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Lawrence Orr Pioneer in Mecklenburg County Education & Right to Vote Granddaughter Runs for School Board



Lawrence Orr **Queen Thompson**

Following the Civil War, African Americans did not have the right to vote and did not have the rights and opportunities to go to school. Only property owners could vote or have a say in the government. Only people who paid "poll taxes" landowners could vote. Black farmers and landowners organized "The Brotherhood" making Lawrence Orr the President and spokesman. Lawrence Orr wrote letters and travelled to all the African American churches to encourage African American to buy land so they could vote and petition the Mecklenburg School Board for schools in rural Mecklenburg County. Orr and two members of each church appeared before the all white Mecklenburg School Board for years. After years of petitioning, The Brotherhood was granted approval of four African American Schools in Mecklenburg County: Clear Creek Colored High School (now known as J.H. Gunn), Torrence Lytle High School, Sterling High School and Plato Price High School.

Orr's granddaughter, Queen Norwood Thompson is running for school board at large, for the same reason her grandfather fought, for a sound basic education for all children under the law. Queen, with 50 years experience, has been recognized by CMS as a strong advocate for all children and her "think out the box" educational solutions.

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