Georgetown & Scott County Museum

Ed Davis High School

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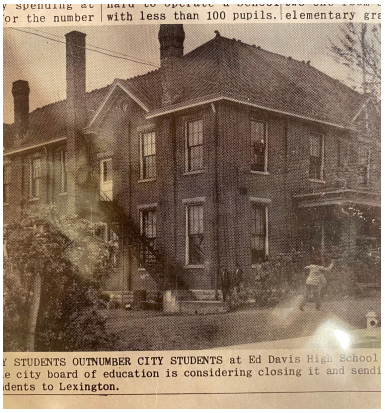
City Colored School, Georgetown, KY

The History of Ed Davis High School

In 1884, a school was erected for the specific purpose of giving African American students a permanent school building. Professor Charles Steele, who heralded as a distinguished educator, was named the first principal of the new school. Edward B. Davis followed as principal in 1908. In 1911 a two-year high school curriculum was added, and in 1924, a four-year curriculum. In 1929, the PTA petitioned the school board to name the school in honor of Principal Edward Davis. Ed Davis High School became an accredited high school in 1934. Edward Davis' wife, Betty Davis, became principal upon his death in 1934. One of her great accomplishments while principal was the establishment of a scholarship loan fund to assist worthy students in obtaining post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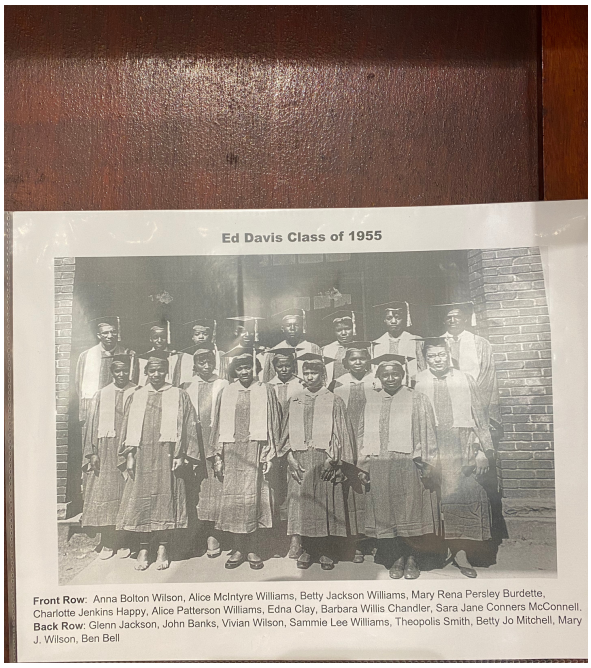
STUDENTS OUTNUMBER CITY STUDENTS at Ed Davis High School
e city board of education is considering closing it and sendi
dents to Lexington.

The History of Ed Davis High School continued

high school education. Mr. Benjamin Goodloe Patterson succeeded her as principal in 1943 and continued the fine curriculum as well as adding new programs despite the lack of equipment and funds. In May of 1956, the last class graduated from Ed Davis High School due to the Supreme Court ruling on desegregation. Ed Davis joined Garth High School in the fall on 1956. Later, both schools became part of Scott County High School.



This is the whole display on Ed Davis at the Museum

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