

African American

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Educators  
of  
Rapides Parish

**Success doesn't come to you...you go to it.**  
Marva Collins, African American Educator

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**Perpetual optimism is a force multiplier.**  
Gen. Colin Powell, U.S. Secretary of State

**Hold fast to dreams, for if dreams die, life is a  
broken winged bird that cannot fly.**  
Langston Hughes, African-American poet

# J. B. Lafargue



# J. B. Lafargue

- Educated in Avoyelles Parish
- Founder of the Colored State Teachers' Association
- Founder of the Peabody Normal and Industrial School, 1895
- He and his wife were longtime educators in Rapides Parish
- Principal, City Public School and Peabody Industrial Institute of Alexandria, LA until 1937.

# Peabody High School



PEABODY STATE NORMAL INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL, ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA.

Nineteen Thirteen

Nineteen Fourteen

**1913**

# Peabody High School



1952

# David F. Iles



# David F. Iles

- Principal, Peabody High School 1937 – 1972
- Transformed Peabody from an Industrial School to a strong academic high school
- 1972, accepted a position in the Rapides Parish School Board Central Office

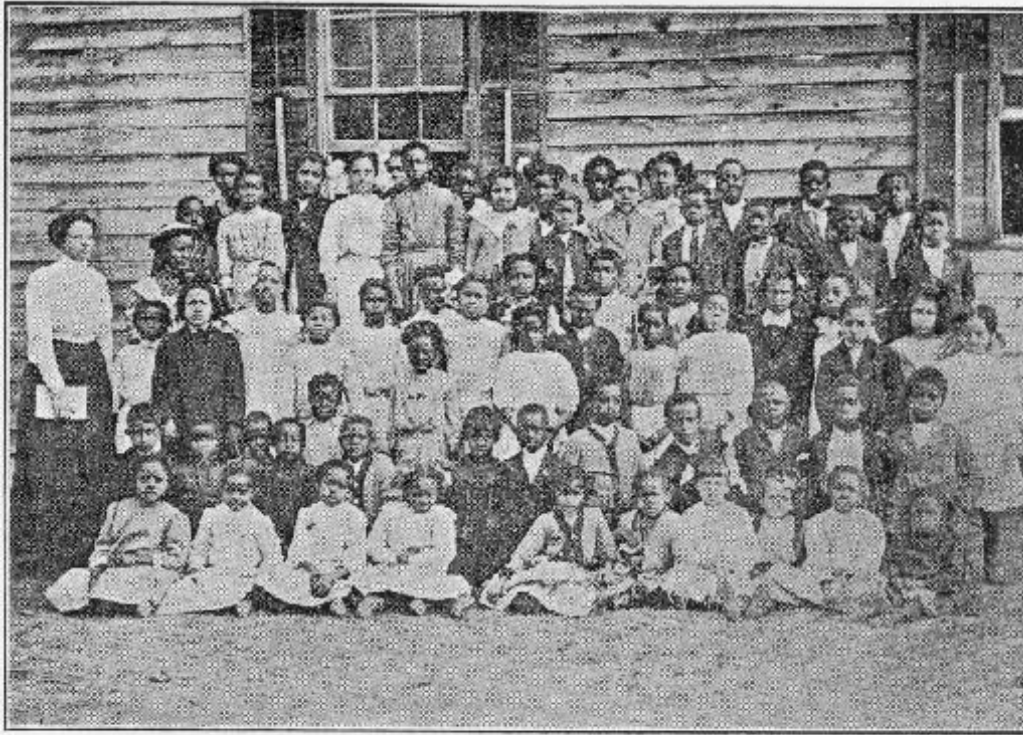


# Peabody Magnet High School



2004

# Millie Kelso



MISS M. Y. KELSÖE'S SCHOOL, PINEVILLE, LA.

# Millie Kelso

- Longtime teacher in the Peabody Industrial School
- Principal, Pineville Public School
- Energetic and thoughtful in her teaching
- Consistently positive instruction with her students.

