

Remembering the Past as We Face the Unknown Future

OUR FOUNDER

Professor Green Lucillious Hawk

1864 – 1953



Educator, Philosopher, Visionary Leader

Professor G. L. Hawk, for whom Hawk Elementary was named, was the Founder and First Principal of what would later include Jackson High School, Jonesboro, Louisiana.

G. L. Hawk was born of slave parents in Macon, Georgia. After the Emancipation Proclamation was signed, the Hawk family migrated to Louisiana and settled in Claiborne Parish where he began his education. He attended Coleman College to become a teacher – thus his career began. He erected the Evergreen School in Ruston, Louisiana and erected a Rosenwald School in Dodson, Louisiana. He resigned his position in Dodson to come to Jonesboro to set up a school for blacks. Prior to 1922 there were no schools for blacks in the Jonesboro area. The name of the first school was Jonesboro Colored High School (1922); classes were held in the Old Travelers Rest Baptist Church, which was located where the cemetery is now. The evolution of the name of the school, which led to its being called Jackson High, includes these successions:

Jonesboro Colored School (1922)

Jackson Parish Training School (1927)

Jonesboro Colored Elementary School (1949)

Hawk Elementary School (1949)

Hawk Elementary School (1953)

Hawk Primary School (2005)

In August of that year, four white citizens of Jonesboro decided that an organized school for blacks was needed. The citizens were John Elmo Cox, Martin Shows, Dr. Edd Simonton and the Superintendent of Jackson Parish Schools, George Odom.



G. L. HAWK
FOUNDER
Retired in 1937



MR. J. R. WILSON
PRINCIPAL—1937-1965



MR. JERRY COLE, JR.
PRINCIPAL—1965-1969



CLARA CARR
SUPERVISOR—1944-1963



REV. THOMAS BRIM
ASSIST. PRINCIPAL

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VERLON MALONE
ACTING PRINCIPAL
1969-Jan. 1970

Leadership

**A Living Legacy
Of
Jackson Parish Schools**



Mrs. Clara Carr

1961-62 Faculty



JACKSON HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY



Faculty



Faculty Graduates of Jackson High

Jackson High Faculty



“Hats Off to The Mighty WA-HA Coaches”

Coaches of Jonesboro Colored High and Jackson High Schools



Winzer Turner and Gus Garner
“Planning their game strategy”