

SCIO

Swansea Community Improvement Organization Black History Program

SEGREGATION TO DESEGREGATION

SWANSEA COLOR & MONROE PINCKNEY SCHOOL

TEACHERS' HALL OF FAME


*SCIO Black History Program
Black Teachers Hall of Fame*

Saturday, February 1, 2020 at 6:00
PM

Lexington 4 Early Childhood Center
135 Lewis Rast Rd
Swansea, SC 29160

Tickets
\$20 Adults
\$10 Student 9-18yrs
\$ 5 children 8 and under

Contact Linda Butler at 803-465-6274 or
Viola McDaniel at 803-568-5805 for tickets



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Program

- Presiding Welcome and Invocation.....Viola McDaniel
President of SCIO
- Introduction of SCIO Officers.....Viola McDaniel
Effix Miller, Vice President
Felisha Gillings, Secretary Treasurer
Linda Butler, Member & Athletic Coordinator
- Dinner..... Sease Catering & Designs
- Music & Entertainment..... Cyndal Dibble, Soloist
Patricia Dease, Soloist
BJ Jones, Musician
- History and Presentation of Teachers.....Viola McDaniel
- Introduction of Guest Speaker.....Minister Zachary Smith
Associate Minister of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church
Lexington 4 Board Member
- Speaker.....Pastor Quincy Sutton
Pastor of New Life Outreach Ministries
Lexington 4 Board Chairperson
- Final Words, Acknowledgements, and Thanks

History

This Program is dedicated to all the African American teachers that taught at Swansea Color and Monroe Pinckney School before integration in 1970. Tracing the history of our school has not been an easy task but with help and focus we are able to present a history of what we found. According to the 1916 Superintendent School Report, there was little interest in the education of the African American population in Lexington County. It states, "Lexington County is preeminently a white county, and the negro school situation is not a matter of great concern in Lexington as in all other counties".

"To educate a Negro is to spoil a laborer" prevailed among the white leadership. The question of mixed schools for blacks and whites was settled firmly in 1895 when the state adopted a new constitution to replace the one drafted in 1868 by the Carpetbaggers. The 1916 Superintendent School Report states that "separate schools shall be provided for children of the white and colored races, and no child of either race shall ever be permitted to attend a school provided for children of the other race." This lasted until 1954 when Brown vs Little Rock ended segregation. Segregation was not fully implemented in Lexington 4 until 1970.

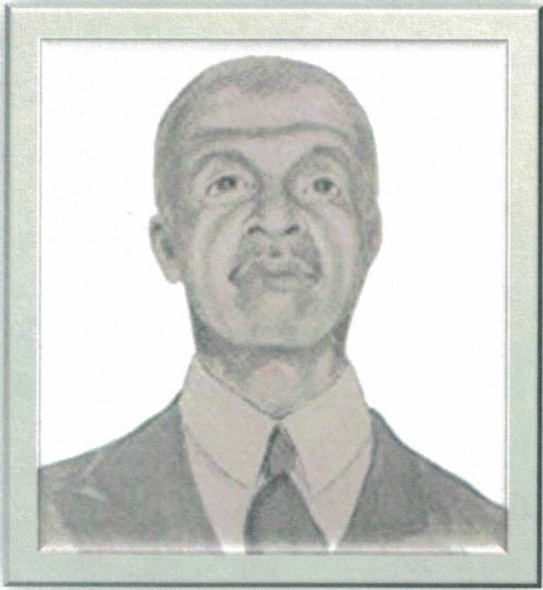
During the years in which the state started documenting the educational process of its students, Lexington County chose not to document the existence of African American students and teachers. The 1950-1951 School directory asserts that "Negro schools which usually open after the directory has gone to press are omitted from this list; therefore, a supplement to this directory will be issued in mimeograph for later". No listings appeared in any school directory from 1913 to the end of 1938-39. The first listing of Negro schools and principals appeared in the 1939-1940 school directory.

The purpose of this program is to tell the history, celebrate our heritage, and give honor to our culture. For so long African Americans have been forced to alter who we are to accommodate others. We only wanted what were our inalienable rights and just to be treated and educated equally. Some heroes led the path and left footprints for others to follow. Tonight, we give honor to them. We regret that we do not have photos and biography of all the educators who taught at Swansea Color and Monroe Pinckney.

