

AFFIDAVIT OF MRS. MAE ESTER STROZIER
TAKEN BY LARRY RUBIN, SNCC FIELD SECRETARY, LEE CO., GA.
FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 1963

"I went down to register today, to the Leesburg Courthouse. I went with Mr. John O'Neal, Field Secretary of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee. We went to the registration office, and spoke to Mrs. Forrester, the ass't tax collector. I told her I wanted to register.

"She said that Mr. Yeeman was in the hospital with pneumonia, and that you can't get over it too quickly. She ~~said~~ ^{co} said he had been in for fifteen minutes yesterday, but got a weak spell and had to go home.

"John O'Neal asked her if anybody would be appointed to take her place. She said no, because the Board of Registrars hadn't met yet. John asked her what were the names of the members of the Board, and she gave him the names.

"We went down about 11:15."

"After John and Mrs. Forrester said a few more things, which I forgot, we left and went to the house of Mrs. Pheebe Jimmerson, and I gave this affidavit to Larry."

Mrs Mae Ester Strozier
Rte. 1 Box 110
Leesburg Ga.

AFFIDAVIT OF: Mr. Charles Lewis
TAKEN BY: Mr. Larry Rubin, S.N.C.C. Field Secretary, Lee County, Ga.
Date: March 15, 1963
PLACE: The House of Mr. Lewis, in Lee County

and Mr. Dewitt Price

"Today, I took Mrs. Tero Price ^A to the Leesburg Courthouse so that she could fill out the application for voter registration. We arrived, in my car, in front of the Courthouse at 9:00 A.M.

"I wanted to get license tags, so I left Mrs. Price in the car and went into the Courthouse. You get tags in the same office in which you register. Mr. Yeoman, the registrar, and Mrs. Forrester, his assistant, are the same people from whom you get tags.

"Mr. Yeoman's office wasn't open, so I went back to the car, and waited about fifteen minutes. Then I went back. Mrs. Forrester was there, now, and said that Mr. Yeoman was sick, and she would take care of the tags. I got them and went back to the car. I told Mrs. Price to go in.

"She returned in a few minutes, and said Mrs. Forrester told her that she, Mrs. Forrester, could not register people. Mrs. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
according to Mrs. Price,
Forrester had said, that she was the only one in the office and she was too busy collecting taxes, giving auto tags, and doing other business, to register people. Mrs. Forrester also said that she could not register people because she was not sworn in.

"Just to make sure that Mr. Yeoman wasn't coming in, we waited ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ in my car in front of the Courthouse until 11:10, and then left."

Charlie Lewis R.I.B. 100 Leesburg
Ga

AFFIDAVIT OF: Mrs. Tero Price

TAKEN BY: Larru Rubin, S.N.C.C. Field Secretary, Lee County, Ga.

DATE: Friday, March 15

PLACE: The house of Mr. and Mrs. Price

"Today, Mr. Charles Lewis took my husband, Mr. Dewitt Price, and myself down to the Leesburg Courthouse to attempt to apply for voter registration. We arrived in front of the Leesburg Courthouse at about 9:00. My husband and myself waited in the car until about 9:30, after the office had opened and Mr. Lewis had gotten his car tags. Then I went in to the registrar's office.

"Mrs. Forrester was there, and said that Mr. Yeeman was sick. She said that she could not register anybody because she was too busy and because to register people you have to be sworn in.

"She said that Mr. Yeeman had gotten out of the hospital, and that yesterday was his first day out. She said that she didn't think he be able to register people until next week. She told me that I should try again Tuesday or Wednesday of next week, after or come in ^{to} the first of next month.

"She said that there was no hurry to get registered because no election was coming up soon."

Tero Price R. 1. Box 103

Leesburg Ga

AFFIDAVIT OF: Mr. Dewitt Price

TAKEN BY: Larry Rubin, Field Secretary, S.N.C.C., Lee County, Georgia

DATE: Friday, March 15, 1963

PLACE: The home of Mr. and Mrs. Price.

"Today Mr. Charles Lewis drove my wife and myself to the Leesburg Courthouse to attempt to apply for voter registration.

"I waited in the car while my wife went in to try to apply.

When she came out and told me that Mr. Yeeman was sick, and that Mrs. Forrester would not register people, I decided not to go in."

Dewitt Price ~~signed by Raymond Killen~~
Ritz Box 103

AFFIDAVIT OF: Mr. Claude Wiggins

TAKEN BY: Larry Rubin, S.N.C.C. Field Secretary, Lee County, Georgia

DATE: Friday, March 15

PLACE: The home of Mr. Charles Lewis

"I applied to take the voter registration test the last week of September, 1962, on September , the same day I paid my taxes. I filled out the application card in front of Mr. Yeoman and Mrs. Forrester, in the Leesburg Courthouse.

"As yet, I have not received notice to come and take the test. However, on Saturday, February 23, many Lee County residents did go to Leesburg, and ~~take~~ the voter registration test.

