

**To: The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Commission**

**From: The Northside High School Museum Committee**

**Date: October 19, 2015**

**Subject: The Northside High School Museum Committee is asking the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Commission for a continuation of their partnership with us. We are asking for funding to produce a video history of early Afro-American (1903-1969) education in Pittsylvania County. The NHS Museum Committee has old 8 & 16 millimeter films of NHS educational activities that needs to be converted to discs, VHS tapes of NHS teachers, coaches, principals, students, and community members that need to be converted to disc. The Museum needs a large Screen Television and DVD player for our presentations.**

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The Northside High School Museum  
725 Corner Road  
Java, VA 24565  
October 19, 2015

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Commission  
General Assembly Building Memorial  
House Room D  
201 North Ninth Street  
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Committee Members:

The Northside High School Museum Committee is writing to ask that the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Commission continue their partnership with us and fund us in the amount of \$7,500. If this funding is provided, The Northside High School Museum Committee will be able to fulfill its final objective of developing a visual and audio presentation of the History of the Education of Afro-Americans in Pittsylvania County from 1903 through the integration of schools in 1969.

For this Visual and Audio history the NHS Museum's needs are financial assistance in:

Converting eight and sixteen millimeter films to discs

1. Converting VHS tapes to disc
2. Purchasing a large screen TV
3. Disc player
5. Getting assistance for the writing and producing of the history

The Northside High School Alumni Committee will be sponsoring a school reunion on the Labor Day weekend (Sept. 3, 4 & 5th, 2016). The NHS Museum Committee is working to have this presentation ready by then.

Thanking you in advance for any consideration given this request.

Sincerely,



Silas Musgrove, President  
Northside High School Museum

## **Mission of the Northside High School Museum**

The Northside High School Museum is a non-profit organization that is registered with the Internal Revenue Service under Section 501 © 3 under the Internal Revenue Code. Its purpose is to locate, gather and display all available materials and memorabilia related to the history of the early education of Blacks in Pittsylvania County from 1903 through 1969. It will be used to inform and educate the community and others relative to the history of education of our Black ancestors. The museum will highlight the early educational contributions of the teachers, staff, students and all of our Black citizens of that time period in a manner which will be beneficial to all who are exposed to these contributions. " We are preserving our own history as we know it."

## **Objectives of the Northside High School Museum Committee**

1. To gather all historical educational information pertinent to the education of the Black Citizenry of Pittsylvania during the era of 1903 through 1969.
2. To interview all available teachers/ instructors and staff that contributed toward the education of our Black Citizens during that time period.
3. To provide our current citizens and all interested individuals information regarding the achievements and accomplishments of the early Blacks in Pittsylvania County.
4. To build a permanent place to preserve and display artifacts and memorabilia relative to the Black High School that existed in Pittsylvania County from 1903 through 1969.
5. To develop strategies and ways to use this museum as a bridge showing how important early Black education was toward the success and achievements of Blacks of today.
6. To show how important early Black education was toward the development of the whole Black community (economically, spiritually, politically and socially).
7. To have a showcase to display the achievements and show the end product of what the early education of Blacks meant to our society.
8. To collect and display all memorabilia available pertaining to all individuals of the early Pittsylvania County Black Educational System.



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## NORTHSIDE HIGH MUSEUM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Board of Directors = Kent W. Fuller

Date: OCT 26 2007

NORTHSIDE HIGH MUSEUM  
C/O SILAS MUSGROVE  
725 CORNER RD  
JAVA, VA 24565

Employer Identification Number:  
51-0631612  
DLN:  
17053152043007  
Contact Person:  
SALLY B DAVENPORT ID# 31050  
Contact Telephone Number:  
(877) 829-5500  
Accounting Period Ending:  
December 31  
Public Charity Status:  
170(b) (1) (A) (vi)  
Form 990 Required:  
Yes  
Effective Date of Exemption:  
March 9, 2007  
Contribution Deductibility:  
Yes  
Advance Ruling Ending Date:  
December 31, 2011  
Addendum Applies:  
No

Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

Organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. During your advance ruling period, you will be treated as a public charity. Your advance ruling period begins with the effective date of your exemption and ends with advance ruling ending date shown in the heading of the letter.

Shortly before the end of your advance ruling period, we will send you Form 8734, Support Schedule for Advance Ruling Period. You will have 90 days after the end of your advance ruling period to return the completed form. We will then notify you, in writing, about your public charity status.

Please see enclosed Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, for some helpful information about your responsibilities as an exempt organization.

If you distribute funds to other organizations, your records must show whether they are exempt under section 501(c)(3). In cases where the recipient

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organization is not exempt under section 501(c)(3), you must have evidence the funds will be used for section 501(c)(3) purposes.

