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WILLIAM C. WALSH  
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August 28, 1941.

Dear Mr. Koger:

I was delighted to learn of your election as Vice-Commander-at-Large of the American Legion, and am writing to extend my heartiest congratulations and my best wishes for a successful administration of your duties in this important position.

am With kindest personal regards, I

Sincerely yours,

*William C. Walsh*

Mr. A. B. Koger,  
1301 Madison Avenue,  
Baltimore, Maryland.

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330 NORTH CHARLES STREET  
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2/20/1947.

Dear Mrs. Koger:

Many thanks! I have sent  
one copy to Dr. W. O. Carver at homeville  
He is Chairman of the Com. on Preservation of  
Methodism of the M.B.U.  
You have done a great work  
in concluding a book  
your friend  
Walter J. Galt

Mr. A. B. Koger

Balto. Md



# A LOAD of Thanks



Dear A. B.,

I started  
to wait until  
I found a  
fine card to  
send you to  
say "Thank  
you." But -  
I wanted  
you to know  
right away  
how much I  
appreciate your  
Reflections in  
Verse.

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HERBERT R. O'CONOR  
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June 15, 1940

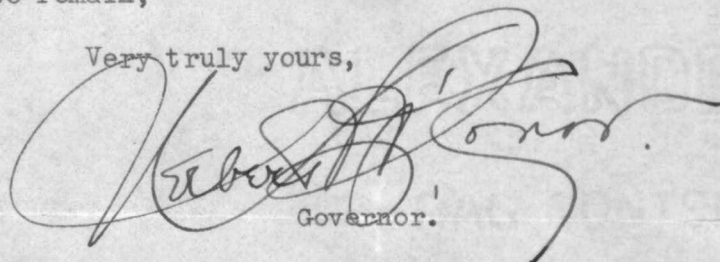
Mr. A. B. Koger,  
1214 Pennsylvania Avenue,  
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Mr. Koger:

Inasmuch as you have manifested an interest in the case of Martha Rose, under sentence of death after conviction of murder in the first degree, I felt I might write to advise that I am today commuting her sentence to life imprisonment,

I beg to remain,

Very truly yours,

  
Governor.

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Sept. 15, 1962

Mr. A. Bruce Koger  
1730 N. Payson St.  
Balto-17, Md.

Dear Mr. Koger:-

I want to express my appreciation of your thoughtfulness and generosity in mailing copies of your works to the Halbrook Library.

It was good to see you and I hope you will come in again.

Sincerely yours,  
Eleanor Lynn

HOWARD UNIVERSITY  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

October First

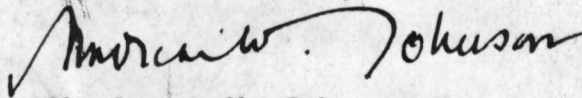
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Mr. Koger:

I thank you for sending me a copy of  
Negro Baptists of Maryland. I shall read it  
with eager interest.

Sincerely yours,



Mordecai W. Johnson



Mr. A. Briscoe Koger  
Attorney and Counselor-At-Law  
1214 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Baltimore, Maryland

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May 23, 1941

Dear Mr. Koger:

Thank you for copy of: "The Union Baptist  
Church of Baltimore - And The Ministers Who  
Made Her Famous."

I have read it with interest, and am sure  
it will fill a useful purpose among the con-  
gregation.

Very truly yours

*Carl Murphy,*  
Carl Murphy  
President

Mr. A. B. Koger  
1214 Pennsylvania Ave.  
Baltimore, Md.

cm/d



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December 20, 1940

Mr. Azzie B. Koger  
1214 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Baltimore, Maryland

My dear Mr. Koger:

We find that our library does not have a copy of your booklet entitled The House of Koger. We are interested in having one in our genealogical collection. Could you send us a copy?

Sincerely yours,

*Esther Jerabek*

Head of Accessions Department

EJ/B

MORGAN COLLEGE

BALTIMORE, MD.

June 27, 1941

Mr. C. B. Koger  
1301 Madison Ave.  
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Koger:

On behalf of the President and Library Department please accept our grateful thanks for the lovely gift to the library of two copies each of The House of Koger, History of the Negro Baptists of Maryland, and The Union Baptist Church of Baltimore. You may be interested in knowing that we have begun a reference library of materials by and about the Negro. So it is needless to say that we are especially happy to receive this material written by and about residents of our own state.

Again thanking you for this very lovely contribution to our Negro collection, I am

Very truly yours

*Beulah M. Davis*

Beulah M. Davis  
Librarian

BMD/zg



Baltimore, July 21st 1943.

*The Maryland Historical Society presents its  
acknowledgment and thanks to*

Mr. A Briscoe Koger

*for the gift to its* Library  
*of*

"History of the Negro Baptists of Maryland" (1936)

"The Union Baptist Church of Baltimore" (1941)

"The Maryland Negro in Our Wars" (1942)

*By order of the Society,*

*William F. Marye  
Corresponding Secretary*



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MARYLAND DEPARTMENT  
ELIZABETH C. LITSINGER, Head

October 6, 1939

Mr. A. B. Koger  
1214 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Baltimore, Maryland

My dear Mr. Koger:

We are very anxious to obtain one or two copies of your "History of the Negro Baptists of Maryland" which was published in 1936. If there are still copies of this available and you will be good enough to let us have several to add to our growing collection of Maryland material, we should be very happy to obtain them.

Very truly yours,

*Elizabeth C. Litsinger*

ECL/MC

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MARYLAND DEPARTMENT  
ELIZABETH C. LITSINGER, Head

March 25, 1940

Mr. A. B. Koger  
1214 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Baltimore, Maryland

My dear Mr. Koger:

We hesitate to bother you again about your "History of the Negro Baptists of Maryland" but, as we are still anxious to obtain one or two copies of this, we are venturing to bring it again to your attention. If these are available and you find it possible to let us have them, we shall be exceedingly grateful. We have had several requests with which we have been unable to comply because there is no copy here.

We shall appreciate your further cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

*Elizabeth C. Litsinger*

ECL/MC

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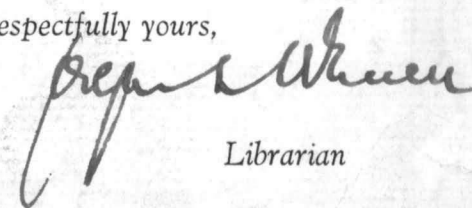
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*It is with deep appreciation, and in behalf of its thousands of readers, that the Board of Trustees of the Enoch Pratt Free Library acknowledges the very generous and welcome gift of*

Four Copies of  
"History of the Negro Baptists in Maryland  
(1836 - 1936)

*which was recently received from you.*

Respectfully yours,



Librarian

To

Mr. A. Briscoe Koger  
1214 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Baltimore, Maryland

April 24, 1940



HOWARD W. JACKSON  
MAYOR

July 31st, 1942.

Mr. A. Briscoe Koger,  
1214 Pennsylvania Avenue,  
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Mr. Koger:--

I acknowledge receipt of copy of "The  
Maryland Negro in our Wars", and have read same with  
interest.

Appreciating your courtesy in sending  
same to me, and with best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

*Howard W. Jackson*  
Mayor.

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EMMETT J. SCOTT  
1711 S STREET, N. W.  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

April 8, 1942.

Mr. A. B. Koger,  
1214 Pennsylvania Avenue,  
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Koger:

Your letter of March 31st did not reach me until today. It was not addressed to my home, nor to my office.

I am only too happy to agree to the use of the pictures mentioned in your letter.

I am pleased to learn that you are compiling a pamphlet setting forth the services of Colored soldiers in our various wars.

Yours very truly,

*Emmett J. Scott*

EJS: cab



James M. Chapman, Jr.  
Attorney and Counselor at Law  
415 Mercantile Trust Bldg.  
Baltimore, Md.

Sept. 23rd, 1942.

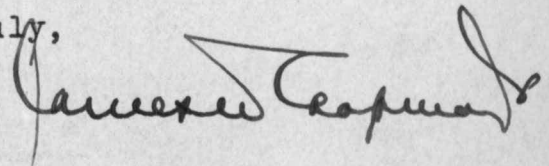
A. B. Koger, Esq.,  
414 Pennsylvania Ave.,  
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Koger:-

Please accept my thanks for your new pamphlet "The Maryland Negro in our Wars", with my assurance that I shall read it very carefully. I have always been interested in the history of your race not only in Maryland but elsewhere.

