

*Dear Mr. Powell*  
*This is a specimen*  
*of our daily troubles and how*  
*how we are handling them*

BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS  
 State Board of Health

Richmond, Va.,  
 April 30th, 1924.

Copy of letter to

Mrs. Robert H. Cheatham,  
 1000 Salem Street,  
 Lynchburg, Va.

Dear Madam:-

We have a report of the birth of your child, July 30th, 1923, signed by Mary Gildon, midwife.

She says that you are white and that the father of the child is white.

We have a correction to this certificate sent to us from the City Health Department at Lynchburg, in which they say that the father of this child is a negro.

This is to give you warning that this is a mulatto child and you cannot pass it off as white.

A new law passed by the last Legislature says that if a child has one drop of negro blood in it, it cannot be white.

You will have to do something about this matter and see that this child is not allowed to mix with white children; Virginia. go to white schools and can never marry a white person if

It is an awful thing.

Yours very truly,

WAP.JEL.  
 1336-32200

STATE REGISTRAR.

Mrs. Mary Gildon,  
 Lynchburg, Va.

Dear Madam:-

This is to notify you that it is a penitential offense to wilfully state that a child is white when it is colored. You have made yourself liable to very serious trouble by doing this. What have you got to say about it?

Yours very truly,  
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 STATE REGISTRAR.

WAP.JEL.