If you distribute funds to individuals, you should keep case histories showing the recipient's name and address; the purpose of the award; the manner of selection; and the relationship of the recipient to any of your officers, directors, trustees, members, or major contributors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert Choi", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert Choi  
Director, Exempt Organizations  
Rulings and Agreements

Enclosures: Publication 4221-PC  
Statute Extension

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# Commonwealth of Virginia



## STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

*Richmond, March 9, 2007*

*This is to certify that the certificate of incorporation of*

**Northside High Museum**

*was this day issued and admitted to record in this office and that the said corporation is authorized to transact its business subject to all Virginia laws applicable to the corporation and its business. Effective date: March 9, 2007*



*State Corporation Commission*

*Attest:*

*Joel H. Beck*  
Clerk of the Commission



# COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA



SENATOR HENRY L. MARSH, III  
CHAIRMAN  
SIXTEENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT

DELEGATE JENNIFER L. McCLELLAN  
VICE CHAIRWOMAN  
SEVENTY-FIRST HOUSE DISTRICT

## DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEMORIAL COMMISSION

August 30, 2010

Mr. Silas Musgrove  
President, Northside High School Museum  
725 Corner Road  
Java, Virginia 24565

Dear Mr. Musgrove:

I extend congratulations on behalf of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Commission on the dedication of the Northside High School Museum, and I commend the Northside High School Museum Committee on its interest, diligence, sacrifice, and perseverance to preserve the memorabilia, artifacts, and remnant of the formerly all-Black Northside High School in Pittsylvania County.

As you are aware, growing out of the 50th Anniversary of *Brown v. Board of Education*, the MLK Commission has as one of its objectives the identification and preservation of formerly all-Black public schools in Virginia. The Commission has undertaken such a daring project in order to preserve and protect the history of African Americans in the Commonwealth so that this generation and those to come may come to understand and learn to appreciate the difficult struggles and immense sacrifices upon which their success rests. The Museum Committee's relentless effort to ensure that the role and contributions of African Americans in Pittsylvania County are recognized and that a frequently neglected part of Virginia's history is exposed through the creation of the Northside High School Museum demonstrates the determination and fortitude of descendants of an enslaved people to prevail against all odds.

The dedication of the Museum comes at a pivotal time in the history of the Commonwealth, in which we commemorate the 55th anniversary of the landmark *Brown* decision, the 50th anniversary of Massive Resistance, and the 47th anniversary of Dr. King's historic "I Have a Dream" speech at the base of the Lincoln Memorial. Although, by the grace of a sovereign God, we have traveled far on this journey of human dignity and equal justice, we must always remember to set our eyes on the prize because there are yet many miles to travel before we will have the luxury of resting. We must inculcate the rich history of African Americans in our children and we must "demand" that they fully exercise their gifts and honor the sacred legacy that is their inheritance, by excelling in every endeavor that their hearts and hands pursue.

We have considered it a great opportunity to work with the Northside High School Museum Committee over the past three years on this significant enterprise, the Northside High School Museum. We are confident that the Museum will be a beacon in the community to enlighten citizens about Virginia's history and the achievements and contributions of African Americans, and an inspiration to future generations of Virginians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henry L. Marsh, III".

Henry L. Marsh, III  
Chairman, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial  
Commission

cc: The Honorable Jennifer L. McClellan  
Mrs. Brenda H. Edwards

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEMORIAL COMMISSION  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY BUILDING, 2ND FLOOR  
910 CAPITOL STREET  
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA 23219  
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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA



ROBERT HURT  
19TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT  
ALL OF FRANKLIN AND PITTSYLVANIA COUNTIES;  
ALL OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE;  
AND PART OF CAMPBELL COUNTY  
POST OFFICE BOX 2  
CHATHAM, VIRGINIA 24531

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:  
COURTS OF JUSTICE  
GENERAL LAWS AND TECHNOLOGY  
REHABILITATION AND SOCIAL SERVICE

SENATE

December 16, 2009

The Honorable Henry L. Marsh, III  
Chairman  
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Commission  
Richmond, Virginia

Re: Northside High School Museum

Dear Senator Marshall and Member of the Commission:

I am writing to you today to offer my full support of Northside High School Museum's grant application. Northside High School was a school educating black children in Pittsylvania County from 1903 through 1969.

When I was a member of the House of Delegates, I had the honor of serving on this important Commission. In 2007, Northside High School Museum Committee approached me to support this project, which I did before this Commission, and they received a grant of \$7500 to begin the first phase of the museum. Since that time, a local church donated the space in the basement for the museum. The Committee has been working tirelessly over the last two years in the renovating of this space and providing a separate entrance for the museum. They plan to complete this project by June 2010 so they can hold a Labor Day event which would be open to the public.

Northside High School Museum is a great project to educate and inform the community about the history of education of our ancestors. It will highlight the contributions of the staff, students and the black community, and display memorabilia which has been preserved and collected over the years by many people.

Thank you for your consideration of Northside High School Museum's grant application to this Commission to be able to complete the construction of this project.