Mr. Monroe Pinckney

Mr. Monroe Pinckney was born sometime in 1881 and died May 29, 1960. Mr. Pinckney started his formal education late in life and graduated from Benedict College in 1912 at the age of 31. He was a community leader, farmer, school principal, and board trustee for the segregated schools of Lexington. He was

instrumental and responsible for the hiring of African American teachers for the segregated school system of Lexington County District 37. In 1935 he helped secure land for a new and larger Swansea Color School. When this school was built some smaller schools in the areas were discontinued. In 1953 a new school was built. It was renamed in 1955 in honor of Mr. Monroe Pinckney. Mr. Pinckney retired from education in 1940 but continued to be an advocate for education in his community until his death.





Lillian Boulware

Lillian Boulware began working at Monroe Pinckney Elementary in 1956 as a third-grade teacher. She continued with the school district during the transition to desegregation of the schools and worked at Swansea Elementary until her retirement.

Mrs. Lillian Boulware died in 2009.

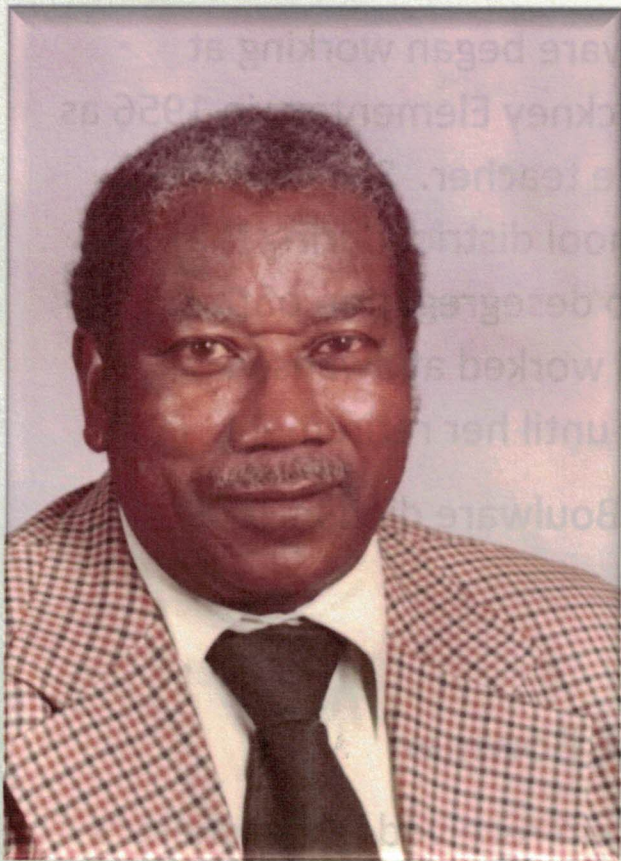


Annie Mae Bowman

Mrs. Bowman received her bachelor's degree in Home Economics from SC State College and her Master of Science Degree from the University of South Carolina and SC State College. She taught at various schools before coming to Monroe Pinckney to teach home economics in the 1950's. Mrs. Bowman continued to teach economics at Monroe Pinckney until her departure in 1967. Mrs. Bowman spent 27 years in the teaching profession.

Mrs. Annie Bowman died in 1985.

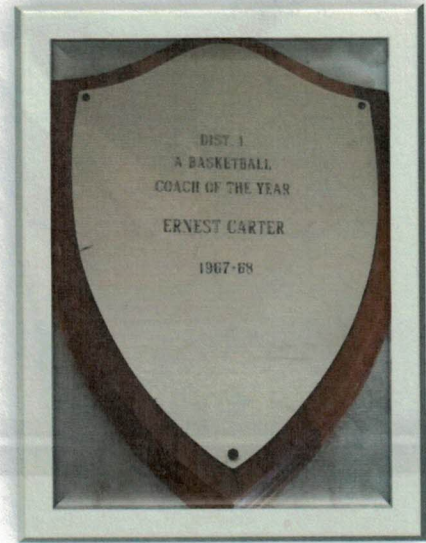
Ernest Carter



Mr. Ernest Carter was the 12th child born to Julius and Sarah Carter on December 11, 1923 in West Columbia, SC. Mr. Carter began his education in a one room school on the grounds of Mt. Pisgah AME Church. He attended Harbison Junior College but enlisted in the Army during World War II before receiving his diploma. After serving in the Army, he returned to Harbison and completed his schooling. He

