Headquarters 5th Military District
State of Texas.
Bu of R. F. and A. L.
Office of Superintendent of Education
Austin, Sept 15th 1868.

Capt. F. W. Bailey
Sub Agt Comn.

Dr Sir;

Please make diligent and thorough inquiries for the following Points, and write me as soon as possible.

Do the Freedmen of Lavaca own a lot of ground for school purposes?

Has there ever been any effort made by them to build a School House? If so, what? Have they ever applied to the Bureau for assistance? If so, when? You will need be very careful and thorough, as your answer will be official, and may be used by the Adjt Genl.

Very Respectfully
(Signed) Jos. Welch.

P.S. What Schools has there ever been at L. & by whom taught and for how long.

A true Copy
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Answer

Describing Title deed to Lot. Deed of Trust, Quit Deed with names of Trustees, which effort never would have been made without promised help. effort exhausting. collections failing

In 1866-67 app made to S.A.C. Victoria and Hdqrs. Galveston by Isaac Wilkins, lot bought, deeds shown to SAC Vic.

I came in Mar/67 received Cir 4 from Lt Fitch with instruction to push things. He promising to help even to $1000, by way of expenses

Aug 67 received letter from E. M. Wheelock. (extract)

Lt Bonnaffon visited and promised help. (Extract from next S.A.C. letter) Visited and promised help expecting to be soon able to assist. Opened school in March 18/67