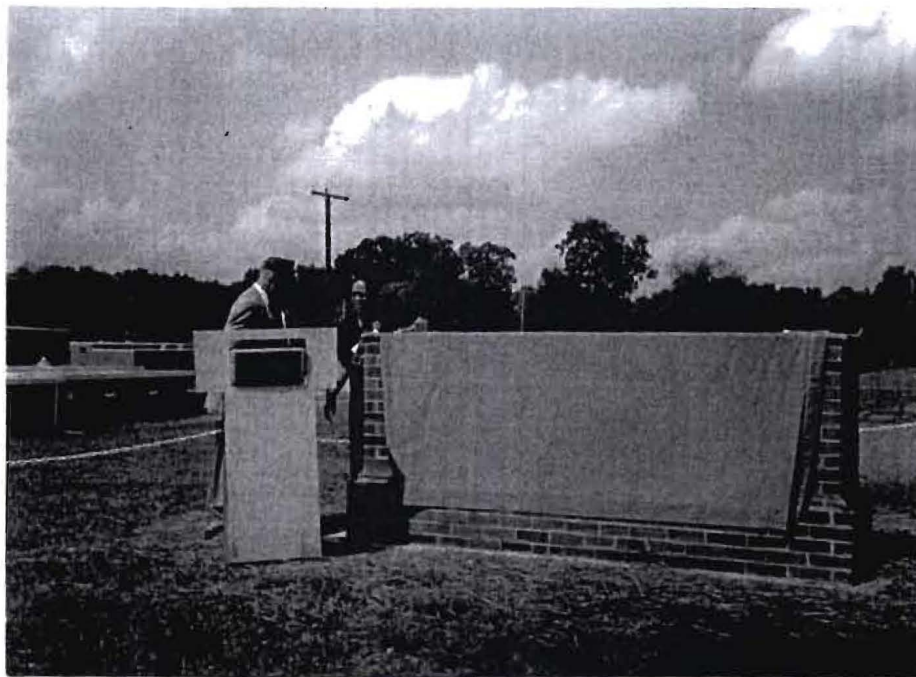
Sincerely,

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Robert Hurt

RH/dvv





**Northside High School Marker  
unveiled Sept. 3, 2006**



**Northside Marker**

From 1903 through 1969 when the county schools were segregated, the school name was changed several times before being named Northside High School.

1903 – 1906 Pittsylvania Industrial Academy  
1906 – 1933 Pittsylvania Normal Collegiate Institute, Inc.  
1933 – 1948 Pittsylvania County Training School  
1948 – 1969 Northside High School



Rev. Dr. G. W. Goode  
**Principal 1903 – 1933**

W. Goode was the founder and the backbone of this organization and he served as its leader from 1903 through 1933.

In March of 1903 the school Pittsylvania Industrial Academy was organized. This was the first school for Blacks to receive their education beyond the elementary level in Pittsylvania County. In 1906 the name Pittsylvania Industrial Academy was changed to Pittsylvania Normal and Collegiate Institute, Inc. Rev. Dr. G.



Professor Richard Jones  
**Principal 1933 -1948**

The name Pittsylvania Normal and Collegiate Institute, Inc. was changed to Pittsylvania County Training School in 1936 and it was made a public school. Prof. Richard J. Jones served as president and principal from 1933 to 1948.



Mr. Albert Tippitt **Principal 1948 – 1968**

The name Pittsylvania County Training School was changed to Northside High School in 1949. Albert Tippitt served as principal of Pittsylvania County Training School and Northside High School from 1948 through May, 1968. Tippitt was principal for 20 years before accepting a position as an educational specialist with the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.



Mr. James H. Harris  
**Principal 1968 – 1969**

James H. Harris served as the last principal of Northside High School, beginning the summer of 1968 and remaining principal up until the total integration of Pittsylvania County Schools in the fall of 1969. Upon integration of schools, the name Northside High School ceased to exist except on the record books of history and in the hearts and minds of Alumni and the Black citizens of Pittsylvania County.



**NORTHSIDE HIGH SCHOOL MUSEUM COMMITTEE  
BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM**

**REMEMBERING OUR BLACK PIONEERS OF MUSIC  
725 CORNER ROAD  
JAVA, VA  
MARCH 14, 2015  
3:00 PM**

Presiding.....Mrs. Matilda Turner  
Selection....."Lift Every Voice and Sing".....Mrs. Faye Turner  
Invocation.....Rev. John Townes  
"The Lord's Prayer".....Mr. Nathaniel Saunders  
Scripture.....Rev. Othelia Barksdale  
Welcome.....Mrs. Barbara Hubbard  
**Remembering:**  
Billie Holliday....."God Bless The Child"..... Rev. Othelia Barksdale  
Background information.....Mrs. Kent Webb  
Duke Ellington....."Come Sunday".....Mr. Nathaniel Saunders  
Background information.....Ms. Destiny Barksdale  
Mahalia Jackson...."Go Tell It On The Mountain".....Rev. Othelia Barksdale  
Background information.....Mrs. Ernestine Howell  
Sam Cooke....."A Change Is Gonne Come".....Mr. Nathaniel Saunders  
Background information.....Mrs. Brenda White  
Selection....."We Shall Overcome".....Mrs. Faye Turner  
Remarks.....Mr. Silas Musgrove  
(President of The Northside High School Museum)  
Benediction / Blessing of the food.....Rev. John Townes

**Ushers**

**Mrs. Brenda White**

**Mr. George Miller**

**TOUR THE NORTHSIDE HIGH SCHOOL MUSEUM**

**FREE ADMISSION**

**REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AFTER THE PROGRAM**

**The Northside High School Museum Committee would like to thank  
each and everyone who helped put this program together.**