earned his Bachelor of Science Degree from Allen University. Mr. Carter began teaching at Monroe Pinckney in 1957 as a science teacher. He also held the position of boys and girls basketball coach and the football coach. He was the only football coach that Monroe Pinckney ever had. In 1967-1968 the girls basketball team won the district championship and Mr. Carter was named District Basketball Coach of the Year. Mr. Carter was with Monroe Pinckney from 1957-1968. He transitioned to Swansea High School as a science teacher and assistant football coach in 1968 when the school district was integrated. In 1976 he became Assistant Principal of Swansea High School and remained in this position until his retirement. Mr. Ernest Carter died in 1994.

Mr. Carter girls basketball championship team of 1967-68 and his recognition plaque.



Mr. Carter first football team 1967.





Flossie Carter

Mrs. Flossie Carter was the 5th child of 13 born to Warden and Mamie Porter McGee in Oswego, SC. Mrs. Carter received her formative education at Moore Elementary in Sumter, SC. She then attended Harbison Junior College, where she met her husband to be, Mr. Ernest Carter. She received her high

school diploma from Coulter Memorial Academy. She received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Morris College on May 31, 1943. She taught in the Augusta School District before coming to Monroe Pinckney to teach elementary grades. She transitioned to Swansea Elementary during desegregation in the 1970's. Mrs. Carter was twice named Teacher of the Year at Swansea Elementary where she was well respected by her peers and students. She remained in the district until her retirement.

Mrs. Carter died in 2017.



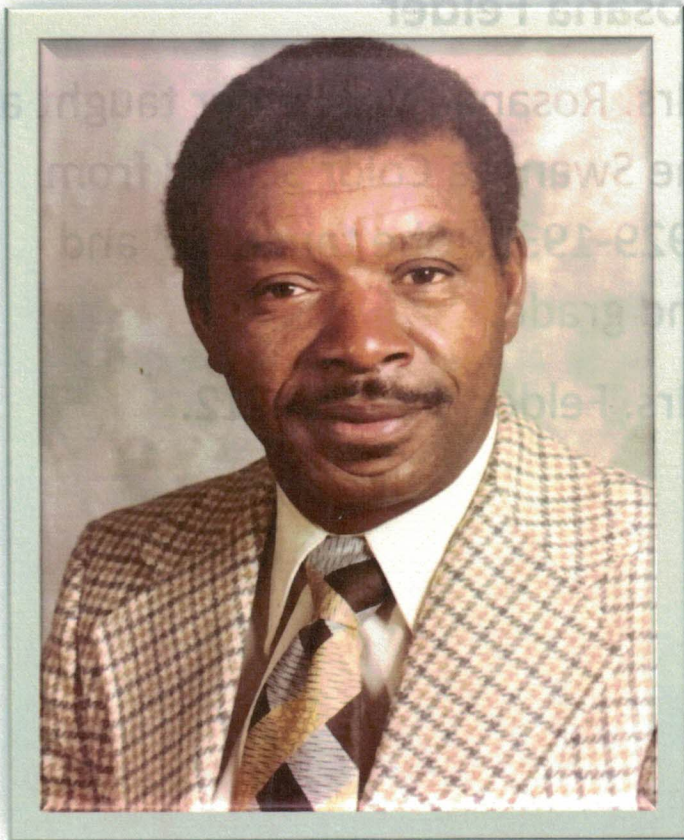
Mattie Davis

Mrs. Mattie Davis taught in Calhoun County before beginning her career in 1962 with Monroe Pinckney Elementary where she taught 5th and 6th grade. She transitioned through desegregation and taught at Swansea Elementary until her retirement. Mrs. Davis died in 2018.