Part of my interest has arisen from my long service on the Y. M. C. A. Board of Baltimore City which as you know supervises the colored Y. M. C. A. on Druid Hill Ave. with which I am rather intimately connected as I met with its Board several times with pleasure and esteem.

Very truly,





HEADQUARTERS THIRD SERVICE COMMAND  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
BALTIMORE MARYLAND

August 3, 1942.

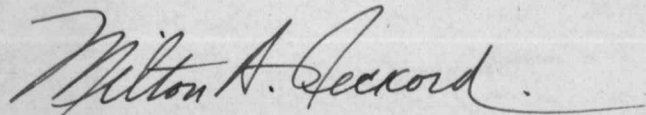
Mr. A. Briscoe Koger,  
1214 Pennsylvania Avenue,  
Baltimore, Maryland.

My dear Mr. Koger:

The copy of "THE MARYLAND NEGRO IN  
OUR WARS", which you so kindly sent me, has been duly  
received. I have glanced through its pages with great  
interest.

You have done a splendid job in  
portraying the important part that the Maryland Negroes  
have played in serving this country throughout our wars  
down to the present. In depicting this fine tradition,  
the volume will provide a stirring inspiration for the  
Negro youths from this State who are in the service  
today.

Sincerely yours,



MILTON A. RECKORD  
Major General, U. S. Army  
Commanding

James M. Chapman, Jr.  
Attorney and Counselor at Law  
415 Mercantile Trust Bldg.  
Baltimore, Md.

Oct. 1st, 1942.

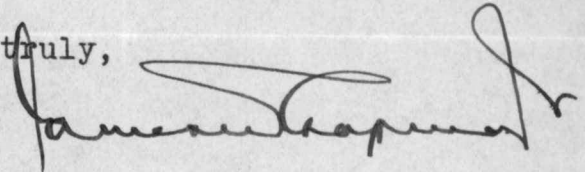
A. Briscoe Koger, Esq.,  
1214 Pennsylvania Ave.,  
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Koger:-

Thank you again for your brochure "The  
Maryland Negro in Our Wars".

I read it with great pleasure and will  
keep it in my library.

Very truly,



MARYLAND



HISTORICAL

SOCIETY

201 WEST MONUMENT STREET  
BALTIMORE, Md.

July 2, 1943.

Mr. A. B. Koger,  
1214 Pennsylvania Avenue,  
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Sir:

We understand that you have published a book entitled "Maryland Negro in our Wars." This Society would like to obtain a copy of this book. Kindly forward one if available and send us the bill for it.

Yours very truly,

*James W. Foster*  
James W. Foster,  
Director.

JWF-FBC





MARYLAND WAR RECORDS DIVISION  
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620 PARK AVENUE  
BALTIMORE 1, MD.

November 12th, 1946.

Mr. A. Briscoe Koger,  
Attorney and Counselor-at-Law,  
1214 Pennsylvania Avenue,  
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Mr. Koger:

Thank you for sending us two copies of "The Maryland Negro in our Wars".

This material will constitute a valuable addition to our permanent files.

Your cooperation with our project is sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harold R. Manakee".

Harold R. Manakee,  
Acting Director.

HRM:now



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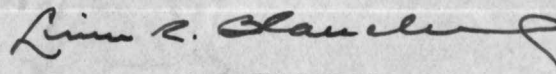
WASHINGTON, D. C.,

April 8, 1935.

Dear Sir:-

By direction of the Librarian I beg to acknowledge with cordial appreciation the receipt from you of the gift mentioned below, a welcome addition to the collections of the Library of Congress.

Very truly yours,



Chief, Division of Accessions

Two copies of your publication:

"52-Year Lynching Record Ranks Maryland 27th with 30 of 4, 361 crimes...1935."

A. B. Koger, Esq.,  
1214 Pennsylvania Avenue,  
Baltimore,  
Maryland.

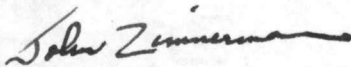
FROSTBURG STATE COLLEGE  
FROSTBURG, MARYLAND

November 20 1963

Dear Sir:

I wish to acknowledge and to thank you for the gift described below, which you have so kindly sent to the library. It is much appreciated.

sincerely yours,



John Zimmerman  
Director of Libraries

JZ/jvh

5 pamphlets: Negro in Maryland

A. Briscoe Koger  
1730 N. Payson Street  
Baltimore 17, Maryland

WILLIAM E. HENRY  
PRESIDENT



## State Teachers College

BOWIE, MARYLAND

Library

November 19, 1963

Mr. A. Briscoe Koger  
Attorney-at-Law  
1730 N. Payson Street  
Baltimore 17, Maryland

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the faculty and studentbody, I thank you for valued information on the Negro in Maryland. These pamphlets are being placed in our Maryland Collection.

This information, which you have sent us cannot be located otherwise. This will aid greatly in doing research papers. Again, I thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Lillian M. Gary  
Librarian

LMG/dmg

THOMAS KNOX  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
557 MOSHER STREET  
BALTIMORE-17, MD.

November 18, 1948

A.B.Koger, Esq.  
1214 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Baltimore 17, Maryland

Dear Sir:

This is a reply to your letter of November 15, 1948, in which you mention a proposed printing of your treatise of 'The Negro Lawyer at the Maryland Bar' and in which you inquire about possible subscriptions to assist in the financing.

I am very much in favor. You can count on me for a contribution of \$3.00 which is ready for you at any time you want it.

I thank you for your letter and I sincerely hope you will procure sufficient contributions for the work.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Yours very truly,

Thomas Knox  
*Thomas Knox*





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**LINWOOD G. KOGER**

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW  
14 E. PLEASANT STREET  
BALTIMORE-2, MD.

November 16, 1948

A.B. Koger, Esquire  
1214 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Baltimore, Pennsylvania

Dear A. B.:

I would be interested in the "Negro Lawyer at the Maryland Bar", of which you spoke in your letter of November, 15, 1948. You may count on me for a subscription of at least one dollar(1) and probably more.

Hoping you will have a grand success in this publication,  
I am,

Your brother,

*Linwood G. Koger*  
Linwood G. Koger

LGK/cvd

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November 16, 1948

A. B. Koger, Esq.  
1214 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Baltimore 17, Maryland

Dear Mr. Koger:

I received your letter November 15, 1948. I am very interested in the material outlined in your letter.

The extent of my participation would be limited, however, so that I would probably only receive five (5) copies. You may count on me for this amount of participation.

Yours very truly,

*Donald*

Donald G. Murray

DGM/lw

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M. WILLIAM ADELSON  
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TELEPHONE  
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December 22, 1948

Mr. A. B. Koger,  
1214 Pennsylvania Avenue,  
Baltimore 17, Maryland.

Dear Briscoe:

Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness in  
sending me your booklet on "The Negro Lawyer in Maryland".

I anticipate reading this with a great deal of  
pleasure at my earliest opportunity.

Sincerely yours,



TRMcK:MM



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

WM. PRESTON LANE, JR.  
GOVERNOR

December 28, 1948

Hon. A. Briscoe Koger  
1214 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Baltimore 17, Maryland

Dear Mr. Koger:

Thank you for sending me the copy of  
your booklet "The Negro Lawyer in Maryland" which  
I am looking forward to reading.

With best wishes for a Happy New Year,  
I am

Sincerely yours,

Governor

WPL/1

DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE  
CITY HALL  
HORACE E. FLACK, DIRECTOR



BALTIMORE - 2, MD. Jan. 3, 1949 .

Mr. A. B. Koger,  
1214 Pennsylvania Ave.,  
Baltimore-17, Md.

My dear Mr. Koger:

Please accept my heartiest thanks for  
your kindness in sending this department a copy of  
"The Negro Lawyer in Maryland".

Very truly yours,

*Horace E. Flack*

Horace E. Flack, Director.

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL LIBRARY  
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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

February 15, 1949

Mr. A.B. Koger  
1214 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Baltimore 17, Maryland

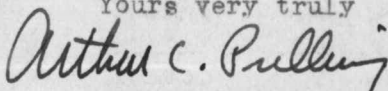
Dear Mr. Koger:

We wish to thank you for your kindness  
in sending this library a complimentary copy of  
the following items:

Two copies of the Negro Lawyer in Mary-  
land.

I am sure that this material will be of  
much interest and value in the library.

