Harry Sythe Cummings
Class of 1889:

- JAMES P. BARRETT
- ALFRED D. BERNARD
- GEORGE S. BOOKER
- HARRY H. BOWEN
- HERBERT M. BRUNE
- HENRY B. BUCK
- C. BAKER CLOTWORTHY
- ROBERT C. COLE
- HARRY S. CUMMINGS
- WM. T. DONALDSON
- EDWARD DUFFY, JR.
- EDW. EDREDSON, JR.
- HOWARD M. EMMONS
- CLARENCE H. FORREST
- DOUGLAS H. GORDON
- THOMAS M. HULINGS
- CHARLES W. JOHNSON
- RICHARD L. LEE
- J. H. C. LEGG
- WILLIAM F. LUCAS, JR.
- JOHN H. MORGAN
- C. H. MORGAN
- RICHARD H. PLEASANTS, JR.
- THOMAS S. QUAI
- ALBERT W. RIVERS
- WILLARD G. ROUSE
- ISIDOR SCHOENBERG
- WILBUR F. SMITH
- GERARD W. C. SMOOT
- CHARLES F. STEIN
- H. WIRT STRICKLER
- LUTHER F. WARNER, JR.
- BERNARD WIESFELD
Harry Cummings in the City Council

The Baltimore City Council; Cummings is fourth from right at rear.
New York Times

September 14, 1890

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Resegregation of Law school - 1891

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Hawkins is the Principal of a public school in Towson. Dozier will go to the Howard University in Washington.
Brotherhood on steps 1910
WAC Hughes with Houston and Kerr
Mitchell and Seaborn Apply
March 6, 1933

Dr. Raymond A. Pearson, President
University of Maryland
College Park, Maryland

Dear Dr. Pearson:

There are enclosed two clippings from the Afro-American, a Baltimore newspaper published by colored people.

Seaborn has not filed his application, although he has been mailed a blank.

Truly yours,

W. M. Hillegeist
Registrar

WMH: NGJ
Encl.
July 13, 1933

Dr. Roger Howell
Chebeague Island, Maine

Dear Howell:

The "nigger" (Harold Arthur Seaborn) has applied for admission.

Please formulate a reply for me that is "Bernard Aces" proof. Do you suggest that I talk to the President before I send the official reply to the applicant?

There is enclosed a copy of the latest legislative enactment on negro education in Maryland.

I send all best wishes and kindest regards to the Howells.

 Truly yours,

W. M. Hildegeist
Registrar

WMH: HGJ
Enc.
Registrar Williard M. Hillegeist
Dean Roger Howell
Howell to Hilegeist – No Ades Proof response

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
School of Law

Redwood and Greene Sts.

Baltimore, Maryland

July 15, 1933.

Dear Hille,

I have your letter of the 13th with respect to a negro applicant for admission to the Law School. I have sent Mrs. Anderton a letter to be written you, as a matter of formal record, but thought I'd also drop you a line direct, so as to give you my ideas informally and off the record.

I'm afraid it wouldn't be possible to formulate a reply that would be "Bernard Ades proof," as his organization is undoubtedly going to make a test case of the matter. The only thing that would keep him quiet would be to admit the man; this would probably make him drop dead, but unfortunately is out of the question, of course.

You should undoubtedly communicate immediately with the President (or Vice-President if he is not available) and possibly, depending on what he thinks of it, with the Chairman of the Board of Regents, and get their sanction for your action. I say this, because this is not a matter of credit evaluation, but of University policy. I think, too, you should consult the Attorney-General's office and get their approval for your reply. They will, of course, be representing the University in the court proceedings which will grow out of this case, and consequently the University should be guided by their advice throughout the matter.

You should take immediate action. It would look badly if the University had hesitated and delayed action - particularly if the effect of so doing was to make it impossible for the man to seek admission elsewhere or to take steps to file a test case before the beginning of school.
July 26, 1933.

Mr. Harold Arthur Seaborn,
1127 N. Carrollton Avenue,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your application of July 12th, for admission to the School of Law of the University of Maryland.

Under the general laws of this State the University maintains the Princess Anne Academy as a separate institution of higher learning for the education of Negroes. In order to insure equality of opportunity for all citizens of this State, the 1933 Legislature passed Chapter 234, creating partial scholarships at Morgan College or institutions outside of the State for Negro students who may desire to take professional courses or other work not given at the Princess Anne Academy.

