

# William Augustus Perry



William Augustus Perry was the son of an Episcopal minister, educated at St. Luke's Episcopal Parochial School in Tarboro, North Carolina and at Hopkins Preparatory School in New Haven, Connecticut. He received his A.B. degree from Yale in 1907 and his M.A. from Harvard in 1933. He was the first African-American principal in the Columbia school system (currently Richland One) to earn a Master's degree. From 1907 -1911, he was principal of a school in Tarboro, North Carolina. From 1911-1928, he served as principal of St. Athanosius School and Colored Memorial School in Brunswick, Georgia.

From 1928- 1938, Perry was principal at Waverly School and served as supervising principal of Levy and Benedict schools until they were discontinued. He also served as instructor of Observation and Directed Teaching at Allen University from 1928 until his death in 1938. While in Columbia, SC, Perry was a member of the St. Luke's Episcopal Church where he was a vestryman and organist, Bible class teacher and choir director. He was president of the Richland County Teachers Association.