Yours very truly



Arthur C. Pulling,  
Director

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DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE  
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Aug. 26, 1947.  
BALTIMORE-2, MD.

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Mr. A. B. Koger,  
1214 Pennsylvania Ave.,  
Baltimore-17, Md.

My dear Mr. Koger:

I have just noticed a reference to a publication on "Negro Baptists of Maryland", which, I assume, has been written by you.

As this department tries to collect as much material as possible on local matters, I am writing to inquire whether you would be willing to donate a copy for our files.

I might say that we have received several studies on different churches in the State and, as time goes on, I think they will prove of considerable value.

Trusting that you will be able to comply with this request and thanking you for your kindness, I am,

Very truly yours,

*Horace E. Flack*  
Director.

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D. C.

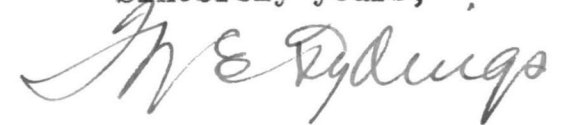
January 5, 1949

Dear Mr. Koger:

I was very glad to receive the copy of your book "The Negro Lawyer in Maryland" and I appreciate your letting me have it and shall note it carefully. Thank you very much for sending it to me.

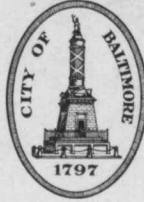
With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours, .

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M. E. Dydings".

Mr. A. B. Koger  
1214 Penna Avenue  
Baltimore, Maryland

DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE  
CITY HALL  
HORACE E. FLACK, DIRECTOR



BALTIMORE - 2, MD. Sept. 10, 1947.

Mr. A. Briscoe Koger,  
1214 Pennsylvania Ave.,  
Baltimore-17, Md.

My dear Mr. Koger:

Please accept my heartiest thanks for your kindness in sending two copies of your very attractive and, I feel quite sure, interesting publication on "Negro Baptists of Maryland".

I hope to find time to read at least the major part of this publication.

Again thanking you for your cooperation and kindness, I am,

Sincerely,

*Horace E. Flack*  
Director.

Supreme Bench  
of  
Baltimore City

S. RALPH WARNKEN  
JUDGE

BALTIMORE 2, MARYLAND

September 14, 1949.

Linwood G. Koger, Esq.,  
14 East Pleasant Street,  
Baltimore -2- Maryland.

Dear Mr. Koger:

I received and thank you for your letter of September 10th,  
enclosing copy of the pamphlet "The Negro Lawyer in Maryland".

I shall read the pamphlet with much interest and am very glad  
to have it available for future reference.

Sincerely,

*S. Ralph Warnken*

ABOND  
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Supreme Bench  
of  
Baltimore City

J. ABNER SAYLER  
ASSOCIATE JUDGE

BALTIMORE 2, MARYLAND

September 20th., 1949.

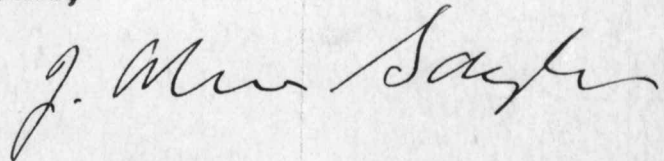
Linwood G. Koger, Esquire,  
14 E. Pleasant Street,  
Baltimore 2, Maryland.

Dear Mr. Koger:

Please let me express my most sincere thanks for your sending me "The Negro Lawyer in Maryland". Your brother did an excellent job of this. He deserves great credit.

I would suggest that a few copies be sent to the Maryland Historical Society. I am sure their library would have great need for this information. Not very long ago I enjoyed reading the book, and I shall do so again at the earliest opportunity. In the meantime it shall be kept as a valued addition to my library.

Very truly yours,



JAS:C

Supreme Bench  
of  
Baltimore City

E. PAUL MASON  
JUDGE

BALTIMORE 2, MARYLAND

September 15th, 1949

Mr. Linwood G. Koger,  
14 E. Pleasant Street,  
Baltimore, -2, Maryland.

Dear Mr. Koger:-

Thank you for the pamphlet THE NEGRO LAWYER IN  
MARYLAND. I shall read it with much interest.

Sincerely yours,

*Paul Mason*

GREEN SPRING  
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Supreme Bench  
of  
Baltimore City

JOHN T. TUCKER  
JUDGE

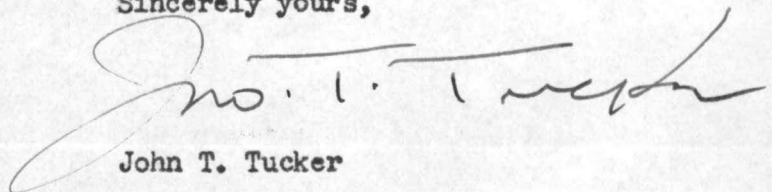
September 16, 1949

Linwood G. Koger, Esq.  
14 E. Pleasant Street  
Baltimore 2, Maryland

Dear Mr. Koger:

I thank you for your letter of September 10th enclosing copy of a article which was written by your brother, Mr. A.B. Koger. This article is very interesting and I thank you for sending it to me.

Sincerely yours,



John T. Tucker

JTT/1

GREEN SPRING  
BOND  
RAC CONTENT



Supreme Bench  
of  
Baltimore City

EMORY H. NILES  
JUDGE

BALTIMORE 2, MARYLAND

September 13, 1949

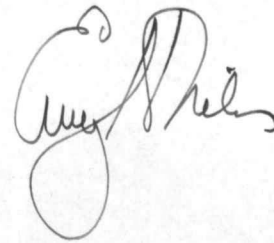
Linwood G. Koger, Esq.,  
14 East Pleasant Street,  
Baltimore 2, Maryland.

Dear Mr. Koger:

Thank you very much for the copy of the booklet  
"The Negro Lawyer in Maryland" which I am very glad to  
have.

Sincerely yours,

EHN/jp



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Supreme Bench  
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CHARLES E. MOYLAN  
JUDGE

BALTIMORE 2, MARYLAND

Sept. 13, 1949

Mr. Linwood G. Koger  
14 E. Pleasant Street  
Baltimore 2, Md.

Dear Mr. Koger:-

I appreciate your kindness in sending me the pamphlet "The Negro Lawyer in Maryland". I have been very much interested in securing a copy since I first heard it mentioned.

Thanks again for your courtesy--I am delighted to have it on my library shelf.

Sincerely,

*Charles E. Moylan*

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MICHAEL J. MANLEY  
JUDGE

BALTIMORE 2, MARYLAND

September 13, 1949

Linwood G. Koger, Esq.  
14 E. Pleasant Street  
Baltimore-2, Maryland

Dear Mr. Koger:

I appreciate very much your kindness in sending me the pamphlet written by your brother on "The Negro Lawyer in Maryland".

I will read this with a great deal of interest.

Very truly yours,

*m.j. manley*

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of  
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BALTIMORE 2, MARYLAND

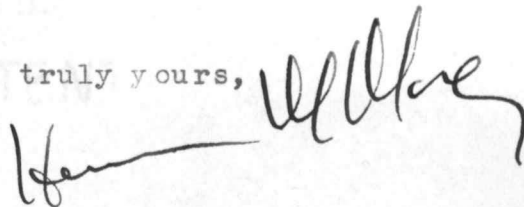
September 14, 1949.

Linwood G. Koger, Esq.,  
14 E. Pleasant Street,  
Baltimore 2, Md.

Dear Mr. Koger:

Many thanks for a copy of your  
brother's pamphlet "The Negro Lawyer in Maryland".  
I am sure I will find it most interesting.

Very truly yours,



Supreme Bench  
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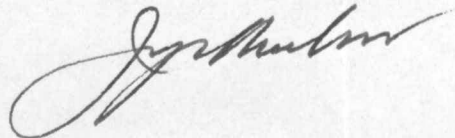
September 14, 1949

Linwood G. Koger, Esq.,  
14 E. Pleasant Street  
Baltimore - 2, Maryland

Dear Mr. Koger:

Thanks very much for the pamphlet.  
I have already read it, but I am anxious to have  
it included in my library.

Very sincerely yours,





Memo from the desk of . . . .

Catherine Adams

Dear A. B.,

Thanks so much for the book of lonely Poems, they are so real and touching. How many talents can one man have!

We thought that in as much as we know of no printing press

Owened by you, that we  
Would send a small do-  
nation to help defray  
Cost of Printing.