**Black History Program  
Remembering Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Rosa Parks**



**NORTHSIDE HIGH SCHOOL MUSEUM COMMITTEE  
BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM  
725 CORNER ROAD  
JAVA, VA 24565  
FEBUARY 18, 2013  
3:00 PM**

**Presiding  
Pastor Robert Rogers**

**Invocation.....Mr. Buford Coles  
Welcome.....Ms. Matilda Turner  
Scripture.....Mr. Silas Moore, Jr.  
Selection.....Riceville Baptist Church Male Chorus  
(Under The Direction Of Mr. Craymon Ham)  
Reflection.....(Dr. Martin L. King, Jr.).....Mr. Samuel Petty  
Selection.....Riceville Baptist Church Male Chorus  
Remembering....Ms. Rosa Parks).....Ms. Tierra Waller  
Reflection.....(Guion Bluford-1<sup>st</sup> Black Astronaut In Space).....Mr. Samuel Petty  
Selection.....Riceville Baptist Church Male Chorus  
Remarks.....Mr. Silas Musgrove  
(President of The Northside High School Museum)  
Benediction/Blessing Of The Food.....Pastor Robert Rogers**

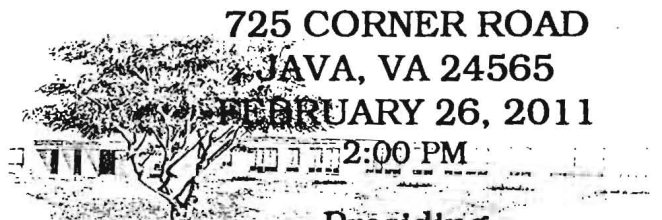
**Ushers**

**Mrs. Barbara Hubbard  
Mrs. Maybell Davis**

**Ms. Kent Fuller  
Mrs. Sherry Waller**

**Refreshments Provided By: The Northside High School Alumni Committee / The  
Northside High School Coaches Appreciation Day Committee.  
The Northside High School Museum Committee would like to extend a "SPECIAL  
THANK YOU" to each and everyone that supported this program.**

**NORTHSIDE HIGH SCHOOL MUSEUM  
BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM  
CORNER ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH  
725 CORNER ROAD**



**JAVA, VA 24565**

**FEBRUARY 26, 2011**

**2:00 PM**

**Presiding  
Rev. Doris Morrison**

Invocation.....Mr. Buford Coles  
Welcome.....Mrs. Matilda Turner  
Scripture.....Mrs. Annie Kent Webb  
Selection.....United Gospel Ensemble  
Reflections.....Dr. Martin Luther King.....Mr. James Devins  
Selection.....United Gospel Ensemble  
Reflections..... From Segregation to Integration (NHS)..... Mr. Paul Martin  
Selection..... United Gospel Ensemble  
Script..... From Slavery To Freedom.....Rev. Joan Tarpley -Robinson  
Presentation.....Mrs. Ella Mae Monroe  
Remarks.....Mr. Silas Musgrove  
President, Northside High School Museum Committee  
Benediction

