

SCHOOL TEACHER AWARDED VERDICT

Former Principal in Cradock
Given Judgment for \$570
in County Circuit Court

ASSERTED SHE WAS
WRONGFULLY FIRED

Nannie D. Harding, former principal of the Cradock public school, was awarded judgment in the sum of \$570 in a suit brought against C. A. Barton, J. H. Brown and F. H. Osborne, former members of the Cradock school board, in the Circuit Court of Norfolk County yesterday. Judge Coleman ruled several days ago on the jurisdiction of his court, in the premises, holding that the County Circuit Court had jurisdiction, although the circumstances in the suit all of them occurred at a time prior to ceding of territorial jurisdiction by the United States to the State of Virginia. A motion by the defendants to set aside the verdict was continued by the court.

Mrs. Harding brought suit for the sum of \$612.50 damage, which she claimed to have sustained through breach of contract. She states in her

bill that she had been employed as principal of the school for a period of nine months by the defendants, the date of the contract being given as September 13, 1920, and that she had been "wrongfully discharged as principal by the defendants on January 5, 1921."

Suit Based on Contract

The suit was based on the contract made with the plaintiff by either the Cradock school board or C. A. Barton and J. H. Brown, who signed the contract ostensibly as representatives of the school board, as individuals. Mr. Barton signed himself as "C. A. Barton, chairman of the board," and Mr. Brown as "J. H. Brown, clerk of the board." The instructions of the court to the jury stressed the importance of the distinction between the defendants as representatives of the school board and as individuals, in the following words:

"The court instructs the jury that if you should believe from the evidence that the residents of the community of Cradock organized for the purpose of operating the school and other activities of the community, and elected from their number a committee or council to act for them, and that they, the defendants, either as members of such committee or council, or acting under authority of such committee or council, employed the plaintiff to teach in the said school for the said community of Cradock, and that the plaintiff knew the capacity and authority of the school board and all the facts and circumstances of their appointment, and it was understood that credit was given to the school board in its repre-

sentative capacity and not as individuals, you must find for the defendants; but if you believe from the evidence that credit was given to the defendants as individuals, you must find for the plaintiff."

Mrs. Harding was represented by James E. Martin, and the defendants by Guy T. Horner.

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Marriage licenses have been issued in the office of the clerk of the Court of Hustings to the following:

Thomas Clayton White and Mae Belle Ruth Kelley.

Samuel Carl Murphey and Grace Rowan Roberts.

Ernest Griffith White and Gertrude May Wright.

COUNTY MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following marriage licenses have been issued in the office of the clerk of the Circuit Court of Norfolk County:

Edwin Fillmore Jackson and Anna J. Oliver.

James Edward Humphries and Rosa Lucille Deal.

COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

The following holdings of Norfolk County real estate have been transferred and admitted to record in the office of the Norfolk County clerk:

J. A. Askew to W. H. Albert, two lots with improvements, designated