Willie Mae Davis

Ms. Willie Mae Davis began her career with Monroe Pinckney in 1957 as a 4th grade teacher. She also served as chaperone for the girls' basketball team. Ms. Davis, like many others who transitioned with desegregation, worked at Monroe Pinckney Middle School as a Librarian in Lexington 4 until her retirement. Ms. Davis died in 2008.



Andrew Dixon

Mr. Andrew Dixon was the 7th child of 13 born to Tom and Annie Miller Dixon. He was educated in the Darlington County School System and graduated from the Historical Butler High School in 1949. He enlisted in the Army after WWII and served in Japan. After serving he was then drafted for the Korean War. Mr. Dixon married Flora

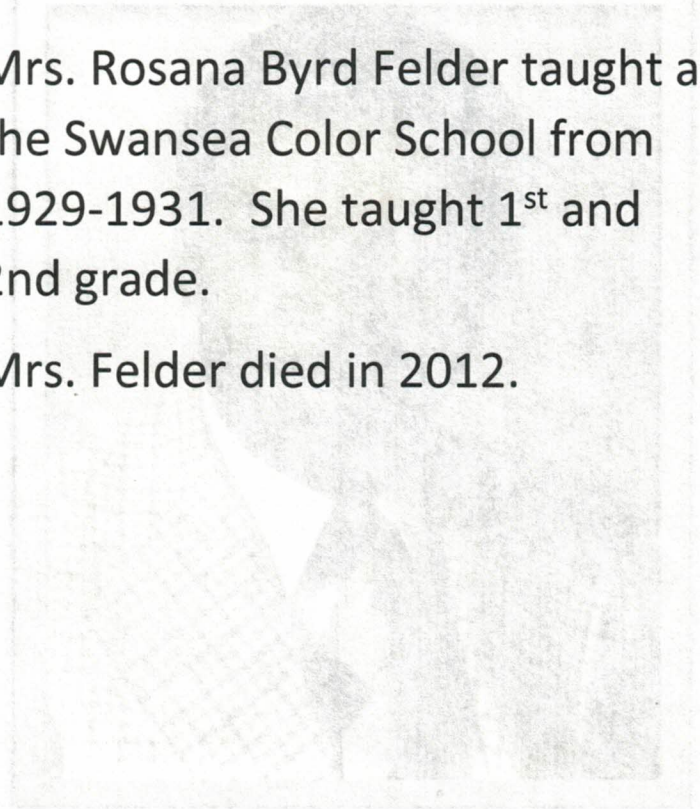
Bradford Dixon in 1953. From their union their only child, Michael Jerome Dixon was born. Mr. Dixon started his teaching as a shop and agricultural teacher at Monroe Pinckney in 1957. He built many of the props the school needed for its plays and presentations. Mr. Dixon transition with desegregation in 1968 and worked at Swansea High until his health failed in 1986. Mr. Dixon died on April 21, 1986.



Rosana Felder

Mrs. Rosana Byrd Felder taught at the Swansea Color School from 1929-1931. She taught 1st and 2nd grade.

Mrs. Felder died in 2012.





Willie Mae Sutton-Ferguson

Mrs. Willie Mae Sutton-Ferguson was a pupil in Swansea Color School System before the schools were down sized and consolidated. She went to school at Cross Road until the 7th grade. She then went to Swansea Color for the 8th and 9th grade. She finished her schooling at Booker T. Washington School for the 10th and 11th grade in 1949. Twelfth grade was not an option then. She pursued her education at Benedict College and graduated in 1949. She worked in Hampton, SC before coming to teach 2nd grade at Swansea Color School in 1952. Mrs. Sutton-Ferguson was hired by principal, Isaiah Henny. She was there for the building of the new school and renaming to Monroe Pinckney. She worked in the district until 1962 and finished her career at Norway and Greelyville, SC. Mrs. Ferguson now lives in Swansea with her sister, Mrs. Emma Dell Riley.



Barbara Gladden

Barbara Gladden was born September 5, 1933 to Abraham and Rosa Gold in Calhoun County. She was a graduate of Benedict College. Her teach career included Calhoun County, Richland County, and Walterboro County. She taught in Lexington County at Monroe Pinckney from 1960 to 1964.

