

African Americans among Davidson County Firsts

Robert Baxter McCrary	1st African American principal in Lexington
Frances Hargrave	1st Principal of South Lexington, 1st female African American principal of a school in Lexington
Joseph Yarborough	1st African American principal of Pickett Elementary
Charles Moore	1st African American mail carrier in Lexington
Jimmie Henderson	1st African American enrolled in the Lexington public school system. 1st African American to attend Lexington Middle School.
Wade Matthews	1st African American head coach of a major sport in Delaware. He was known as one of the best African American swimmers.
Libby Matthews	1st Female swimmer from Lexington
Tranas Long	Famous Negro concert pianist from Lexington
Dr. Carolyn Crump	Integrated Central Davidson Senior High School
Mr & Mrs Theodore Crump	Active NAACP members during the Civil Rights era
Robert Henderson	1st black sheriff deputy in Davidson County
Dr. Lacy Caple	1st African American dentist in Lexington
James Bo Carter & Leroy Pearson	1st two part-time policemen in Lexington
George Lattiner & Henry Dula	1st full-time African American policemen in Lexington
A.B. Bingham, David Wagner Jr, Rev. Walter Anderson, Frank Lowe, B.A. Bianchi & W.H. Green	African American principals' in Lexington
Rev. F.T. Betts	Chaired the special mayor committee where he gathered staff to identify issues & formulate an action for racial harmony in 1963.
Coach Charles England	Played professional baseball in the Negro

	Basebal League, inducted into the NC Highschool Athletic Association's Hall of Fame in April 2000.
Paul Talbert	Coach of the mostly undefeated Dunbar Blue Devils team along with Coach England and Elmore Lyons.
Herbert Watkins	Graduate of Dunbar School who was considered the most powerful African American in Charlotte NC. He was a high-ranking IBM Executive.
Archie Kindle	Owner & CEO of Plaza Ford Mercury in Lincoln, earned a spot on the annual Black Enterprise's 100 top Black Businesses in America's List for 12 years (most prestigious honor given to African Americans entrepreneurs in America).
Rev. Lois Hargrave-Gooden	1st NAACP President in Lexington
Roger Nichols	Star athlete at Dunbar High School, active in Civil Rights, Executive Director of the Lexington Housing Authority.
V.K. & Peter Long	Amongst the 1st African American barbers in Lexington
Elmore Lyons	Assistant football coach, head basketball coach at Dunbar, former principal at South Lexington.
William Melton & Bettie Owens Cross	Most significant family trees in Lexington
Rory Holt	Graduate of Dunbar who started as a quarterback at Fayetteville State College.
Judge Roslind Baker	1st African American judge in Davidson County
Jimmy Bryson	Dunbar quarterback who led the Blue Devils to a defeated season in 1962.
Proodus Perkins	Dunbar quarterback who was drafted by the San Francisco 49ers in the 1960's.
William Dusenbury	WR & Halfback who set his highschool rushing yard record in 1965.
Richard Banks	Star athlete & student leader, the

	Banks-Miller Post (the hut) was renamed in his honor.
Charles Moose	Teacher at Dunbar HighSchool, Chief of Police in Maryland who spearheaded the investigation of the DC Sniper Killings.
Plaza Ford Lincoln Mercury	Only African American major automobile dealers in Lexington. Ranked top percentile in sales in North Carolina and in the United States.
St. Stephens Methodist Church	Oldest African American church in Lexington
The Colored Graded School	1st African American school in Lexington. Named changed to Dunbar School in honor of Paul Lawrence Dunbar in 1927.