# Claude Davis

- Former Principal at Lincoln Williams High School in Cheneyville
- Longtime administrator at Peabody High School
- 1<sup>st</sup> African American Assistant Superintendent in the Rapides Parish School System

# W. O. Hall

- Willie O. Hall was a volunteer for the Peabody athletic program for over twenty years
- Assistant Principal at Peabody High School
- He met an untimely death in an accident at the Warhorse Stadium

# Arthur F. Smith

- Long time teacher and coach in the Rapides Parish School System
- Long time principal Jones Street Junior High
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Black Assistant Superintendent Rapides Parish School System

# Walter Hadnot

- Longtime educator in Rapides Parish
- Assistant Principal at Jones Street Junior High
- Principal at Lincoln Road Primary
- President of the Colored Teachers Credit Union (now Rapides Federal Credit Union)
- Very strong academic leadership

# Melford & Rosa Jones

- He and his wife were longtime educators in Lecompte
- Teacher/coach at Carter C. Raymond High School, she was the assistant principal
- Candidate for Rapides School Board
- Lecompte Town Council, Rosa is the Mayor
- Visionary leaders and organizer for the Lecompte Rosenwald/Carter C. Raymond School reunion.



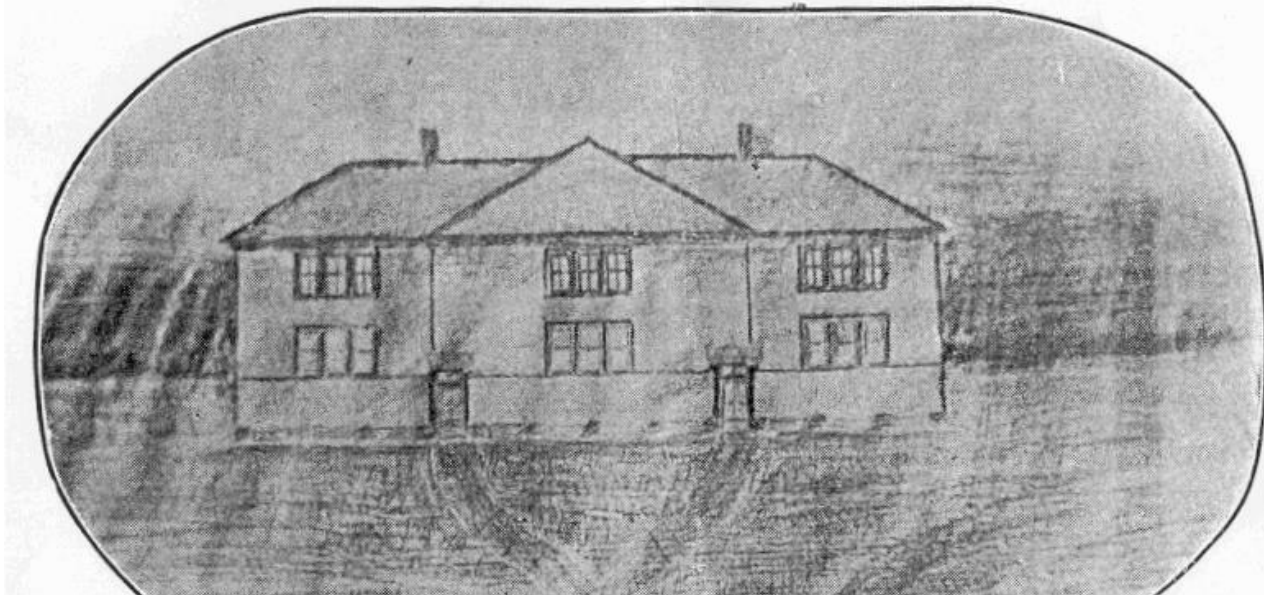
# Carter C. Raymond



# Carter C. Raymond

- Born in New Orleans
- Educated at Leland College
- Principal Cheneyville Public School
- Principal, McNary Public School
- Writer, public speaker
- Principal at the Public School in Lecompte, the largest school for colored children outside Alexandria

# Lecompte Rosenwald School



**1912 – 1954**

**Renamed for Prof. Carter C. Raymond  
new building built in 1954**

# Carter C. Raymond



**Carter C. Raymond**  
Circa 1954 - 1991

# Carter C. Raymond Middle School



**1991 - Today**



# Principals of Carter C. Raymond

- Dr. L.J. Long
- Mr. Clarence Jenkins
- Dr. Jerry Cole
- Rev. R.B. Bennett
- Mr. Charles Davis
- Mr. Clifton Cowan
- Ms. Billie French
- Mr. Bootsie Watson
- Ms. Dorothy Verrett
- Dr. D. Karl Carpenter

**“Your Name Here”**

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**What will you do  
for the good  
of the world?**

# “Your Name Here”

What will you do  
for the good  
of the world?





# Carter C. Raymond