We have enjoyed reading  
the poems and think that  
they are very very good.

Best of luck & good  
wishes.

Mamma & Catherine

9/27/68



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Mildred Atkinson

Director

February 23, 1968

Mr. A. Briscoe Koger  
1730 N. Payson Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21217

Dear Mr. Koger:

We have good news about the  
"Guide to Interesting and Historic Churches  
and Synagogues" in the Baltimore area.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert R. Fischer  
have agreed to be "Co-Editors in Chief,"  
and have already started coordinating and  
assembling the materials which had been  
submitted to us.

They know this is a challenging  
task and will be relying on you and the  
other members of the committee to help them.  
You will be hearing from them in the near  
future.

Sincerely yours,

Mildred Atkinson, Director  
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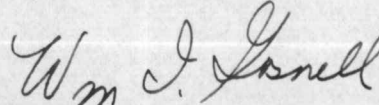
November 22, 1948

A. B. Koger, Esq.  
1214 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Baltimore, Maryland-17

Dear <sup>M</sup>r Koger:

Thank you for your letter of November 15, 1948. I would be very glad to take five copies of your Historical Sketch of The Negro Lawyer at the Maryland Bar. Mr William H. Murphy, heard me dictating this letter and asked that I advise you that he will take five copies also. Hoping that you will be able to find enough sentiment to carry your project to its full fruition.

Very truly yours,

  
William I. Gosnell

WIG/w



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July 29, 1953

A. B. Koger, Esq.,  
1301 Madison Avenue,  
Baltimore 17, Maryland

My dear Mr. Koger:

Knowing of your intense interest in the welfare of our City, I am writing to ask if you will be good enough to write a couple of editorials for me on any subject of civic interest to the public in general. I plan to be out of the City for two weeks and before going I would like to have guest editorials on file to be used by the staff during my absence.

While you are not a subscriber to our little paper which will soon celebrate its first anniversary since its rebirth, I know that you are one of our well wishers. It is for this reason that I am imposing upon your good nature in the hope that you will find it both possible and convenient to comply with this request and let me have your contributions as soon as possible. As a matter of fact I would like to extend an invitation to you to be a regular contributor if you can find the time to do so.

May I hear from you at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Walter T. Dixon, Sr.,  
Editor.

WTD:tb

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September 3, 1953

Mr. A. B. Koger  
1301 Madison Avenue  
Baltimore, Maryland

My dear Mr. Koger:

I am writing to thank you for the very splendid guest editorial you so graciously sent to me before my departure for a short vacation.

Already since my return I have had a number of favorable comments and I hope that should you find the time and have the inclination to do more writing, that you will be good enough to send it to our struggling little paper.

Again I wish to thank you most sincerely for your kindness.

Very truly yours,

*Walter T. Dixon*  
Walter T. Dixon,  
Editor.

WTD:tb

AVALON  
ACCOKEEK, MARYLAND

April 22nd, 1961.

Dear Mr. Koger,

It was a real pleasure to meet you last Thursday in Baltimore, and I thoroughly enjoyed your talk and our conversation before the panel.

I have been reading over your pamphlet with a great deal of interest, as it contains a great deal of information which is of immediate concern to my present project on Southern Maryland during the Civil War. I note that you refer on page 9 to some articles in the Afro-American by James M. Guthrie with which I am not familiar and should very much like to have these dates so that I may look them up in the Library of Congress. I am compiling a card file of all men in the Southern Maryland counties who fought in the Civil War--information which is very hard to secure, especially concerning the Union soldiers. As you know, this was the strongest pro-Confederate part of the state, and there are many references to Confederate soldiers from this area, but almost nothing on these who fought for the Union. I can find references to only three G.A.R. posts--two of them in Annapolis and a third--a colored Post--at St. Inigoes in St. Mary's. There is, however, a useful history of the Seventh U.S.C.T. which gives the names but not the homes of soldiers who fought with this regiment.

I should be happy to see you again on one of my next visits to Baltimore and hope meanwhile to have the pleasure of a line from you.

Very sincerely,

James M. Whyte



3511 Kenyon Avenue  
Baltimore 13, Maryland  
February 25, 1954

Mr. A. Briscoe Koger  
Superintendent of Union Baptist Church School  
Druid Hill Avenue near Dolphin Street  
Baltimore 17, Maryland

Dear Mr. Koger:

May I express my sincere appreciation to you for your invitation to the special interracial meeting on Sunday evening, February 28th.

It is with sincere regret that I must inform you that prior commitments will make it impossible for any of us to attend.

May God's presence and blessings be with you and those who do attend and may progress and success come for your efforts.

Sincerely,

*Harold E. Hicks*

Harold E. Hicks, Sr.  
Superintendent  
Parkside Methodist Church



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MARYLAND BOYS' STATE

July 24th. 1948

A. B. Koger, Esq.,  
1214 Pennsylvania Avenue,  
Baltimore 17, Md.

Dear A. B. -

I enclose a letter, the first I have received from any of the 105 boys who recently attended Boys State. Since this lad was sponsored by Walter Green Post, I thought you might like to see the letter.

I want also to take this opportunity to tell you that the three boys sponsored by your Post were outstanding in every way. All three were intelligent, gentlemanly, ameanable and co operative in the very strictest meaning of those adjectives. The mingled freely with the other boys, and were received by the boys with out reservation - mental or otherwise. All three were elected to high offices - young Graham, whom the boys nicknamed " The Brain" became President of the City Council of Legion City. He also conducted the State religious services on Sunday, at which more than two thirds of the boys VOLUNTARILY attended. He also won a prize in the ~~night~~ Talent Night show. To wind up his success he was a candidate for, and received a good number of votes for, United States Senator - altho he and the other two boys had decided they should not be serious candidates thus early in the game.


Young Sutton was my Secretary, and did all my typing and prepared the graduation Certificates. He was originally a member of city council, but was later elected State Senator, and still later was a candidate and received good support for the office of United States Senator. It is his letter I enclose.

Gus Moseley was perhaps the most popular, as Gus has decided talent as an entertainer and the boys worked him plenty hard. He won the FIRST prize in the talent night show - Mrs. Poorbaugh, Mrs. T. F. Lynch - Mrs. Lee Tipton and Mrs. Helen Hall were judges - and was also elected a city council man and later a state senator. He too was a candidate for U. S. Senator.

The three youths I mention were the only Negro boys attending, the other five who were sponsored failed to show up. I feel I must tell you that these three boys were a credit to their parents, their schools, their race and to Walter Green Post. I predict fine futures for all three of them, and am happy to have had the privilege of knowing them, as well as to have been the pioneer in this small contribution toward the wiping out of long standing misunderstandings. I know that today there are 105 more anti "Jim Crow" adherents than there were one month ago.

Please invite me to your next Post meeting, and let me tell the post in person about these lads. Also invite the boys, please.

Best wishes always

  
Earle R. Poorbaugh.

Miller 9.00  
Caugeron 9.00  
V. Ferguson 10.00  
Williams 10.00  
\$ 38.00

THE AMERICAN LEGION  
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Faint, mostly illegible text, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the document. Some words like "I have received" and "I am" are faintly visible.

## Segregation

*Sir:* In spite of the seriousness of the charge, I can but feel sorry for those of the Amos R. Koontz school of thought concerning the Negro's struggles for better living conditions. . . .

Dr. Koontz points out the Negro's inability to carry his full share of responsibility. Has he thought that maybe, had the Negro been given full employment opportunities, equal educational facilities and chances for greater cultural exposure, he too would now be in a position to be of greater service? Has he thought of the fact that had he and his ancestors been robbed of their opportunities for a hundred years, he too would not now be able to assume his present position? . . .

It's the old question of "the chicken or the egg." Is the Negro to be kept a second-class citizen and be blamed for not shouldering his share of responsibility, or shall he be given first-class citizenship and then he be required and demanded to assume full responsibility?

A. B. Koger.

Baltimore, Feb. 17.



AMOS R. KOONTZ, M. D.  
1014 ST. PAUL STREET  
BALTIMORE 2, MARYLAND

27 February 1962

Mr. A. Briscoe Koger  
1730 N. Payson Street  
Baltimore 17, Maryland

Dear Mr. Koger:

Thank you for your letter of February 24th. I agree with you that it is very difficult to get one's point of view completely across in THE SUN, because they do frequently use the blue pencil rather freely.

