

Isaiah H. Lofton Historic Marker

- The Georgia Historical Society awarded Hogansville grant toward purchase and installation of an historic marker
- Former Hogansville Postmaster who survived what might have been an assassination attempt
- He later become a leader in the civil rights move
- Marker to be dedicated in September 2019 at West Main and Boozer Streets
- A pocket park and other amenities are being considered for that site

LOFTIN RESIGNS HIS OFFICE.

**Negro Postmaster of Hogansville, Ga.,
to Have a Place in Washington.**

ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 3.—J. H. Loftin, the negro Postmaster at Hogansville, who narrowly escaped assassination a few weeks ago, has resigned, and it is understood he will have a lucrative departmental position in Washington.

Though Loftin, at the risk of death, was willing to retain his position at Hogansville, the Federal authorities decided it was best to make a concession to the prejudice of the Hogansville citizens. Loftin is neither here nor in Hogansville, and is supposed to be in Washington preparing to enter upon his new duties.

The Republicans of the State fear that this step on the part of the President presages a revolution of his former attitude toward the South.

The citizens of Hogansville are jubilant over Loftin's resignation.

Proposed Marker Language

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Georgia Civil Rights Trail

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