

Dear Son

I was a teacher
in the C. St Louis Ill
public schools from
Sept 1928 to Dec 31st, 1940
during which time
Martin Luther King attended
schools in that city.
The family also was in
Chillicothe Mo. when I
attended St Joseph's Academy
there. The school in which
I first taught, the Franklin
became a negro school
after I was transferred
from there. When I taught
there, I had John Fitzgerald
Kennedy, and some other
notables in my room,
also I taught Betty Oswald
there.

Some negro escapes

from Jordanland ran through
my bedroom one night
last winter. They were
E. St Louis men. One had
red scars on his head
and was very black. A
straight haired, light brown
skinned negro was with
them. He left the room,
came back again and threw
something or shot them.
I was fainting.

The day Martin Luther
King was killed, there
was a white mountain
lumber my fields I was
alone and frightened. Soon
I noticed a car or horse
trailer in the brush. A
man who looked like Eric
Salt got out. The lion
gang a den, had kettles,
watched the road awhile.
The man cleared his trailer

and went on. The lion
had what looked like an
old door stop doll. It looked
like a maimed person first
but after watching a few
minutes I saw it was
not.

Eric Salt, James H. Gray
and Richard Speck were
names of geniuses at the
Academy. also of people
at Sacred Heart Church in
E. St. Louis Ill.

Yours truly
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