"Many of these people had applied to take the test after I did. Among these was~~re~~ my wife, Mrs. Blanche Wiggins, who applied a week after I did, but who was called to take the test on the 23rd."

Claude Wiggins

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AFFIDAVIT: Attesting that Mr. Yeoman, the Lee County, Ga., registrar, does not know what a "Character" test is.
TAKEN BY: Larry Rubin, Field Secretary, S.N.C.C., Lee Co., Ga.
PLACE: Home of Mrs. Clara Clelen, Lee County, Georgia
DATE: Friday, March 22, 1963

Today, I, Clairrether Covin, took four people to the Leesburg Courthouse to ~~xxx~~ apply for registering to vote. I was instructed by Larry Rubin to request that Mrs. Clara Clelen be given a character test, when the Board of Registrars administers tests to applicants, because Mrs. Clelen is illiterate.

When we entered the Courthouse, I made the request to Mr. Yeoman. He said that all he could ~~now~~ do now is to give us the application forms, and that if Mrs. Clelen could fill one out, she could apply.

I told him that Mrs. Clelen could not read or write, and ~~he~~ wanted to take the character test. He said he never heard of it.

We helped Mrs. Clelen fill out the card, and ~~handed~~ it in to Mr. Yeoman.

Re: ~~Clairrether~~ ~~Covin~~
Leather ~~Box~~ 88
Leeburg, Va.
People who applied:
Clara Clelen
Freddie Clayton
Rte # 111 Leesburg
Carrie Mae Kent
Rte 1 Box 72
Leesburg, Va.
Blondie McCrary
Rte 1 Box 208
Smith Lee Ga

We, Lem Wright, Clyde Wimbush, and Laverne Heard, went to the Courthouse in Leesburg on Friday, January 21, to attempt to file our application for registering to vote.

We were not permitted to do so by the registrar, Mr. Sol ^{eo}Yeeman.

When we first went into the Courthouse, we went to the registrar's office. Laverne Heard asked Mrs. Forrester, Mr. ^{eo}Yeeman's secretary, where do we go to register. She pointed to Mr. ^{eo}Yeeman.

Mr. ^{eo}Yeeman was sitting reading a newspaper, and at first paid no attention to us. Laverne told him that we wanted to register. He asked our names. We started to tell him, but then he asked how old we were. Clyde Wimbush and Lem Wright told him that they were 17. Mrs. Forrester said that they were too young, and must wait until they were 18 to register. Clyde Wimbush said that he would be 18 next January. Mrs. Forrester repeated that he was too young.

Laverne said that she was 18. Mr. ^{eo}Yeeman said that he was too busy to register them today, that he was collecting taxes. He said for us to come back next week. Laverne looked around the room to see if anybody was waiting to pay his taxes, and saw no one. She then looked straight at Mr. ^{eo}Yeeman. He was very angry and said: "You must not know who you are messing with." Laverne said she knew, but just wanted to register.

Mr. ^{eo}Yeeman told us to get out, because he was too busy.

Clyde Wimbush.

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Mrs. Fowertw
When we first went in the Courthouse, we asked ~~the lady~~ at the ~~front~~ desk ^{in front of the} ~~where do we go to register?~~ ^{office - where do we go to register?} She told us we must see Mr. Yoeman.

When we entered his office, Mr. Yoeman was sitting reading a newspaper. *writer*

Laverne Heard ~~told~~ him that we had come to register. He looked up from the paper, and asked our names. We began to tell him, but then he asked how old we were. Clyde Wimbush and Lem Wright told him that they were 17. *Mrs. Fowertw said - too young* He ~~said~~ that they had to wait until they were 18 to register. *He didn't know nothing about it* *too young* *to register* *Mr. Yoeman*

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Yoeman: well - too busy

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When we arrived at the County Courthouse in Leesburg at approximately 3:30 PM we were unable to make application because the Registrar, One Saul Yeeman, had apparently left for the day. A Mrs. Forrester, who shares the same office space, told us that he was gone and that the best time to catch him is in the morning.

If Friday is the only day of the week that applications will be accepted, as we have been led to believe, then the registrar should at least keep regular office hours.

Because Mr. Yeeman was not in, I was unable to apply for registration. According to Georgia state law, I am, to the best of my knowledge, duly qualified to be a registered voter.

J. P. Mc Grady
(Signed)

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Mattie M. Wishush
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Clyde Wimblush
(signed)

On Friday, December 21, 1962, I, Mr. Arthur Lowe, went with John O'Neal, Field Secretary of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, to the Leesburg Courthouse in order to file my application for registering to vote. We went to the Courthouse at about 4pm.

The registrar, Mr. Sol Yeeman, did not permit me to apply for registration. He said he was too occupied taking in taxes.

At the time of my talking to him, Mr. Yeeman was doing nothing except reading a newspaper.

I asked him what day I should come back to register. He said any day after Tuesday next week would be okay. He said Monday he wouldn't be open; Tuesday he wouldn't be open because it was Christmas; but any day after that would be all right, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday.

signed,