**Ushers**  
Maebell Davis  
Barbara W. Hubbard

**Program Committee**  
Matilda Turner, Program Chair  
Barbara W. Hubbard  
Maebell Davis

Refreshments provided by The Northside High School Alumni Committee and  
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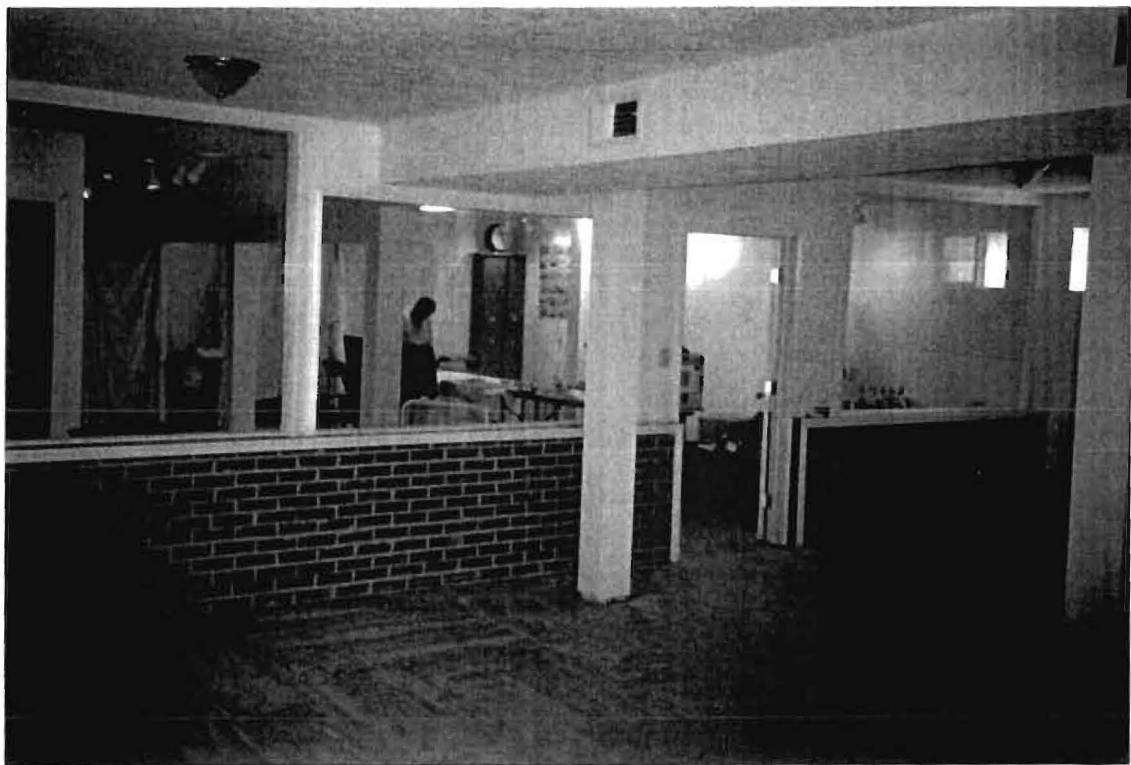
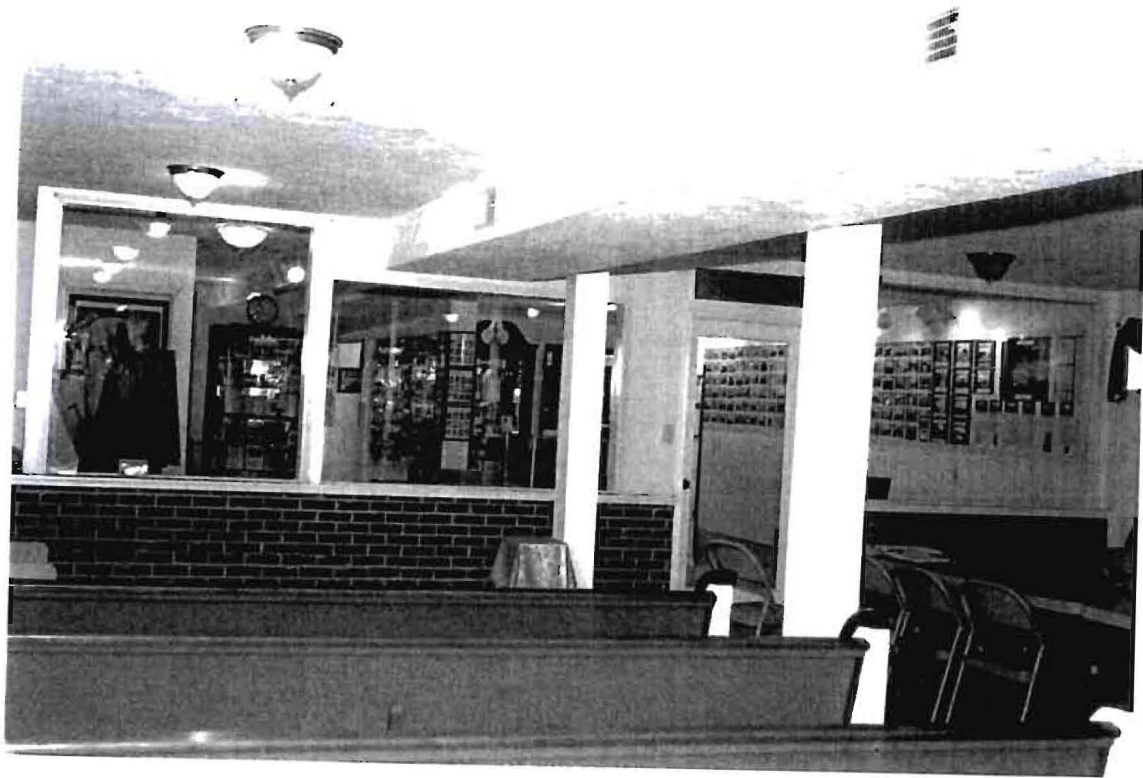


