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BW 33 (box)

**Container**

1 (folder)

**Language**

English

**Extent**

0.03 Cubic Feet 1 letter sized folder

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## Biographical / Historical

Piney Pond town or La Crosse, Va. is a town in Mecklenburg County, Virginia. Its name is derived from the fact that it was a place where railroads once crossed, and there is still a caboose in the center of the town. La Crosse is adjacent to the neighboring town South Hill. It was incorporated in 1901, but existed many years before.

Before 1890, La Crosse was known as Piney Pond. The La Crosse Hotel and O.H.P. Tanner House are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. La Crosse was a stop on the Atlantic and Danville Railway. The Virginia General Assembly chartered the People's Warehouse Company in 1902 in La Crosse. The company was formed for selling tobacco. The village of Piney Pond a marshy plot was a marshy plot with pines, the post office designated the area as La Crosse in 1890 on the suggestion of the surveyor's French wife because of the two railroad trains that crisscrossed in the middle of the village. While the railroads were removed in the 1990s, the town is still a true "Crossroads Town" since US Route 58 and Interstate 85 cross a tenth of a mile to the west of the town and will once again have a train intersecting the middle of town when the new Southeast Hi-Speed Railroad Corridor is constructed beginning in the next few years. Furthermore, La Crosse represents a "Crossroads" in history by embracing its part of the American small town culture by maintaining its characteristics of a quaint small community where everyone is friendly and knows your name while also embracing the future by being the home address of numerous national/regional industries and businesses. In the year 2000 the racial makeup of the town was 54.85% White, 43.20% African American, 0.32% Native American, 0.16% Asian, 0.49% from other races, and 0.97% from two or more races. Hispanic or Latino of any race were 2.91%. Source: <http://www.townoflacrosse.org/>  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/La\\_Crosse,\\_Virginia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/La_Crosse,_Virginia)

## Content Description

This collection contains a gelatin silver photograph of about fifty Black students, parents, and faculty in front of a rustic schoolhouse. About two-thirds of the participants are students with the rest either faculty or parents. Caption on label reads: "La Crosse, Va. Piney Pond School April 3, 1914."

## Keywords

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