

The BOOKER T. WASHINGTON Papers

Impress on the people the importance [of] *going to see* the R.R. officials, not merely talking among themselves. Yours Sincerely,

Booker T. Washington

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To Alexander Robert Stewart

Memphis, Tenn. May 14, 1914

Dear Mr. Stewart: I hope you will take up with Mr. Gerard at Huntington, the matter of seeing that the new house at Huntington is rented and kept rented. I do not want to lose the income on that house. I have signed the papers and sent them to Mr. Baylis. Yours very truly,

[Booker T. Washington]

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Extracts from an Address
before the National Conference
of Charities and Corrections

Memphis, Tenn. May 14, 1914

THE RURAL NEGRO IN THE SOUTH

Of the nearly 9,000,000 Negroes in the South, about 7,000,000, or 80 per cent, live in the rural districts. Of these 7,000,000 black people it is safe to say that more than 2,200,000 are actually working on farms as hired hands, or as independent farmers or croppers, as renters, or as independent owners. Included in this number are a great many girls and women, for it must be kept in mind that especially in the cotton-growing states it is a common thing for girls and women to work in the fields.

Despite all theory and academic discussion as to the value of the Negro in the economic life of the South, it is true in the cotton-growing