades. They had to stay here until they completed the eight grades, whereas the other schools in the borough transferred their students in the seventh grade to the Junior-Senior High School.

PRIMARY CLASS STANDING OUTSIDE OF ORIGINAL HYGIENIC SCHOOL 1910



GRAMMER CLASS STANDING OUTSIDE OF ORIGINAL HYGIENIC SCHOOL 1910



Throughout their years in the school system, the students would learn the basic studies of reading, writing, arithmetic, sciences, history, English, geography, health, art, music and debating courses. Girls would get special courses in sewing and cooking. The boys would get special courses in mechanical drawing and domestic science. They used the playgrounds for games such as bean bag, jump rope, ball tossing, running, skipping, swinging and various physical activities. The youth would also have the benefit of sports, such as football and track.

The teachers were to strive to develop and foster an appreciation of knowledge with education, to ensure the students could learn in a healthy environment, and instill the virtue of having a good future. The teachers instructed the students to "Do your best, and do it every day," and strive constantly to secure diligence. They were also to assign no school work as a punishment. Be cheerful and have a hopeful spirit express itself in countenance, voice and manner. The teacher would encourage the parent to visit the school often in all grades.

SCIENCE/LAB CLASSROOM



As the years of progression were developed in the Borough, the enactment of Brown v. Board of Education happened, which pushed along the need to move all the Elementary students to the Felton Building. The Steelton High School then merged with the Borough of Hightspire for the grades seven to twelve in 1958.

Hygienic produced: Teachers, lawyers, doctors, ministers, professors, Armed Forces members such as the Buffalo Soldiers and Tuskegee (Airman) Institute attendees, and many ordinary people who served their community and country well.

The Hygienic School for Colored Children was eventually demolished in 1974, leaving only the childhood memories in the minds of many who once passed through its doors.

A special thank you to (Andy) Gingrich Memorials of Middletown and Contractor Quintin Jones