I can assure you that I am just as anxious as you are to see the negro advance and to eradicate all antagonism between the two races. I do not believe that that can possibly be done by some of the things that the negro agitators are engaging in today.

You spoke of the Constitution and equality under the law. I do not believe it can be denied that the negro does have equality under the law. What I believe a great many negroes are trying to attain is social equality, not legal equality. That, of course, is a matter of individual preference and each person in a free country should be allowed to associate with whom he wants to associate. I have had members of a great many races in my home as guests and felt completely on terms of social equality with them. I think that that will happen with negroes also when they reach the point where they have the social graces which make them acceptable socially. This, of course, is true of some of them today, but only a minority.

You speak of the negro's ancestors having been robbed of their opportunities for a hundred years. I realize that this is partially true, but only partially true. Certainly I do not believe that it is any longer true. Every man makes a place for himself according to his deserts. In saying this, though, I realize that the actions of the great majority of the negro race do cause a certain prejudice against the whole race, which is not justified.

It must be remembered, though, that the history of the Caucasian race and the Negro race and the biological characters of the two races are so different that it will take a long time to make the races compatible socially.

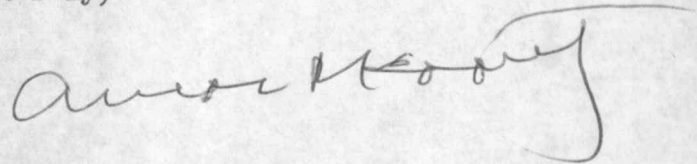


Mr. A. Briscoe Koger - #2

27 February 1962

Your letter to THE SUN was a thoughtful one, but I do not believe that you thought things through quite far enough. I say this with all deference to you and in the hope that decent members of both our races shall continue their efforts to improve not only opportunities but responsibilities. I am sure you will agree with me that every opportunity carries with it a corresponding responsibility.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Amos Moody". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed word "Sincerely,".

ARK:b

Virginia Union University  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
Richmond, Virginia

Office of the President

August 4, 1943

Atty. A. B. Koger  
1214 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Mr. Koger:

I want to apologize for the tardiness of this list of books. Here is an authentic criticized list of up-to-date Religious books. You might supplement them by writing to the American Baptist Publication Society in Philadelphia for its catalog.

I do hope you will find this list useful.

With every good wish, I am

Yours sincerely,

*J. M. Ellison*  
J. M. Ellison  
President

JME/acl  
Enc.

P.S. The documents that you sent me about Union Baptist Church, etc. are fine pieces of Negro literature full of worth while information. I have enjoyed reading it.  
J.M.E.



Miss NANNIE H. BURROUGHS, Corresponding Secretary

WOMAN'S CONVENTION  
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"The world is being wrecked by men moved by love of conquest; it will have to be rebuilt by men moved by the love of God."

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LINCOLN  
HEIGHTS  
WASHINGTON 19, D. C.

July 27, 1944

Attorney A. B. Koger  
1214 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Attorney Koger:

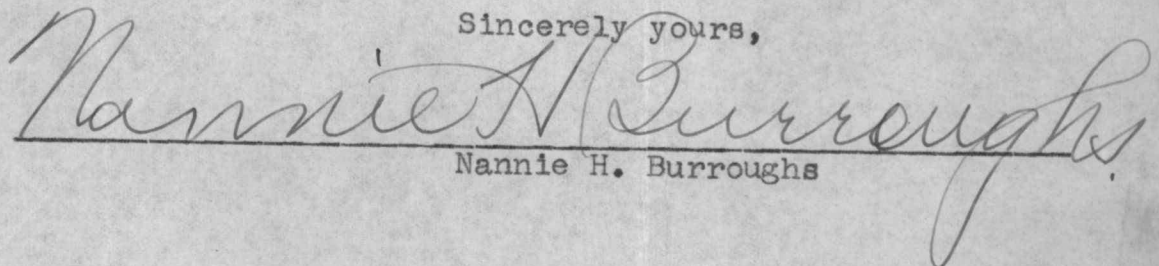
Thank you for sharing your proposals with me in this advanced copy of your release.

Fine! You put your finger on every weak spot in the Congress program and operation. It is a clear, dispassionate analysis of the general condition.

Your suggestions for improvement are practical and possible. The spirit of the undertone is magnificent. The forthright way in which you disarmed those who are always suspicious of personal motives puts you in position to be of real service as one of the counsellors in the revamping which must surely come - if we are to be saved from self-destruction. You did yourself proud in your gracious tribute to Dr. Jernagin.

Now, go to it as did William Lloyd Garrison - "do not retreat a single inch".

Sincerely yours,

  
Nannie H. Burroughs

NHB/s

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES



## Library of Congress.

Sir: Washington, D.C., January 24, 1939  
The Library has received from you two copies each  
of your publications:

... History of the Negro Baptists of  
Maryland ... Centenary edition [1836-1936].  
[Baltimore, Md., Jesse B. Clarke & Son],  
c. 1936,

"The House of Roger... n. p. n. d.,"

a valued addition to its collections for which I have the  
honor to return grateful acknowledgments.

To  
Mr. A. Bruce Rogers,  
Baltimore, Maryland.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Hubert S. Paine

Librarian



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February 2, 1940

Mr. Azzie B. Koger  
1214 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Baltimore, Maryland

My dear Mr. Koger:

We are writing you in regard to a booklet you issued in 1938 with the title The House of Koger. We wish to ask if you could present our library with a copy of it.

Sincerely yours,

*Esther Jerabek*

Head of Accessions Department

EJ/G

608-49th St. N.E.  
Wash., D.C.  
Jan. 2, 1938.

Dear A. B.

We received your Christmas gift and enjoyed it very much. I read it over twice and each time I imagined I was reading a classic. You certainly did some very fine research work and have laid a splendid foundation for future addition for anyone who desires to follow it up. A family that has the excellent record yours has, furnishes A 1 material for those who like to compile such information. You have certainly done a swell job and I gladly take my hat off to you.

Tell Sandra that I have a lyric ~~that I have~~ a lyric that I have dedicated to her with "Paddy and Mommy" completing the cast.

The facts, of course, are fictitious, but based on child life, such as Sandra might show, with that air of innocence we often find in the home.

I sincerely hope you and your family spent a merry Christmas and that the new year will bring to you all much success and continued good health.

Very sincerely,  
Your brother,  
Herbert E. Johnson.



## WAYLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

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BALTIMORE, Md. April 5th. 1937. 193

Mr. A. Briscoe Koger,  
1301 Madison Avenue,  
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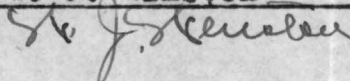
My Dear & Most Esteemed Lawyer Koger:

I am addressing you this to thank you for the copy of your history which you left here for me one week to day. I regret very much that I had to be out of the city, but I am sure that Mrs. Winston received you gladly and expressed regret for me being away. I have read your history with much delight and satisfaction, and feel happy over the fact that it is the work of one of our distinguished laymen, and I take pleasure in congratulating you for this splendid and most needed work, and for the information that is disclosed in your history, it shows research and skill, and I am sure that every baptist in this state and country will have pleasure in reading your history and expressing gratitude for your fine work.

It was certainly nice and kind in you to think of me, and I want you to bear in mind that I have always been your friend, and still remain your friend, and hope some day when I am in the city to have the opportunity in talking with you over some matters which affect the denomination. I am one who has always been proud of our laymen, and always endeavored to treat them fare. I have been dealing in school work for twenty six years, and have had hundreds of young men under me during this time, and have always gotten along with them in the finest manner. I shall ever keep this history and treasure it as a very valuable jewel and precious information. Thanking you again for your kind consideration of me, and assuring you that my life in the future shall be no less exemplary and my conduct no less worthy of your kindness.

I am yours very humbly

W. J. Winston



My dear cousin Azzie:

I congratulate you upon your resourcefulness and ingenuity in literary fields. I have always known you to have "the itch" to be more than just Azzie Koger and may the blessings of His good Will and Providence be yours in all of your undertakings. We are proud of you, and the example of Christian fellowship, high thinking, clean living which you seem to evidence in your life. It is an inspiration to all, thus mirrored for emulation.

When and where does your S. S. Convention, of which you are President meet. If there is any thing that you think I might say regarding the scheme of Certification of Courses, and in reality to give a lecture or two on any one course with which I may be familiar, command my service.

Regards to the wife and daughter.

