

Why did this start?

- Prosperity Baptist Church asked Loudoun historian Larry Roeder to document the village of Conklin.
- The Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS) recovered thousands of lost records covering 1864 to 1968 that were almost burned.
- LCPS liked the Conklin study and suggested our county-wide project, named after teenager Edwin Washington, who demanded schooling during reconstruction.
- We want to know who the students were, who taught them, what did they study and what was the quality of schooling and their school houses?
- Keep in mind that the demand for education by African-Americans was and remains a great Civil-Rights struggle.