Mrs. Gladden died August 25, 1997



Ella M. Hill

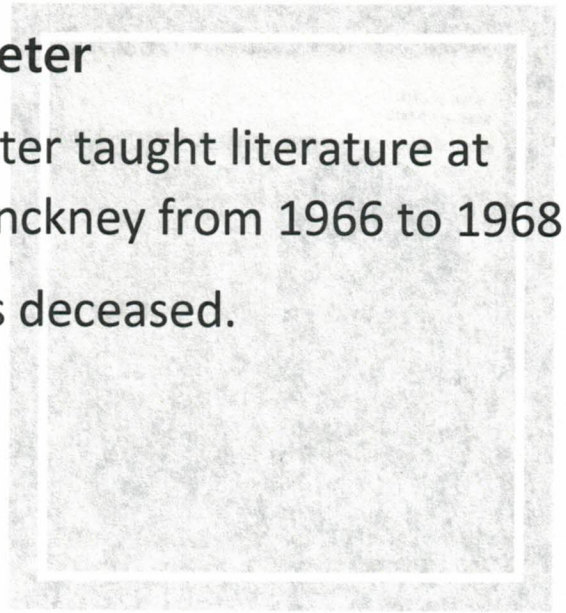
Ms. Ella Hill began her employment with Monroe Pinckney in 1967 as a Math teacher. She transitioned during desegregation and taught high school math at Swansea High until she left the district.



Sammie Jeter

Mr. S. S. Jeter taught literature at Monroe Pinckney from 1966 to 1968.

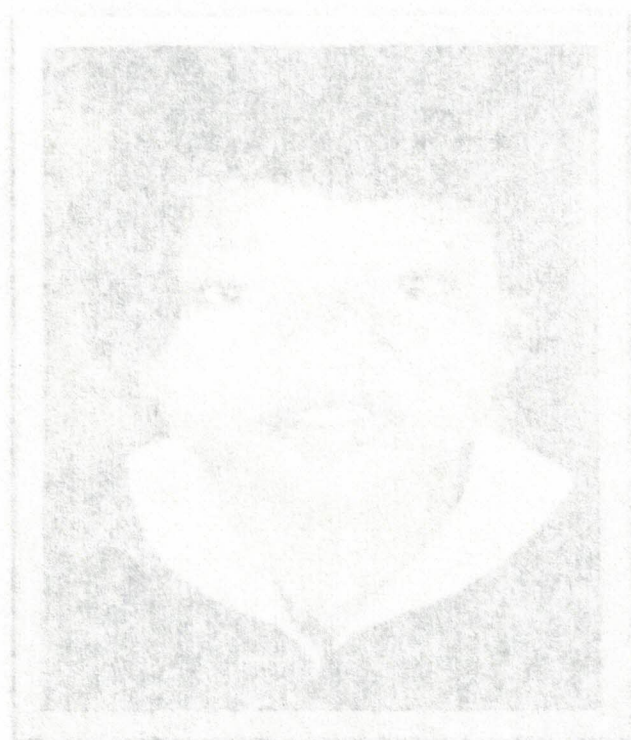
Mr. Jeter is deceased.



Lettie Kohn



Mrs. Lettie Kohn was born on April 6, 1919 to Philip and Dora Simon. She graduated from Booker T. Washington School in Columbia, SC. She continued her education and obtained a master's degree from SC State University. She began her 19-year career with Monroe Pinckney in 1953 where she taught 4th grade. She then went on to teach English and History. Mrs. Kohn, like many other teachers, transitioned with desegregation to Swansea High where she was a guidance counselor until her death in 1972. She was married to the late Rev. Charlie Kohn.