Your Cousin

12/8/38 - 6015 Road St. E. City, N.C. Charles

(TURN OVER)



Cousin Nizzie, I could not find  
out brother Henry's children's names  
nor the number, I will try to make  
an effort or if you will write  
Gladys Graves of Rev. J. H. Moore  
Pastor of 1st Baptist Church,  
Charlotte, N.C. you can get  
it direct. I did not know the other  
wife's name nor the son I have  
forgotten. *W. H. G.*

It may  
come later

My dear Cousin,

I received your booklet, it is a worthy piece of work, you have honored your father and mother. Your days of usefulness, of a good reputation, of character are concomitantly prolonged even through your progeny. Personally I feel obligated to you cousin Azzie for the information contained in this booklet. It is certainly valuable, informative, and enlightening and appears authentic. For you have told it in a straightforward manner, becoming the true narrator, biographer, historian, I thank you for it and have shown it around.

Respectfully,  
Your Cousin,  
Charles.



*Baltimore,* June 18, 1937.

*The Maryland Historical Society presents its  
acknowledgment and thanks to* Mr. A. Briscoe Koger.

*for the gift to its* LIBRARY

*of* "History of the Negro Baptists of Maryland. 1836-1936," by  
A. Briscoe Koger.

*By order of the Society,*

*William B. Morye  
Corresponding Secretary.*



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June 15, 1937

Atty. A. B. Koger  
1214 Pennsylvania Ave.  
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for the copy of "History of the Negro Baptists of Maryland" sent me. I will make a close review of this history. I am quite sure I will find this quite interesting.

We are wondering if you have sent a copy to Dr. L. G. Jordan, Historian of the National Baptist Convention? If not, I know he will be delighted to have a copy because he is making an effort to gather the history of the Baptists of the various states having in view to revise his History of Negro Baptists.

Sincerely yours,

*A. M. Townsend*

SECRETARY

AMT-eb



601 S. Good St.,  
Elizabeth City, N. C.  
Sept. 25, 1937.

My dear cousin Azzie:

I was planning to see you and the madam again until you were obliged to go home on account of the death of aunt Maggie. I trust every thing passed off as you desired it & I know you all are satisfied because you did what you thought was the best thing for her.

I must congratulate you again after reading your "History of the Negro Baptists of Maryland" upon your research and painstaking <sup>labors</sup> and your orderly organization of your material. I think the work is of such value that it will serve as a model for future undertakings on your part or of others, and in the meantime become a reference for any who desire accurate data on this point. I am proud of you. With good wishes, I am Cousin Charles

Law School of Harvard University  
Cambridge 38, Mass.

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February 8, 1949

Mr. Azzie B. Koger  
1214 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Mr. Koger:

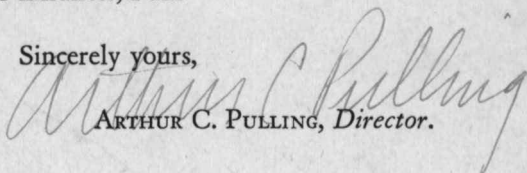
We have learned of the publication of the following:

Koger, Azzie Briscoe, 1894-  
The Negro lawyer in Maryland. [Baltimore?  
1948]. 12 pp.

If copies are available for distribution, may we have a complimentary copy for use in the Harvard Law School Library where I am sure it will prove of interest to Faculty and students alike.

Thanking you for your kindness, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
ARTHUR C. PULLING, Director.



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*Arna Bontemps, Esq. Librarian*

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THE UNION BAPTIST CHURCH OF BALTIMORE. A. Briscoe Koger.

*To* Mr. A. Briscoe Koger  
Attorney-At-Law  
1301 Madison Avenue  
Baltimore 17, Maryland





**COPPIN STATE COLLEGE**  
2500 WEST NORTH AVENUE  
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21216

September 29, 1966

Dear Mr. Koger:

This is merely a confirmation of our telephone conversation of a few nights ago. We are delighted that you will speak for us Saturday, October 8, at 10 o'clock.

The subject of this session will be the history of the Negro in Baltimore. Mrs. Lena Roth will speak for thirty minutes on the immigrant groups that settled here and we would like you to speak for thirty minutes on the Negro in Baltimore and Maryland. Please feel free to make your usual presentation but this time I think you will have a mixed audience and I think you will have slightly less time than usual.

We will be able to provide a modest honorarium for this favor.

On October 8, I will come for you at 9:30 a. m. and that should give us a little time to talk about the pictorial history that you are now putting together.

Best regards,

*L. D. Reddick* l.t.

L. D. Reddick

LDR:lt

Mr. A. Briscoe Koger  
1730 North Payson Street  
Baltimore, Maryland

HERBERT R. O'CONOR  
GOVERNOR



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

August 3, 1942

Mr. A. Briscoe Koger,  
1214 Pennsylvania Avenue,  
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Sir:

Governor O'Conor directs me to acknowledge receipt of your pamphlet entitled "The Maryland Negro in our Wars", and to express to you his appreciation for your kindness in sending it to him.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours for Victory!

*John R. Spellissy*  
John R. Spellissy,  
Administrative Assistant.

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HAR SINAI CONGREGATION

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June 30, 1936

Mr. A. B. Koger  
1214 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Koger:

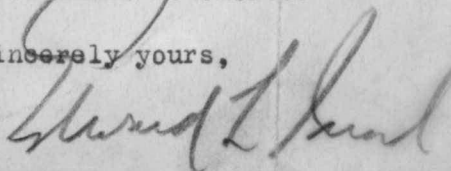
I thank you for sending me the copy of your open letter. You're absolutely right in your bitter resentment against the action of certain merchants, quite a number of whom are Jews, Nor is it only the Negro who represents these actions. As a Jew and a man I feel the same way as you do and <sup>have</sup> so expressed myself on frequent occasions.

The only thing I would like to call to your attention is that these actions of certain Jews against Negroes is not the reflection of a Jewish prejudice but is simply the American white Christian prejudice reflected into Jewish life. Nowhere, except where the majority white Christian attitude is anti-Negro, do we find the slightest trace of these objectionable actions on the part of Jews against the Negro. I admit that this is not an excuse. It is, however, an important observation. It helps to put the blame where it really lies.

With regard to the neighborhood agreement, you may be interested in knowing that I have, for quite a number of years, consistently and successfully opposed any such agreement being signed by my congregation despite the fact that some of the leading white so-called Christians of the neighborhood have tried to exert enormous pressure to have us sign such an agreement.

There are Jews who do not live up to the ideals of our religion or our race in their attitude toward and treatment of the Negro. On the other hand, I think you will admit, and you will find it borne out by examination into the personnel of the white supporters of various inter-racial groups, organized in behalf of the Negro, that the Jew constitutes one of the outstanding, if not the outstanding, white supporter of these movements.

Sincerely yours,





6407 PINEHURST ROAD  
GOVANS, BALTIMORE

July 30, 1931

Mr. A. B. Koyen  
1217 Pennsylvania Ave.  
City

Dear Mr. Koyen: In accordance with  
your request, I am delighted  
to serve on the award com-  
mittee of the Omega Psi Phi  
Fraternity. I want to applaud  
the action of the Fraternity in  
offering the medal.  
Yours cordially, Donald Mitchell

1008 West Lafayette Avenue

August 8, 1931.

Mr. A. B. Koger,  
1214 Pennsylvania Ave.,  
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Koger:

It was very nice of you and others to consider me as one of a committee to serve on the "Commission of Awards" of the Phi Omega Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.

Though my time is almost taken up in other activities, helping here and there where ever I can, as it means to me an opportunity to help my race I am going to attempt and do accept to be one of the Commission.

Wishing for success in this and all other efforts the Fraternity puts forward, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*(Mrs.) John Hurst*  

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*(Mrs.) John Hurst*

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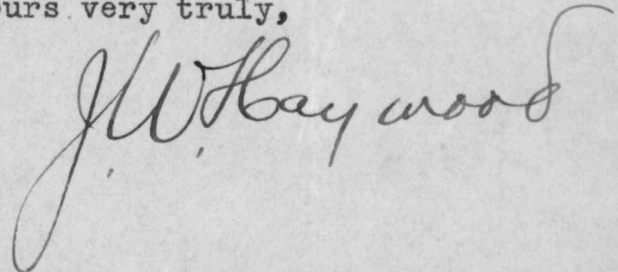
Atty. Azzie B. Koger,  
1212 Pennsylvania Ave.,  
City.