**Joan Tarpley Robinson portraying Harriet Tubman  
From Slavery to Freedom**

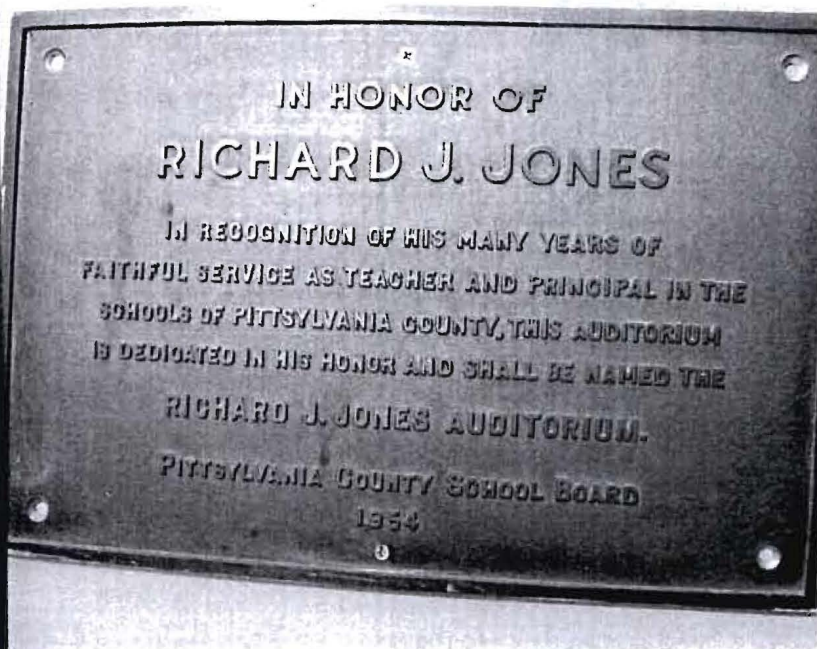


**Pictures from Joan Robinson's presentation**



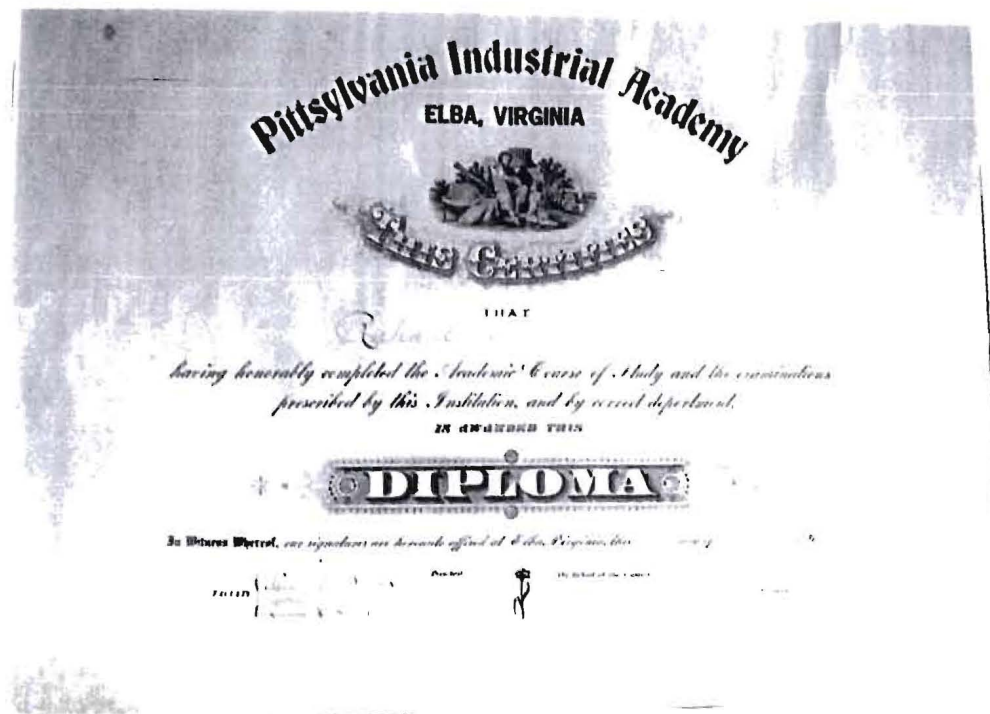


Outside front of the Northside High School Museum



School Gym and Auditorium was named  
in honor of Richard J. Jones in 1954

Richard J. Jones – First graduate of Pittsylvania Industrial  
Academy - 1907 (School name later changed to Northside High)



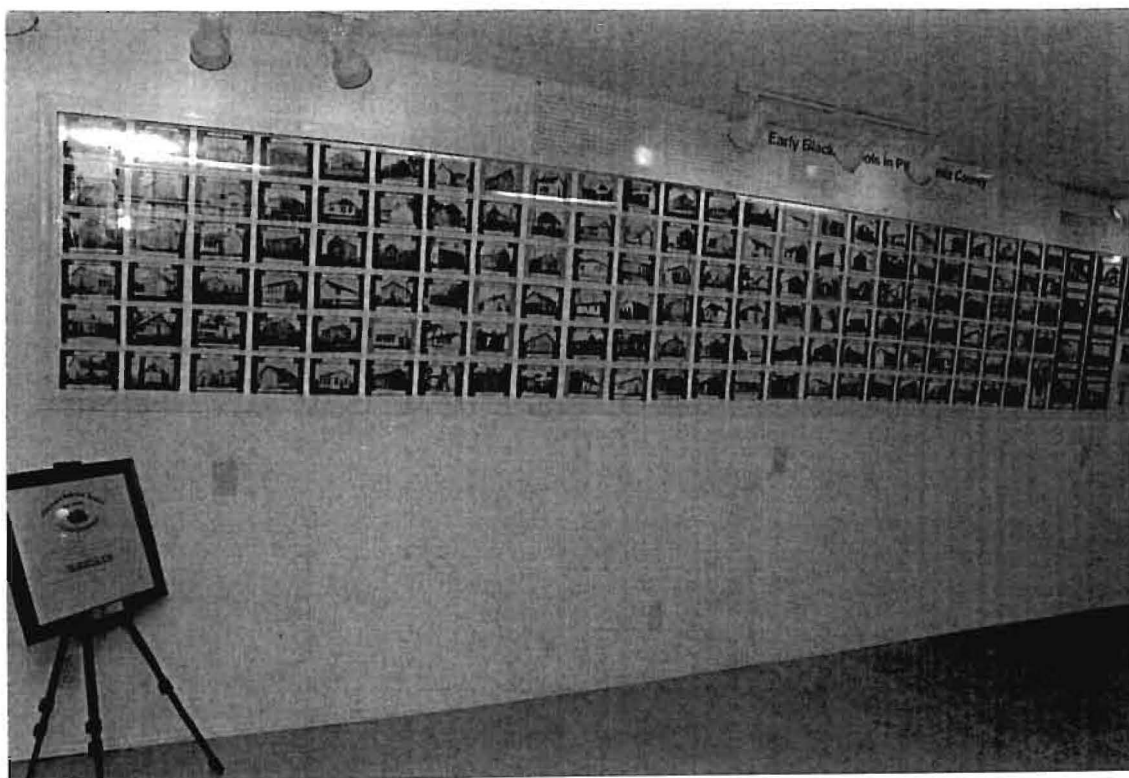
Richard J. Jones' Diploma – Graduated  
in May 1907