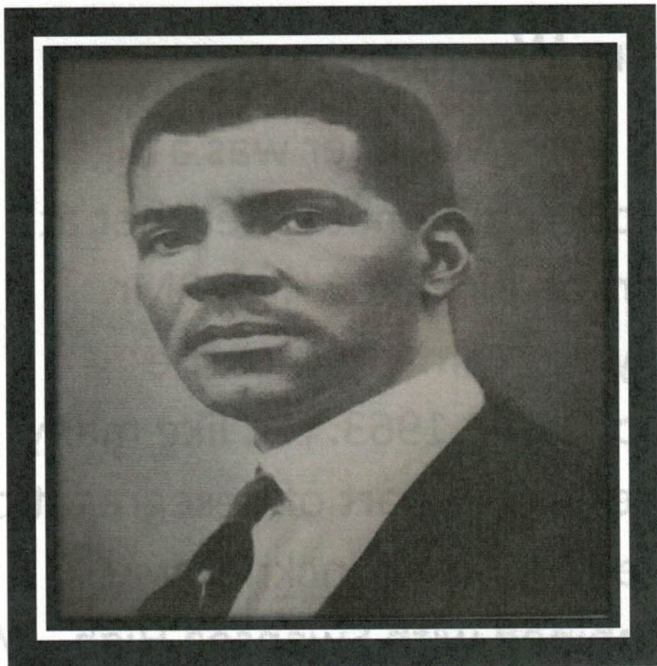
Dorothy Mitchell

Mrs. Dorothy Mitchell began her teaching career with Monroe Pinckney in 1967 where she taught French in the high school. Like so many other Monroe teachers, she transitioned with desegregation to Swansea Middle and Swansea High School until her retirement. Mrs. Mitchell died in 2017 at the age of 87.



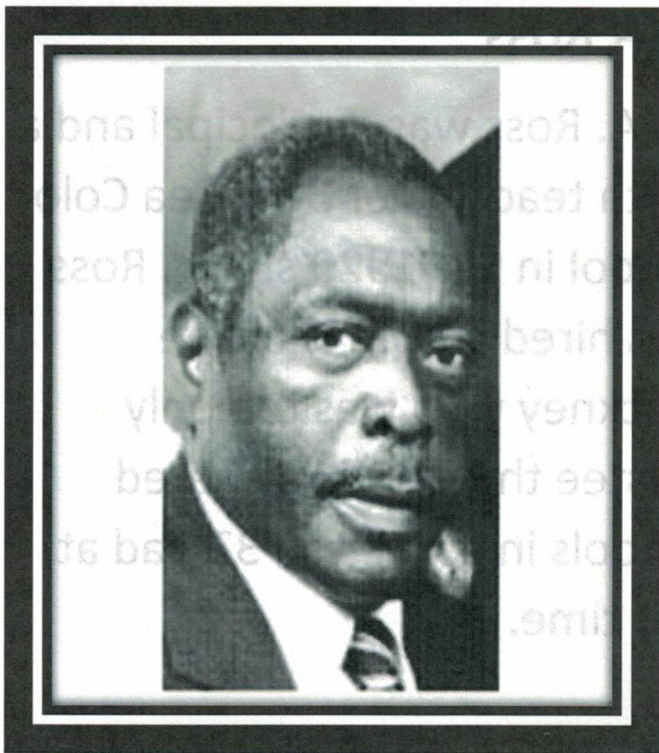
Gertrude Davis Murph

Mrs. Gertrude Murph taught at Swansea Color School from 1949-1951. Mrs. Murph is deceased.



W A Ross

W. A. Ross was a principal and a math teacher for Swansea Color School in the 1920's. Mr. Ross was hired by Mr. Monroe Pinckney who was the only trustee that the segregated schools in Lexington 37 had at this time.



Berry Waymer

Mr. Berry Waymer was a high school mathematics teacher at Monroe Pinckney High. Mr. Waymer came to Monroe Pinckney in 1963. He, like many other, was a part of desegregation when Monroe Pinckney was combined with Swansea High. Mr. Waymer continued to teach Math until he left the district.