My Dear Friend;

I have your letter of recent date in which you invite me to become a member of your Commission of Award for the project that the Omega Fraternity is sponsoring in the state of Maryland.

Please allow me to congratulate you on this fine, constructive project, and to assure you that I shall be most happy to render any service that I can, in connection with the proposed enterprise.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "J. W. Haywood". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Yours very truly,".



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1109 FIDELITY BUILDING  
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September 1, 1931.

Mr. A. B. Koger,  
1214 Pennsylvania Avenue,  
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Mr. Koger:

I tried to get you at your office yesterday and did not succeed; also rang up your home, but the person answering the phone would not permit me to speak to you. I wanted to let you know that your sketch for achievement award has been received.

If you will drop me a line or let me know by phone just when it will be convenient for me to leave the sketch with you, I shall be only too glad to do so.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Henry Wittich, Jr.' The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Henry Wittich, Jr.

HWJR/MC

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BALTIMORE OFFICE  
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September 8, 1931.

Mr. A. B. Koger,  
1214 Pennsylvania Avenue,  
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Mr. Koger:

Supplementary to my letter of September 5th, I must advise that there will be a die charge of \$25.00 on the achievement award and that this will be in addition to the prices already quoted. Of course, after the initial die charge is paid, there is no further additional charge.

Trusting that our quotations will be favored by your committee.

Sincerely,

*Henry Wittich, Jr.*

Henry Wittich, Jr.

HW/MC

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BALTIMORE OFFICE  
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September 25, 1931.

Mr. A. B. Koger,  
1212 Pennsylvania Ave.,  
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Koger:

Our factory have advised  
the it will be satisfactory for your or-  
ganization to pay one half of the die  
charges, which amount to \$25.00, at the  
time your first order is placed and the  
balance next year.

I will stop around to see  
you on the 26th and present contract at  
that time.

Sincerely,

*Henry Wittich Jr*  
Henry Wittich, Jr.

HW/MC



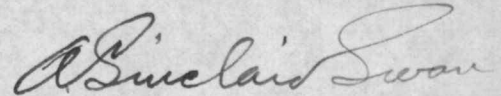
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28 November, 1942

Mr. A. B. Koger  
Attorney-At-Law  
1214 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Mr. Koger:

Many thanks for your constant rooting for the Recruiting Service. I shall try and see the two prospects you recommended in your letter of November 27, within the next day or two.

Very truly yours,



A. Sinclair Swan, C. Sp., USNR

THE YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

FRANKLIN STREET AT PARK AVENUE

BALTIMORE, MD.

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March 25, 1936.

M' Azzie B. Koger,  
1214 Pennsylvania Ave.  
Baltimore, Maryland.

My dear M' Koger:

On behalf of the Board of Directors I want to thank you for designating the Young Women's Christian Association in your gift to the Community Fund. It is gratifying to know that you are thinking of our work.

In the past year, I am glad to report that the program of the YWCA has reached more girls and women than in the year previous. One instance of this is in our International Center where first and second generation members of several nationalities gain a new respect for their national inheritances and our American ideas.

If you will glance at the inside of our Annual Report which is enclosed, you will see the wide range of group activities offered. Whenever eight young women ask for a particular subject the YWCA tries to find a leader. In other words we accept a "girl" where she is and try to develop personal satisfaction and leadership from this point.

Sincerely yours,

*Elsa B. Dodd*

Mrs. Robert C. Dodd,  
President.

EBD/M.  
Enclosure.

(Reprinted from AFRO-AMERICAN of Feb. 23, 1935)

# 52-Year Lynching Record Ranks Maryland 27th with 30 of 4,361 Crimes

Survey Blasts Theory That Rape Is Principal Motive;  
Official Negligence, Brutality Shown in Maryland  
Samples; Two Lynched in State's Capital.

By A. B. KOGER

BALTIMORE.

While the numerous anti-lynching bills are being considered, the citizens of Maryland can be thinking about the lynching evil and the part their state has played therein.

Since official records have been kept (1882 to 1930), there have been 4,361 lynchings in this country.

Of this number, only 1375 of the victims have been white. Mississippi leads with the shameful number of 545; Maryland is twenty-seventh state on the list of dishonor, with a total of 30 lynchings.

States, Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maryland and Vermont have

erick, Md., on November 16.

A total of three persons were lynched during the year.

1897—WILLIAM ANDREWS, charged with criminal attack and convicted to hang; taken from the jail in Somerset County on June 9 and lynched.

1898—GARFIELD KING, charged with murder; taken from the jail at Salisbury and hanged to a tree in front of the jail yard. In this case the sheriff refused to open the jail or surrender the keys.

WRIGHT SMITH, charged with assault. On October 5 he was taken from the jail at Annapolis, which is almost within sight of the governor's mansion, and carried to a nearby lot and riddled with bullets.

1906—HENRY DAVIS, taken from jail at the state's capital and hanged to a tree at the rear of John's College, on Dec. 10.

1907—WILLIAM BURNS, charged with killing a policeman; taken from the jail at Annapolis and lynched on October 6.

JAMES REED, charged with murder; taken from the jail at Annapolis and lynched on October 6.



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE  
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FRANCIS M. WOOD,  
DIRECTOR



May 22, 1929

Mr. A. B. Koger  
1214 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Baltimore

My dear Mr. Koger:

Sometime ago, it was my pleasure to receive a copy of "The Advisor", a monthly magazine, which you and your company are sponsoring at this time. I have gone over it very carefully and feel that I am justified in saying that it is a very creditable production, and I am sure will receive the favorable consideration of this community. I congratulate you upon the success of this magazine.

Very truly yours,

*F. M. Wood*  
Director of Colored Schools

FMW-WM

ENOCH PRATT



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*Cathedral, Franklin and Mulberry Streets, Baltimore*

December 6, 1934

Mr. A. B. Koger  
1214 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Mr. Koger:

Please accept our hearty thanks for your generous courtesy in cooperating with us in the displays featuring Negro Art and Negro Achievement. These displays are attracting a great deal of attention and receiving much favorable comment, and we are most grateful for your splendid cooperation.

Yours very truly,

Joseph L. Wheeler  
Librarian

W/MH

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July 3, 1961

Mr. A. B. Koger  
1730 North Payson St.  
Baltimore 17, Md.

Dear Mr. Koger:

Because of insufficient space, we were unable to use the enclosed article "We Hold These Truths To Be Self-Evident," which you submitted for publication recently.

We regret it could not be used. Thanks for your interest and cooperation.

Very truly yours,

*C. W. Mackay*  
C. W. Mackay  
Editor

CWM/r  
Encl.



"WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS TO BE SELF-EVIDENT"

by

A. ERISCOE KOGER

I believe the Negroes of America are in accord in their thinking upon the following:- High or low, whether they can express it thus or not, these maybe the sum total of their reasoning:

WE HOLD: That the Constitution of the United States is the Supreme Law of the Land. We do this from both a Legal and Moral point of view. The framing fathers declared it in forming this government. They knew that there would have to be some power and source; some supreme authority whereby all citizens could stand; they knew that to have several States and a Central Government all claiming sovereignty, there would be confusion and eventually chaos; they had experienced a Confederation of States and had seen what could happen when such a division of authority spoke. Accordingly, they declared in no uncertain terms in Article VI, Section 2: "This Constitution, and the Laws of the United States which shall be made in pursuance thereof; and all Treaties made.....shall be the supreme Law of the Land." And then realizing that the Law of the Land could never be carried out to its fullest without the sacred cooperation of the several courts of the land, the makers added, "and the Judges in every State shall be bound thereby, anything in the Constitution or Laws of any State to the contrary notwithstanding." From a legal point of view, the Negroes feel that this is good and they accept this.

From a moral point of view, the Negroes subscribe to this as well. They believe and know that within the expression of the Constitution is to be found, the most sublime ideals and goals to be found anywhere, perhaps save within the Sacred Scriptures themselves. Here are pledges

of all citizens to enjoy equality of manhood, of citizenship, of rights and immunities. Here are guarantees of being allowed to worship God as we desire; to have freedom of assembly, of petition, of trial by jury, freedom of the press and so many other things--the longing of the human heart. Negroes, from a moral point of view, can subscribe to this. NEGROES ACCEPT THE UNITED STATES' CONSTITUTION AS BEING THE SUPREME LAW OF THE LAND.

