## SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Nos. 1, 2, 4 and 10.—October Term, 1953.

Oliver Brown, et al., Appellants,

v.

1 Board of Education of Topeka, Shawnee County, Kansas, et al.

On Appeal From the United States District Court for the District of Kansas.

Harry Briggs, Jr., et al., Appellants, v.R. W. Elliott, et al.

On Appeal From the United States District Court for the Eastern District of South Carolina.

Dorothy E. Davis, et al., Appellants,

v.

County School Board of Prince Edward County, Virginia, et al.

On Appeal From the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.

Francis B. Gebhart, et al., Petitioners, 10 v. Ethel Louise Belton, et al.

On Writ of Certiorari to the Supreme Court of Delaware.

[May 17, 1954.]

Mr. CHIEF JUSTICE WARREN delivered the opinion of the Court.

These cases come to us from the States of Kansas, South Carolina, Virginia, and Delaware. They are premised on different facts and different local conditions,