### **Early Black Elementary Schools in Pittsylvania County.**

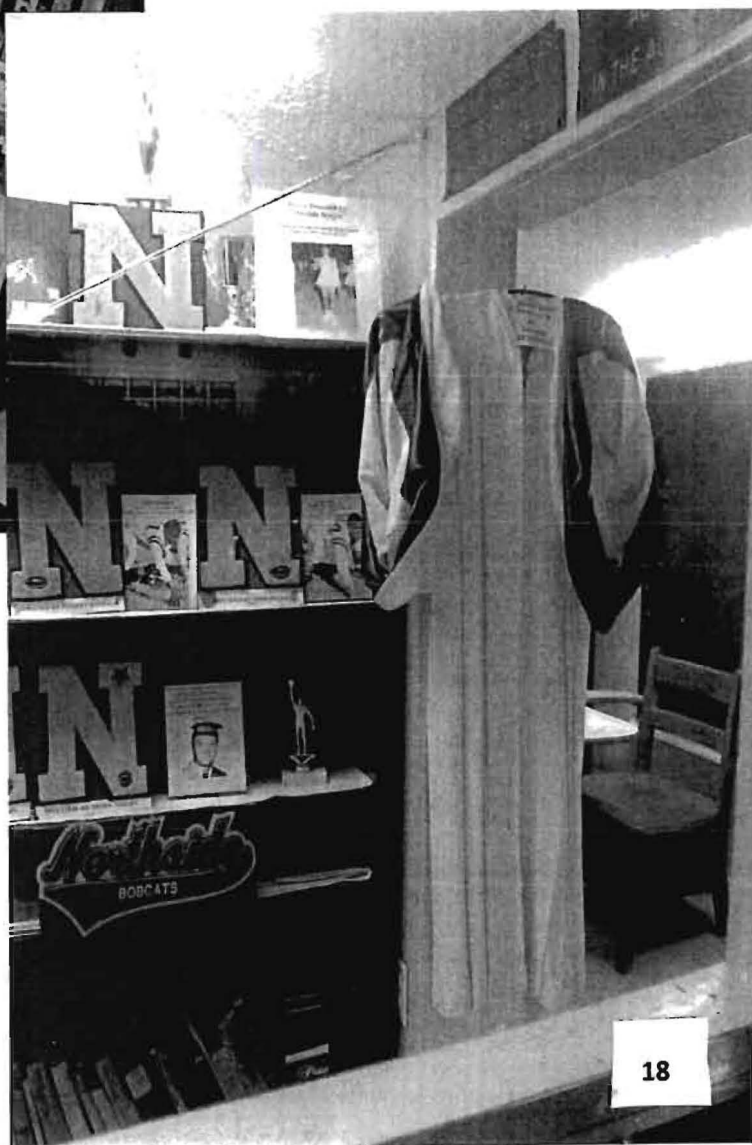
These one and two room elementary schools were feeder schools to Northside High School. From the beginning when elementary schools were established in the county there were between eighty and ninety elementary schools in the county. There was no electricity, no water, and no bathrooms in these schools. The schools were heated by coal and/or wood and the students either brought their water from home or they went to a nearby spring.







Pictures of some of our memorabilia collected.