Should you desire to make application for such scholarship, notify me, and I shall see that such application is duly filed. Under the circumstances, I am herewith returning postal money order of $2.00 forwarded to the University as payment of record investigation fee.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Pearson,
President
Post Card

You know we were working on that D.M.D. case - see Thursday night call.

THIS SPACE FOR WRITING

We won't be back until the 10th, but sometimes after that I want to arrange to show you the films from last summer, as well as those taken on this trip. Whole lot to tell you about things seen and heard. Have everything sorted with you.

Miss Juanita Jackson
1216 David Hill Ave.
Baltimore
Md.

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William I. Gosnell
Murray petition for mandamus

DONALD G. MURRAY,
1522 McCulloch Street,
Baltimore, Maryland

vs

RAYMOND A. PEARSON, President,
W. M. HILLEGIEIST, Registrar,
and
GEORGE M. SHRIVER,
JOHN M. DENNIS,
WILLIAM P. COLE,
HENRY HOLZAPFEL,
JOHN E. RAINIE,
DR. W. W. SKINNER,
MRS. JOHN L. WHITEHURST, and
J. MILTON PATTERSON,
Members of the Board of Regents
of the University of Maryland.

Baltimore City Court

PETITION FOR A WRIT OF MANDAMUS

1 To the Honorable, the Judge of said Court:
2 The petition of Donald G. Murray respectfully shows:
3 First: Donald G. Murray is twenty-one years of age, a citizen of
4 the United States and the State of Maryland and resides in
5 Baltimore City. He has applied for admission as a first
6 year student in the Day School of the School of Law of the
7 University of Maryland, for the academic year beginning
8 September 25, 1935.
9 Second: Raymond A. Pearson is the President and Executive Head of
10 the University of Maryland. W. M. Hillegieist is the Regis-
11 trar of the Baltimore Schools of the said University of
12 Maryland, which include the School of Law. George M.
13 Shriver, John M. Dennis, William P. Cole, Henry Holzapfel,
14 John E. Rainie, Dr. W. W. Skinner, Clinton L. Riggs, Mrs.
15 John L. Whitehurst and J. Milton Patterson constitute the
16 Board of Regents of the University of Maryland.
17 Third: The University of Maryland is an administrative department
18 of the State of Maryland. It is a State institution per-
19 forming an essential governmental function. The funds for
20 its support and maintenance are principally derived from
21 the general Treasury of the State, out of funds procured
22 by taxes collected from citizens of Maryland. The

GIFT

M. N. M. Murrell
Afro: Court Ends MD’s Color Bar
Marshall, Murray and Houston
The above entitled case coming on for hearing, after full consideration of all the pleadings, stipulations of record, evidence, and the arguments of counsel, for the respective parties, it is hereby ORDERED by the Baltimore City Court this day of June 1935, that the writ of mandamus be issued forthwith requiring the Defendants, Raymond A. Pearson, President, W.M. Hillegeist, Registrar, and George M. Shriver, John H. Dennis, William P. Cole, Henry Holzopfel, John E. Rainie, Dr. W.W. Skinner, Mrs. John L. Whitehurst, and J. Milton Patterson, members of the Board of Regents of the University of Maryland, to admit the said Donald G. Murray, Petitioner, as a first year student in the Day School of the School of Law of the University of Maryland for the academic year beginning September 25, 1935, provided said Donald G. Murray tenders the necessary fees charged first year students to the Day School of the University of Maryland and completes his registration in the manner required of qualified and accepted students to the first year class of the Day School of the School of Law of the University of Maryland. It is further ORDERED that the said Donald G. Murray be admitted and permitted to pursue his studies as a regular first year student of the School of Law of the University of Maryland pending an appeal from this order if the said appeal is perfected.

EUGENE O'DUNNE
President Raymond Pearson
Maryland Univ. Has Doors Open

Separate Law School Is Legal, Says Md. Court

Appeals Judges Declare They Haven’t Power to Order One.

MURRAY NOW AT MD. UNIVERSITY

Court Affirms His Right to Remain.