WE HOLD: That the Supreme Court of the United States is the court of last resort in interpreting the laws of the land. What this court declares as being the proper interpretation of law must be bowed to as the Law of the Land. Experience, however, has shown that even the Supreme Court, made up of mere men, may and has made grievous mistakes as to interpretation. The fact that this Court has reversed itself; has in time given new meaning to old rulings and has given new orders for old, indicate that even the Supreme Court of the Land can and does, at times, make mistakes. Examples are for instance:- In the famous Dred Scott Decision the Supreme Court held in effect, that there were no rights of a colored person that whites had to respect. Now, no person would hold that this was a sane decision, or one in keeping with the tenets of the Holy overall Constitutional viewpoint.

WE HOLD: The Negroes hold that in the infamous case of Plessey vs. Ferguson, which legalized segregation and ushered in a policy of Second Class Citizenship, the Supreme Court again made a grave error, one that has caused more heartaches, more confusion and more burden upon the courts and more costs to maintain than anything else ever handed down by a Court within our country.

We have already suggested that the Supreme Court is to interpret the laws of the land and when this is done, the law it ratifies is technically the supreme law of the land. But what the Negroes claim



is that this law created by the decision of Plessey vs. Ferguson is a mistake and one that must be corrected.

WE HOLD: The Negroes hold that although the ruling creating and permitting segregation was the law, it is bad law--law that cannot be accepted by any moral sanction and from a moral point of view should be repealed. But, there must be law and order in going about having a law repealed. Even an obnoxious law must be only repealed in a peaceable manner. The supreme law provides these remedies. The right of Petition is one. The resort to the several courts are open, legislation, the newspapers and other media of news, the peaceful assembly of citizens, the right of boycotts, strikes and similar methods of creating sentiment, are the peaceful means provided. Negroes hold that they have a right to use these.

WE HOLD: That since the decision of Plessey vs. Ferguson has been uttered, one or more of these methods have been used. The whole program and purpose of the NAACP has been to obtain for Negroes, the rights that were stolen from them by this outrageous miscarriage of justice. Never has the NAACP asked for anything of a particular kind, or special legislation; never has it resorted to an unlawful measure. It has only claimed and asked that the laws of the land apply to all alike; that the Negroes be given the same protection, the same rights, the same immunities as others within our Government's influence. For almost two-thirds of a century, we have peacefully fought this. Negroes do not accept the theory that they are to sit supinely by and wait indefinitely, without protest and struggle. To the contrary, they hold that it is their moral duty to use every peaceful means available to restore our country to the gold standard of her constitutional views of equality of right for every citizen within her influence. Nothing short of this will suffice; nothing short of this should be the goal of any citizen.



WE HOLD: That while the law is on the books and, in a fashion, we are in many instances held to it, we definitely hold that while it may be law that it's not constitutional. We hold that no state has a right to show partiality and discrimination; that not even the Federal Government has the right to enact Class Legislation. We hold that the Government has no right to allow a State to do this. Any laws passed in this direction, we hold, is unconstitutional. And certainly, if a State has no right to pass them, it has no right to enforce them. Section 1 of the Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution, in part, specifically says, "All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside." It adds that, "No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privilege or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; no deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."

These are what the Supreme Laws of the Land guaranteed to every citizen. All of the struggles for life, liberty and happiness that we Negroes have made within the last sixty or more years, have been to have the United States Government honor her words within this sacred document.

WE HOLD: That every law passed anywhere, in the South, the North--any place, out of keeping with these sacred promises, are unconstitutional laws. The Constitution says they could not be passed and then suggested that if any were passed wrongfully, they could not be enforced. We seek to hold the Central Government to this sacred treaty that it has made with every person born within the United States or who have been naturalized in the United States.

WE HOLD: That if a State may not make or enforce a law depriving a citizen of his rights, that no State may give any agency the power of depriving a citizen of a right. An accepted rule of Agency holds that no Principal may clothe an Agent with powers that the Principal himself cannot exercise. We hold that since a State may not make obnoxious laws, it cannot give a School Board, a Park Board, any branch or sub-division, power that the State itself has no right to. We therefore hold as an evident truth, that all agencies of any State that deprive citizens of their rights and immunities, have exceeded their powers and ought to be curbed. We moreover hold, that the Central Government, charged with the responsibility of seeing that every citizen is protected, has the given and implied power of seeing that these citizens are protected within their rights.

WE HOLD: In a similar vein of reasoning, we hold that since no State may make laws bias to citizens, it cannot license any private concern to do what it cannot legally do. Here is where stores and so-called private businesses are involved. All of these businesses operate, in theory at least, at the will and license of organized society. They are granted the authority under the theory that they will conduct their enterprise according to the law of the land; that they have no more power and authority than that granted by the States and that they will conduct all of their affairs, subject to the higher laws and within the scope of the powers that the State itself possesses. Since the State may not discriminate, according to our Federal Constitution, the Supreme Law of the Land, it is an evident truth that no private business or firm may segregate and discriminate, when the State has no power to do this. We hold that wherever a so-called private business shows discrimination and bias against any class, that business has no right to keep its license, as it is exceeding its authority. Nor do we hold that these views violate



the guarantee of individual freedom. In organized society, we reason, a private citizen's freedoms only extend to the point where they conflict with the private freedoms of the other citizens with whom he associates. I have a right to hate, to be vile at heart, to dislike whom I may, but in doing this, I have no right to deprive others of their individual rights. Organized society requires citizens to abstain from many of their individual rights--that is, restrict their personal rights for the corresponding abstinence of the others about them. A citizen may feel that he is absolutely free to exercise his personal rights, but actually, is he? We hold that he must regard the rights of others who have identical and equal rights. One may think that he has a right to drive his car up a street on the left side, but has he? Everyone knows that he has to subordinate many of his personal rights when these conflict with similar rights and privileges held by others about him. This is the price we pay for organized society and the good that we derive therefrom.

WE HOLD: From this reasoning, that so-called private businesses even individual citizens, may, while having a right to hold hatreds and prejudices, have no right to exercise them beyond the extent and to the sphere where they conflict with the hatreds and prejudices of others. All of us have a right to hate, but when we begin to deprive others of their rights because of our hatreds, then we have transcended these others' rights and this constitutes infringements. We hold that when there is an infringement, then this is where legislation and redress come in. People have a right, we suggest, to hate people, to be onerous in spirit; to be, what they may term, exclusive and "high-brow" or what-have-you. We hold that they have no right to use any of these to enjoy special privileges by imposing their views on others by legislation or otherwise, when the others have the same right to these, or other individual views, even as exclusive or onerous.



WE HOLD: That when the United States Supreme Court ruled as it did in the case of Plessey vs. Ferguson, that it took the United States off of its Gold Standard. It sanctioned Second Class Citizenship and opened up to pressure groups, everywhere, opportunities of ruling others by feelings and customs, rather than by law and order. People since have passed obnoxious laws against minority groups--laws based upon feelings and emotions. They have enforced them by power and the weight of might. States have exercised rights that were outside of their power within the Supreme Law; our Constitution, and our Central Government, has conveniently allowed this usurpation and infringement upon what appeared at first, an easy way out of an ugly situation. But, instead of being an easy way, it has been the most costly experiment this country has ever engaged in. The Negro is committed to the task of putting the United States back upon its Gold Standard. When the years ahead of us allow us to think matters through, this struggle on the part of Negroes of this generation, will be one of the great epics in saving Democracy from oblivion and decay.

FINALLY, WE HOLD: The foregoing truths to be self-evident. One has only to look about him closely to see how far afield the written words and pronouncements of our Constitution differ from the translation and fulfillments of those words. The many, many obnoxious laws openly designed to show class distinctions and bias and openly and brazenly flaunted within the face of our Central Government and the teeth of the Constitution itself! See how men, state judges and other officials, after swearing to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States as the Supreme Law of the Land, then openly and brazenly use all of the powers of their office to nullify and destroy the force and meaning of the Constitution! Note how official men and women in high places of trust, organize blocks and allegiances to offset the true meaning of laws

October 18, 1968

Dear Mr. Koger,

Reflections in Verse is such a meaningful way of recording your thinking. I enjoyed reading each poem but especially liked "Evidences of God". I could vividly see Sandra in "Daughter Love".

I appreciate the honor of receiving an autographed complimentary copy. Thank you so much.

Sincerely,  
Mildred Young