

HISTORIC SITE FILE: *PARTRIDGE SCHOOL*
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Dear Mr. Raymer:

This is in followup to our phone conversations last Friday and Saturday. As I understand it you are seeking records of the *Partridge School*, a private school in Gainesville, Prince William County, Virginia, which you state was in operation between about 1962 and 1969.

The earliest listing I find for it in our files is in the telephone book for Prince William County, 1966-67 (prepared in 1966). Although there is no listing in the white pages, we find under "Schools" in the yellow pages:

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| Partridge Memorial Foundatn Inc | |
| Partridge Rehabilitatn Ctr Gainesville | 754-4191 |
| Senn Nursery Haymarket | 754-7942 |
| Staff House Gainesville | 754-4195 |

(The next earlier phone book we have is dated 1958-59 (prepared 1958). The school is not listed there.)

The 1968-69 telephone directory has two different sets of listings:

Yellow pages, under "Schools:"
Partridge Memorial Foundatn Inc [same 3 listings as 1966-67, but
"Staff House" is now called "Administrative Office."]

White pages:

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| Partridge Memorial Foundation Inc | |
| McNear House 311 Strasbrg | 361-2932 |
| West Gate House 281 Lom Dr | 361-2926 |
| 296 Lom Dr | 361-4064 |

In the 1969-70 and 1971 phone books there are no listings for the Partridge School.

No city directory has been published for the Gainesville area, but the addresses shown above on Strasburg and Lomond Drive are in Manassas, and we do have Manassas city directories from 1960.

The first year that the Manassas properties show some connection to the School is 1968. In that year we find a Malcolm McCombs (with wife Carol W.) living ^{at 311 Strasburg St.} there. His occupation is listed as USA (US Army?). Phone 361-2932. [In 1967 someone else was living there with a different phone number] The information on this household is identical in 1969 (at least in the criss cross portion, they are not found in the white pages). They are gone in 1970.

In 1968, a Roy L. DeForest (with wife Sherry P) is shown at 281 Lomond Dr., 361-2926. He is called a teacher at Partridge School, she is called housemother at Partridge School. They are similarly shown in 1969. They are not found in directories for 1967. In the 1970 directory they are at a new address: He is then shown as branch manager for First Virginia Bank. She is a number assignment clerk for Commonwealth Telephone. This couple is still in the Manassas area today. The real estate directory for 1993 shows Roy L. and Sherry J. DeForest as owning and living at 10122 Baileysburg Lane, Nokesville, VA 22123, phone (703) 754-1721. They bought that property in 1991.

In 1968 the building at 296 Lomond Drive was "vacant." In 1969 Carl M. Shoffler and his wife Helen E. lived there, phone 361-4064. He was listed as "USA." In 1970 someone else was living at that address.

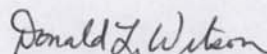
I talked to someone at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Haymarket this morning and learned that you had already called. It appears that the present staff at the church have not been there long enough to be aware of any connection between the church and the Partridge School.

It appears that Mr. and Mrs. DeForest are the only new leads I have for you. I attempted to call them Saturday and today but got only an answering machine. (I left no message.)

You might want to check with the records of the Prince William County business license office (703-792-6710). I doubt that they have retained records that old in their office, however, and it is nearly impossible to get through to them on the phone this time of year. Their address is Prince William County Finance Office (Assessments), 1 County Complex Court, Prince William, VA 22192. Records from the 1960s are likely to be in storage somewhere, perhaps at the state archives (Library of Virginia, Richmond).

You might also like to try the Virginia Dept. of Education, 101 N. 14th Street, Richmond, VA 23219. (Phone 804-225-2747 for school accreditation.) Hopefully they will have a record of the Partridge School's compliance with state laws and regulations, and a list of the principal persons associated with it. Hope this information is of help to you.

Sincerely,



Donald L. Wilson
Virginiana Librarian

called him 5/6/95 11:15

His mother Norma Floyd Mays.
He b. in Rochester, NY.

Jan,

{ Miss Speck (mother?) - ~~but over Jan's Speck~~
{ Tom Riley

School ~~was~~ was closed ca. 1969-71. Mrs Speck later
opened another school; was indicted.

JAMES

RAYMER

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Gainesville

called on Friday afternoon from Arizona.
In 1962 at the age of 8 he was placed
in the PARTRIDGE School in GA. He
stayed there until the age of 15 (? 1969)
He is interested in getting the name of
the guardian who signed him in as he is
trying to find who his father is. The school
is no longer in existence; it was affiliated
in some way with St. Paul's Episcopal Church
in Haymarket ^{VA} ~~GA~~. A Miss Berry in Social Services
gave him the number of our library to call.

If you have any ideas re: how he could
locate any records from the school, he'd
like to know. He will call the church himself.

It will write him if that would make it easier
for you.

Pat Noonan

5/5/95

PWC phonebook, 1968-69: (yellow pages) Schools:

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Sean Nursery, Haymarket 754-7942

Administrative office, Gainesville 754-4195
[1966-67: Staff House]

White pages: Partridge Memorial Foundation Inc.

McNew House, 311 Strasburg 361-2932

West Gate House, 281 Lomb. Dr. 361-2926

296 Lomb. Dr. 361-4064

1966-67: no listing in white pages

yellow pages: same as 1968-69.

1969-70 - (missing)

City Directories

1968: 311 Strasburg St McCombs, Malcolm 361-2932 (wife Carol W) USA (owns home)

281 Lombard Dr. DeForest, Roy L. 361-2926 (wife Sherry P) teacher Partridge Sch. (owns home)

296 Lombard Dr. "vacant"

1967: 311 Strasburg St Hooff, Edw G 368-2993

281 Lombard Dr. Olson, Fred W. 365-6284

296 Lombard Dr. [no bldg.]

Roy L. + Sherry J.
10122 Baileyburg Ln,
Nokesville, VA 22123
(birt 1987) (birt 12/91)

1969: 311 Strasburg St McCombs, Malcolm 361-2932 (Carol W.) USA (owns home) 1994

281 Lombard Dr. DeForest, Roy L. 361-2926 (Sherry P.) Housemother Partridge Sch. (owns) 1994

296 Lombard Dr. Shoffler, Carl M. 361-4064 (Helen E.) USA (owns home) 1994

10122 Baileyburg Lane
Nokesville
754-1721