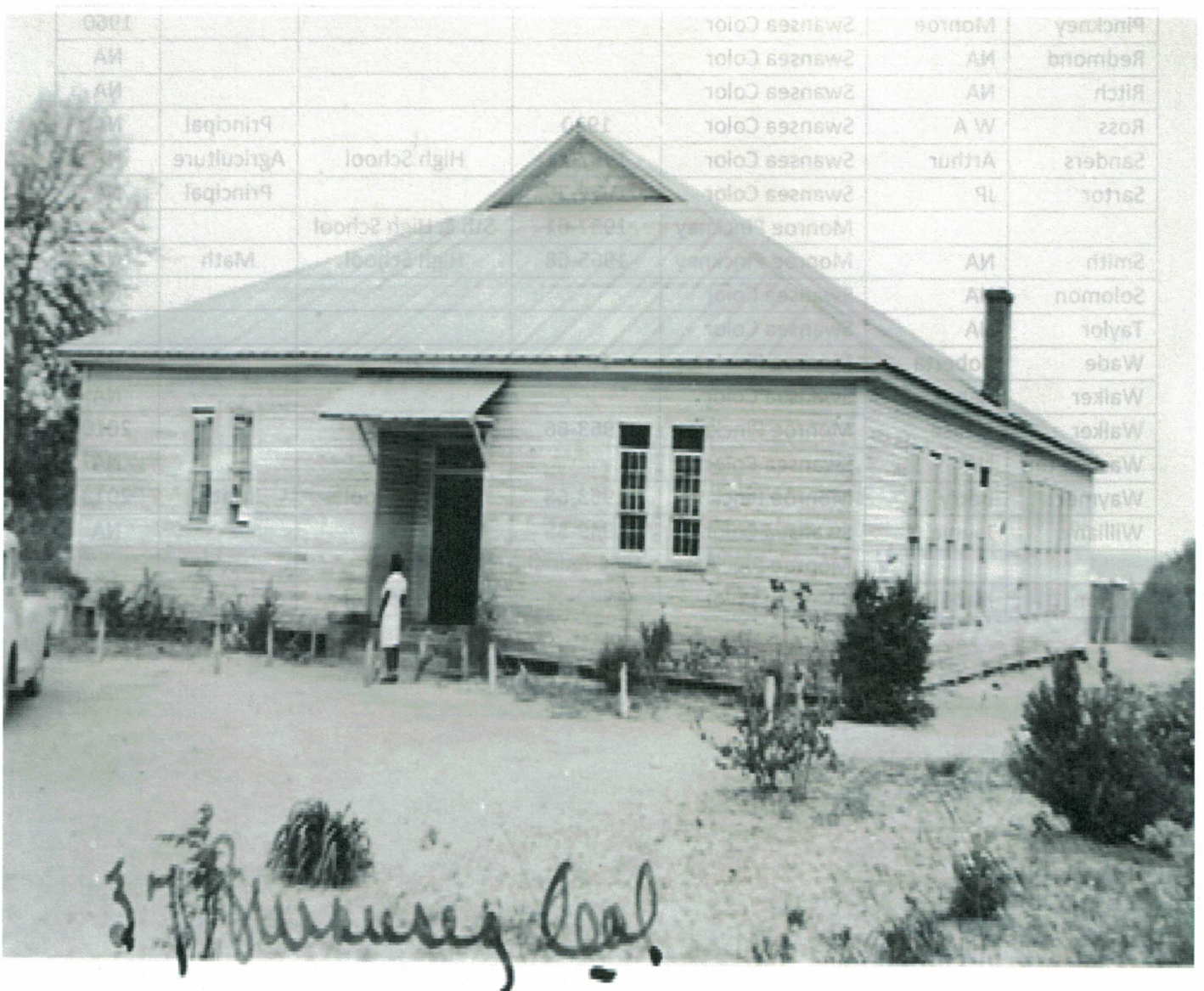
Swansea Color and Monroe Pinckney School Teachers