Maryland’s Court of Appeals last week sustained the decision of a lower court in admitting 22-year-old Donald Murray to the University of Maryland Law School, heretofore open to white students only.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND LAW SCHOOL WHICH COURT OF APPEALS SAYS MUST BE OPENED TO ALL RACES—Building is located at Redwood and Greene Streets, Baltimore, where Donald Murray is now attending classes. Last week the Maryland Court of Appeals sustained a lower court ruling that Murray cannot be barred because of his color.

HE’S TAKING EXAM NOW—Donald Murray, heretofore for whites only, remain in the University Maryland Law School, previously by the Court A
NAACP Scores First Blood in Legal Fight

Conference with School Officials Precedes Registration. 9/28/35
DEAN TO SPEAK IN STUDENT'S BEHALF
Says He Wants to Avoid Embarrassment.

Baltimore, Md.—Dean Roger Howell, of the University of Maryland law school held a conference with Donald Gaines Murray, Tuesday, prior to the latter's registration at the institution's law school. Also present at the conference was Thurgood Marshall, N.A.A.C.P., attorney for Mr. Murray, who told Dean Howell that Mr. Murray was ready to begin work.

Dean Howell pointed out that the university authorities mean to accept Mr. Murray and attempt to forestall any embarrassment. The dean stated that one of the officials of the students' council will be called upon to make a statement in Mr. Murray's behalf on the opening day of classes, Thursday morning.

Dean Promises Statement

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At the same time, Dean Howell said, he, as the head of the law school, will make a statement along similar lines.

The dean suggested that in order to prevent Mr. Murray's entrance from seeming forced, it might be a good idea to have him refrain from sitting next to white students. He said that hostility would be lessened and that students would recognize, when Mr. Murray did not sit next to them, that he was not trying to push himself on them.

Attorney Objects

Mr. Marshall objected to this saying that it might make it seem as though Mr. Murray was afraid to be in the classes. Mr. Marshall pointed out that any attitude of this nature would serve to focus the attention of the students more on Mr. Murray than ordinarily.

It was finally agreed that two students will be asked whether they have any objections to sitting next to Mr. Murray and in the final arrangements these students will be placed next to him.
Byrd – “Don’t register any negro students..”

July 15, 1935

Mr. W. H. Hillgoist,
Office of the Registrar,
University of Maryland,
Lombar & Greene Sts.,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Hillgoist:

Thank you for sending me copy of
Mr. LeViness’ letter to you in reference
to permitting negro students to register
in our Law School.

This is a very serious matter and
I want to have a talk with you soon about
it. I will drop by to see you sometime
when I am in Baltimore.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

H. C. Byrd
Acting President

[Handwritten note:]
Hillgoist:
Don’t register any negro
students until I talk with
you. [signature]
President Harry ‘Curly” Byrd
July 5, 1935.

Mr. Benjamin Price,
1616 Druid Hill Ave.,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir:

Dean Howell, who is out of the city, has asked me to write you to say that there seems to be some doubt whether the Court of Appeals will hear the Murray case until the fall term; and that consequently, while he has not yet been advised as to the University policy, pending the decision on appeal, with respect to other negro applicants, he felt you might prefer to fill out and send in the application blank, heretofore given you, at this time, instead of deferring your application until the decision in the Murray case.

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

Copy for Mr. Hillegeist.
Hillegeist: What about Negroes?

September 12, 1935

Mr. II. C. Byrd, Acting President
University of Maryland
College Park, Maryland

Dear Curly:

Registration is on over here.

What about the Negroes? Unless the Court of Appeals intervene, we will have to accept Donald Gaines Harris, should he show up on registration day, Wednesday, September 28, 1935. (You know what Judge O'Danes would do to me, one of the defendants, if I "thick my nose" at the writ of mandate granted to Harris.)

At your suggestion, I have not paid any attention to the Negroes. Now one Joseph Amott Frisby insists that I answer his second letter and tell him whether he can come in as a "specials."

Help is needed. Give it to me—promptly.

Sincerely yours,

W. II. Hillegeist
Registrar

WMFHT

Copy to Dean Howell
Suggestion to be incorporated in law school's reply to Negro applicants for admission.

"Your application for admission to the Law School of the University of Maryland has been received.

As you doubtless know, the case of Murray vs. University of Maryland is now pending before the Court of Appeals of Maryland and will be heard in the October term of that Court.

The issue presented by your application is essentially the same as that in the Murray case, and for that reason we have decided to await the outcome of the Murray case before acting upon your application."