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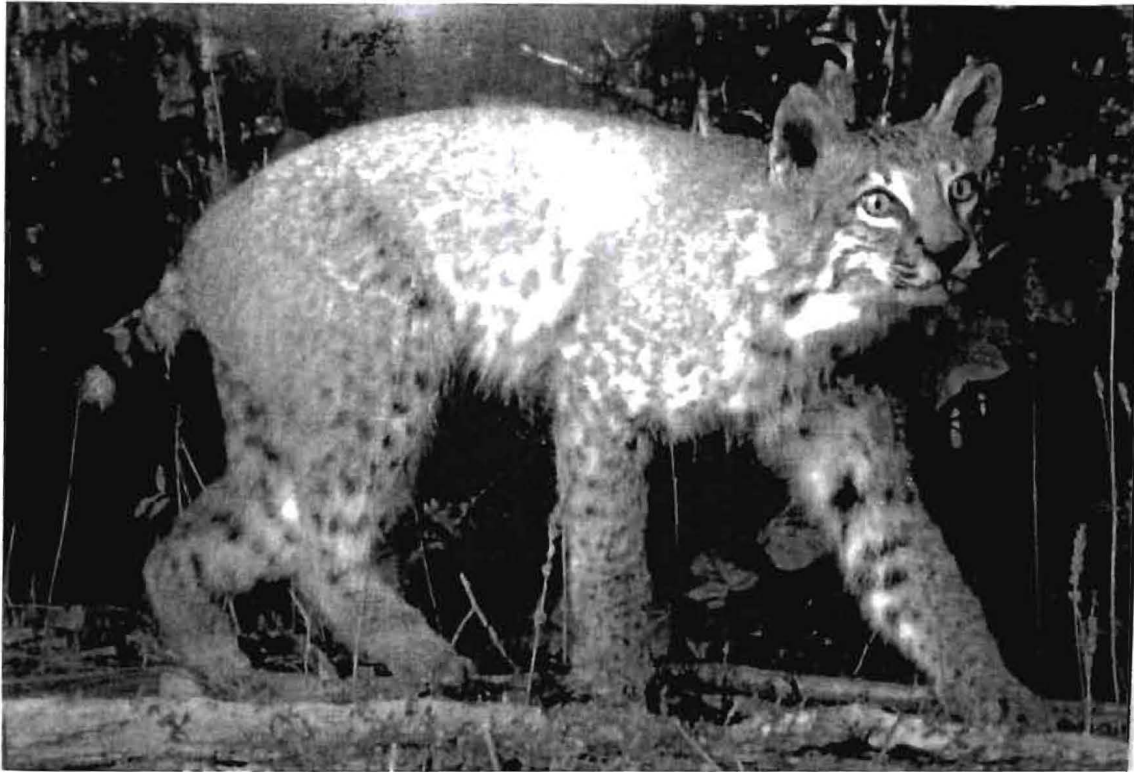
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The Northside High School Mascot  
(Bobcat)



1959 Northside High School Bobcats  
VIA State Basketball Champions

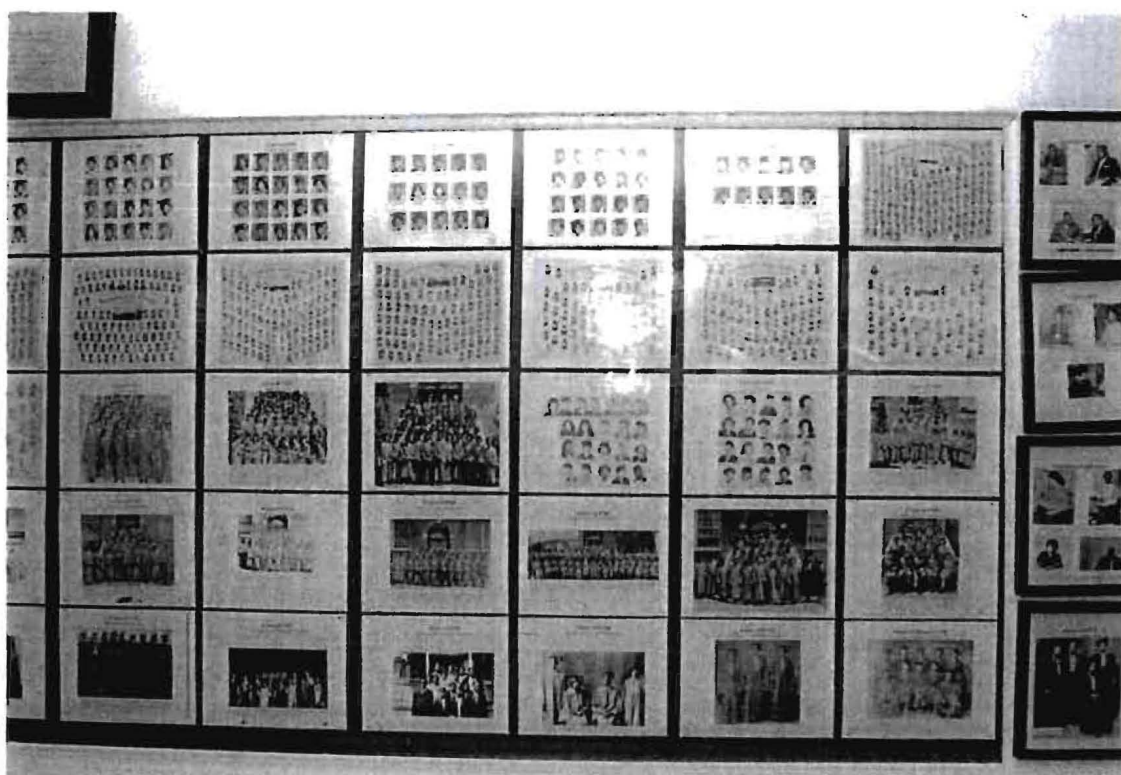


Auditorium seats taken from the Old Northside High School





**Ms. Veatrice James taught 50 years in  
Pittsylvania County**



**Graduation Pictures**