Last	First	School	Year	Grade Taught	Subject	Death
Alston	Enda	Swansea color	1953			1953
Boulware	Lillian	Monroe Pinckney	1955-retired	3rd		2009
Bowman	Annie	Monroe Pinckney	1955-67	High School	Home Eco	1985
Bowman	Clementine	Monroe Pinckney	1957-61	Elementary		2007
Boyd	Annie	Swansea color				NA
Carter	Ernest	Monroe Pinckney	1957-retired	High School	Science	1994
Carter	Flossie	Monroe Pinckney	1957-retired	4th		2017
Castor	Eliza	Swansea Color	1927-29			NA
Coleman	Annie Ruth	Monroe Pinckney	1960-66	2nd		2001
Coleman	Leon	Swansea Color	1941-42	High School	Agriculture	NA
Counts	Beatrice	Monroe Pinckney	1956-70	1st		NA
Davis	Mattie	Monroe Pinckney	1962-70	5th 6th		2018
Davis	Willie Mae	Monroe Pinckney	1957-70	4th		2008
Dixon	Andrew	Monroe Pinckney	1957-68	High School	Agriculture	1986
Donald	Hattie	Monroe Pinckney	1965-68	High School	Home Eco	
Felder	Rosana	Swansea Color	1929--31	1st		2012
Ferguson	Willie Mae	Swansea Color	1952-55	2nd		
		Monroe Pinckney	1955-62			NA
Floyd	Ethel	Monroe Pinckney	1962-64	5th		NA
Ford	NA	Swansea Color				NA
Fox	Mollie	Monroe Pinckney	1960-61	3rd 4th		NA
Freeman	Thelma	Swansea Color	1942-45	High School	Home Eco	NA
Friday	Clifton	Swansea Color		7th		NA
Gantt	Myrtis	Monroe Pinckney	1961-63	5th		
Gladden	Barbara	Monroe Pinckney	1960-64	High School	Commerce	1997
Hall	Bernetha	Monroe Pinckney	1957-58	2nd		NA
Hennie	Isaiah	Swansea Color	1952-54		Principal	1974
Hill	Ella	Monroe Pinckney	1966-70	High School		NA
Johnson	NA	Swansea Color		Elementary		NA
		Monroe Pinckney				
Johnson	Jessie	Swansea Color			Science	NA
Johnson	Thomasina	Monroe Pinckney	1957-66	1st		NA
Kelly	NA	Monroe Pinckney	1966-68	High School	Science	NA
Kohn	Lettie	Swansea Color	1953-68	Elementary	4th	1972
		Monroe Pinckney	1955-72	High School		
Linton	Margaret	Monroe Pinckney	1957-58	3rd	Music	NA
Meetze	B	Swansea Color				NA
Mitchell	Dorothy	Monroe Pinckney	1967-retired	High School	French	2017
Moreland	William	Swansea Color				NA
Murph	Geraldine	Swansea Color	1949-51			
Nance	James	Monroe Pinckney	1956-70		Principal	NA
Nance	Henrietta	Monroe Pinckney	1956-70		Librarian	2008
Last	First	School	Year	Grade Taught	Subject	Death
Neal	Eugene	Swansea Color			Physical Ed	NA
Osborne	NA	Swansea Color		4th		NA

Pinckney	Monroe	Swansea Color				1960
Redmond	NA	Swansea Color				NA
Ritch	NA	Swansea Color				NA
Ross	W A	Swansea Color	1920		Principal	NA
Sanders	Arthur	Swansea Color	1937-41	High School	Agriculture	NA
Sartor	JP	Swansea Color	1954-56		Principal	NA
		Monroe Pinckney	1957-61	5th & High School		
Smith	NA	Monroe Pinckney	1965-68	High School	Math	NA
Solomon	NA	Swansea Color				NA
Taylor	NA	Swansea Color				NA
Wade	Roberta	Monroe Pinckney	1963	2nd		NA
Walker	Agnes	Swansea Color				NA
Walker	Elease	Monroe Pinckney	1963-66	6th		2010
Washington	NA	Swansea Color				NA
Waymer	Berry	Monroe Pinckney	1963-68	High School	Math	2013
Williams	Jannie	Swansea Color	1949-55	6th		NA
		Monroe Pinckney	1955-retired	6th		
Wilson	Isabel	Swansea Color	1940-41	High School	Home Eco	NA

Swansea Color School from 1920 to 1955

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Swansea Color School from 1933 to 1955

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Monroe Pinckney Building



Monroe Pinckney High School and Elementary 1955 to 1970

Swansea Middle School 1970-1978

Swansea High 1978-1980

Swansea Middle School 1980-1988

Monroe Pinckney Middle School 1988-1989

Monroe Pinckney Building 1989 to present

Thank a Teacher!

Teachers

plant the seeds

of knowledge

that will grow

forever.