9/26/26, I recall sending to Mr. Ford and Mr. Turner a statement, Mr. B. opposed it. The issue must oppose the suggestion for the Missouri law.
September 20, 1935

Mr. J. Armist Frisby
50 W. Washington Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Sir:

Your request for admission as a special student to the School of Law of the University of Maryland has been received.

As you undoubtedly know, the case of Maryland v. University of Maryland is now pending before the Court of Appeals of Maryland and will be heard in the October term of that court.

The issue presented by your application is essentially the same as that in the Harvey case, and for that reason we have decided to await the outcome of the Harvey case before acting upon your application.

Truly yours,

W. H. Hillegeist
Registrar

Copy to Dean Howell.

Copy to Mr. Byrd.

Copy to Mr. LeViness.
First semester exams

Donald Murray Passes Exam.

Baltimore—Donald Murray, who recently won his suit before the Maryland Court of Appeals which forced the University of Maryland to enter him as a law student, successfully passed his examination, Tuesday.
Murray with his Classmates
Calvin Douglas in Law School

PAPA'S IN LAW SCHOOL NOW—Mercedes and Calvin, Jr., with their dad, Calvin Douglas, who is the second colored student admitted to the University of Maryland law school since the NAACP suit compelled the institution to open its doors to all citizens. Mr. Douglass is a graduate of Douglass High School in Baltimore and Shaw University in Raleigh, N.C.
2nd Student Enters Md. U

Baltimore—A letter accept-
ing the application of Calvin Al-
bert Douglass, 30, Shaw Univer-
sity graduate of 901 N. Fremont
Avenue and announcing his en-
rollment in the law school of the
University of Maryland was re-
cived, Wednesday.

The letter written by W. M.
Hilleges, white, director of
admission of the school, stat-
ed that Douglass’s records
had been accepted and that he
attended his first class on
Monday.

The new enrollee is the sec-
ond colored student admitted to
the university in twenty-five
now a sophomore in the law
years. Donald Gaines Murray,
school, was admitted after nine
months of litigation in local and
state courts.

NAACP Fought Case

The Jim crow bar was lifted
after NAACP attorneys obtained
a writ in the circuit court of
Baltimore and successfully de-
fended an appeal taken by the
school officials in the Maryland
Court of Appeals. Dr. Charles
Houston and Thurgood Marshall,
local attorney, were counsel for
Murray.

A native of Baltimore,
Douglass graduated from the
Douglass High School in
1924. He received his B.S.
degree from Shaw Univer-
sity in 1928. He is a member
of the Phi Beta Sigma fra-
ternity.

He is a motion picture operator
and secretary of the Colored Mo-
tion Picture Operators’ Union.

Following his graduation from
Shaw he taught physical educa-
tion and mathematics for six
years at Henderson, N.C.

Has Two Children

He is married to Mrs. Mer-
cedes Hayley Douglass and is
the father of two children, Cal-
in, Jr., 4, and Mercedes, 3. His
parents are Mr. and Mrs. George
H. Douglass.
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Attorney General Say No to Ouster

O’Conor Ruling Bans Ousting Of Two Negroes From U. Of Md.

Attorney General, In Reply To Query From Dr. Byrd, Says New Scholarship Act Does Not Authorize Students’ Removal

Two colored youths now attending the University of Maryland Law School cannot be removed from the student roster of the institution under a new Scholarship Act passed by the General Assembly, Herbert R. O’Conor, Attorney General, ruled yesterday.

The ruling was made in reply to an inquiry from Dr. H. C. Byrd, president of the University of Maryland, concerning the status of the students in view of the legislation.

Mr. O’Conor in his ruling said:

“Two years ago the Legislature set up a scholarship program for the higher education of Maryland colored persons outside of the State of Maryland. Chapter 577 of the Acts of 1937. This act was repealed by Chapter 508 of the Acts of 1937 (Code, Article 49B, 1935 Supplement, Sections 1 to 11 inclusive), which purports to provide professional or other scholarships for Negroes otherwise qualified for admission into the university and who cannot obtain the desired courses in existing Negro institutions in this State. This statute sets up a permanent Commission on Scholarships for Negroes, and provides for the use of budgetary appropriations to furnish scholarships out of the State to such Negro applicants. It is on the whole much more favorable to the colored race than the earlier acts.

