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Lee Harvey Oswald Once Attended Public School Here As Pupil In The First Grade

Lee Harvey Oswald, 24-year-old accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy, once lived in Covington and first attended public school in this city.

Records show Oswald enrolled at Covington elementary school on Sept. 19, 1946 as a first grade pupil.

The records further indicate he "dropped out" on January 23, 1947 after attending one semester.

His record during that time was very good scholastically, but poor from an attendance standpoint. He had a B-plus average, but was absent eight school days after a late enrollment. He attended 68 days of classes.

Oswald made B-plus in writing, arithmetic and drawing, a B in conduct and a B in reading.

The old record card also shows Oswald was born in New Orleans Oct. 18, 1939. His address here was listed as 311 Vermont street.

Though his father is known to have died before his birth, the school record showed Oswald's mother here with him as Mrs. Marguerite Oswald.

The record was pulled from files of the St. Tammany parish school board after Mrs. Marie Blackwell said she recalled someone by a similar name who had been in the old Covington grammar school. The matter was checked and confirmed by Mrs. Alma McLain, executive secretary to the school board.

First grade school teachers at that time were Miss Hester Burns, Mrs. Myrtle Morgan and the late Mrs. Viola Galigher.

Mrs. Morgan and Miss Burns said they did not remember teaching Oswald.

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