Transcripts and Images Provided by Kidada Williams
Mr. Walter White

my dear Mr. White

This is to acknowledge and say that I received your much appreciated letter. I wish to say here the purpose for my writing you was I am looking around for a good Lawyer to bring a suit against the little o f Georgia for the lynching of my son at the age of 13 years old in the year 1922 18th day of May and I am sending to you for information first. The Crow tied a rope around my neck and also tied me to a stump and shot my wife almost to death. She has not been well from this time and kept me in jail for 21 months and eight days as my wife in jail for seven months.
I am now looking forward to bring matters to the State Court. Just as soon as possible or as soon as I can get some good lawyer to take care of it. I am getting old and mischievous, but I want the State to help me to carry this burden. Thanking you again what you have done for me and what you are going to do. Much hope on fast relief answersome respectfully yours,

[Signature]

Missouri, 1926
Letter from Gainer Atkins June 20, 1926

209 Taylor Ave
Camden, New Jersey
June 20, 1926

Mr. Walter White

My Dear Mr. White,

This is to acknowledge and say that I received your very much appreciated letter. I wish to say here the purpose for my writing you was I am looking around for a good lawyer to bring suit against the State of Georgia for the lynching of my son at the age of thirteen years old on the year 1922, 18th day of May.

And, I am sending to you for information... first the crowd tied a rope around my neck and also tied me to a stump and beat my wife almost to death. She has not been well from that time and [they] kept me in jail for 21 months and ... days and my wife in jail for seven months.

I am now looking forward to bring matter to the state court just as soon as possible or as soon as I can get some good lawyer to take [the] case up.

I am getting old and miss the support of my family and feel that the state should help me to bury this burden.

Thanking you [for] what you has done for me and what you are going to do. [I] wish have a favorable answer soon.

Respectfully Yours,
Gainer Atkins
The National A.D.A. For the A.

July 16-1926.

209 Taylor St., Camden, S.C.

Dear Sirs: I am writing you at last, in response to the letter you so kindly sent me some time ago, concerning what happened to my son, who I will tell you the facts in this case. I am a very old man, and have no right to speak of what happened. In May 1922, my son was lynched by a mob of white men. He was carrying U.S. mail on P.O. Route from Croom to Davidrod, Virginia. My son was thirteen years old at the time. His name was Charlie Atkins. He was lynched without any investigation by the murder of W. W. Johnson. My wife was kept in jail for a long time.
and I was kept in jail near two years. And it was said shortly after this hapen that a white man killed the woman and gave my boy her duty. That she carried the mail in to make it appear that my boy did the killing. Since my boy knew no better than to let this man give him this duty. Now this is all for this time, please let me hear from you by return mail, as I would like very much to hear from you as quick as possible.

Yours truly,

Gather Atkins
Letter from Gainer Atkins July 16, 1926

National A for the A of CP
69 Fifth Ave
New York

July 16, 1926

209 Taylor Street, Camden, New Jersey.

Dear Sirs

I [wrote] you some time ago, concerning what happen[ed] to me. Now I will tell you the facts in this case to the very best of my knowledge. In May 1922, in Washington County, State of Georgia, my boy was lynched for killing a white woman that was carrying US mail on Rxx route from X to Davisboro, Georgia. My boy was thirteen years old at the time. His name was Charlie Atkins. He was lynched without any investigation by the people of Washington and Johnson Counties.

And myself and my wife was beat near to death because it was said that my boy did the killing. My wife was kept in jail for a long time and I was, kept in jail near[ly two] years.

And it was said shortly after this happen that a white man killed the woman and gave my boy her auto, that she carried the mail in to make it appear that my boy did the killing since my boy knew no better than to let this man give him this auto. Now this is all for this time.

Please let me hear from you by return mail, as I would very much to hear from you as quick as possible.

Yours truly, Gainer Atkins.
July 26, 1926.

Mr. Guiner Atkins,
209 Taylor Street,
Camden, New Jersey.

My dear Mr. Atkins:

I have your letter of the 16th relative to the lynching of your son, and I am taking the matter up with well informed people in Georgia.

I will keep you advised of all developments.

Yours very truly,

WW/NOS

Assistant Secretary.
Camden N. Y.  
Sep 6 - 1926

Mr. Walter White, Assistant Sec.  
N. A. A. C. U. 69 Fifth Ave.  

Dear Sir:  

I have written Mr. Alexander concerning the case as you directed me to do, but I did not get very much satisfaction.

Out of his letter, so I thought, I would write to you again to see if you would write the High Sheriff of Washington County (Mr. White) 

also my lawyer, Mr. Will's.  

His address is Sandersville, Ga., Washington County.  

See if you can get any information from them, concerning this case.

I'm feeling older now.  I still feel the rest of my chills, also the rest of the time that these people cause me to feel suffer-
So I want to ask you to do all that you can for me. I feel many ways. This burdens my heart. So do all that you can for me. The loss of my child is worse than all the rest. I want to consult the government concerning the matter. I want to ask you to direct me as to just how to get at it and how to get at the matter. Mr. Evans, my lawyer, is the man that cleared my self and my self of this crime, but my child is gone. I suffer deeply. My wife suffered for a long time. I also myself. Rest, your, Edwin Atkins
Letter from Gainer Atkins September 7, 1926

September 7, 1926
Mr. Walter White
Assistant Secretary

I [wrote] Mr. Alexander concerning the case as you directed me to do. But I did not get very much satisfaction out of his letter so I thought I would write you again to see if you would write the high sheriff of Washington County GA, which is Ben English, Sheriff, and also my lawyer whose address is Sandersville, GA, Washington County. See if you can get any information from them concerning this case.

I’m getting older now, and feels the need of my child, and also the time that these people caused me to lose and suffer so I want to ask you to do all that you can for me. In good many ways, this burdens my heart so do all you can for me. The loss of my child is worse than all this...

I wants to consult the government concerning the matter and I wants to ask you to direct me as to just how to get at the matter. My lawyer, Mr. Evans is the man that cleared myself and my wife of this crime but my child is gone, he suffered death, my wife suffered for a long time also, and also myself. So answer soon.

Respectfully yours,

Gainer Atkins.