“Prior to the effective date of this new statute, the two youths in question applied for admission to the Law School. The first was denied admission but subsequently was admitted by order of court. University of Maryland v. Donald G. Murray, 169 Md. 478. The second youth was admitted by authority of this decision of our Court of Appeals. Both are at this time bona fide students and presumably in good standing.

“The question, therefore, is whether the new scholarship statute confers authority upon the university to oust students now enrolled and require them to apply for the advantages of the scholarship provisions out of the State, or whether it shall be read prospectively and applied only to new applicants for admission into the university and its branches.

Applicants for admission into the university and its branches.

“In our judgment this statute may be given no retroactive effect. Section 5 of the act provides that:

Whenever any bona fide Negro resident and citizen of this State, possessing the qualifications of health, character, ability and preparatory education required for admission to the University of Maryland, desires to obtain an education not provided for either in Morgan College or Princess Anne College, he may make application for a scholarship provided by the funds mentioned in the foregoing section, so that he may obtain aid to enable him to attend a college or university where equal educational facilities can be provided and furnished, whether or not such an agency or institution is operated by the State or under some other arrangement, and whether or not such facilities are located in Maryland or elsewhere.

Appplies To Applicants

“It is our view that this language applies to new applicants for admission into the university. You will note that it refers to a person who ‘desires to obtain an education’ and provides that he ‘may make application for a scholarship’ to enable him to attend a college out of the State. Such language does not fit our judgment.
Judge William H. Murphy Sr., though retired, still tries cases throughout Maryland.
University of Maryland Graduates
Grads Create Firm

U. of Md. Law Grads Organize Firm

Shown, left to right, are Donald Murray, Calvin A. Douglass and Ernest Perkins, the first three non-white graduates from the University of Maryland Law School, who formed their own law firm this week.

3 U. of Md. Law Graduates Form Own Legal Firm

Non-Partisan War for FEPC Urged

Baltimore designed to admit students to law school chapter in the legal graduate schools in other white

ST. PAUL, Minn.—The fight for enactment of a permanent FEPC
July 12, 1938

Mr. Ura Theodore Hayes
1421 McCulloh Street
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Sir:

We are returning your application for admission to our School of Law and the money order for two dollars.

Please apply to the Maryland Commission on Scholarships for Negros for a scholarship in accordance with Act Number 506 of the Laws of Maryland, 1937. Mr. Edw. W. Wilson is Secretary of the Committee and his address is 2128 Madison Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland.

 Truly yours,

W. M. Hillegeist
Director of Admissions
Ernest Perkins
Ted Hayes greet Mrs. Jackson
20 attending University of Maryland Law
Veterans Predominate in Univ. of Maryland Law School Classes

These are ten of the 20 students now enrolled in the University of Maryland Law School. All of the men except Mr. Frisby are veterans of World War II. Mr. Frisby is a city probation officer and Mrs. Minter a housewife and civic worker. This is the largest group of students enrolled in the school since the NAACP-sponsored suit forced the university to drop its color bars in 1935.

Husband, Wife and Social Workers Studying Law

These are four of the 20 students enrolled in the day and evening classes of the University of Maryland Law School. Mrs. Davis is a junior high school teacher. Her husband is an employee of the housing authority. George Roodom is a probation officer of juvenile court, and Mrs. Virginia Jones, a case worker with the Department of Public Welfare.
Murray With Other Plaintiffs

University of Maryland desegregation plaintiffs: Ester McCready - nursing; Richard Tyson - pharmacy; Donald Murray - law; Ram Whittle - engineering; Donald Stewart - medicine
Court Orders Doors of Maryland U. Opened Wider

Entrance to University of Maryland Law School opened to all citizens by court order in 1950. It has had no more than 10 students in one year since. At present there are 16 enrolled. To date, there have been 13 graduates, the majority of whom have established successful practices in Baltimore. Several women are among the current students. It is expected that many students will apply to study in their own State school.

Donald Murray, senior, first to graduate from Maryland U. Law School and one of the attorneys in the case, confers with Horace J. Hopson, Jr., Associate Professor of Law. Others left to right are Walkie D. T. Hinds, William F. Wilmer, and Donald Stewart. Not present were Lucille Williams, Richard Williams and Martin Booth, who sought admission to other schools in the university. All expect now to be admitted.