

ADDENDA

ington" Park, in honor of the greatest negro sentiment maker in the world. Have you any objection?² Respectfully yours,

Allen Allensworth,
Lieut-Colonel U.S.A.
Retired

TLS Con. 364 BTW Papers DLC.

¹ Allen Allensworth (1843-1914) spent only the last decade of his varied life in California. Born a slave in Louisville, Ky., he obtained his freedom in 1863 and entered the U.S. Navy for the remaining two years of the Civil War. He then gained some education, became a Freedmen's Bureau teacher, a jockey, and a Baptist minister in Kentucky. While he was pastor of the Union Baptist Church in Cincinnati, Grover Cleveland appointed him chaplain of the 24th U.S. Infantry regiment. He rose to the rank of lieutenant-colonel before retiring in 1906. Moving to California, he tried to form a self-sufficient all-black town in Tulare County, Calif. In 1910 the first of several hundred settlers arrived. A water shortage and lack of rail connections were crucial elements in the town's failure to survive. Another difficulty was that many blacks, particularly in Los Angeles, opposed the voluntary segregation feature of the town. The colonel also proposed establishment of an industrial school modeled on Tuskegee, but Los Angeles blacks identified with the Niagara Movement and the NAACP succeeded in preventing its establishment. After Allensworth's death the population dwindled until it became a ghost town. In the 1970s it became a state historical site and restoration efforts began. (Lapp, *Afro-Americans in California*, 34-35.)

² BTW replied that he had no objection to naming the park after him, and thanked Allensworth for thinking of him. (July 7, 1908, Con. 364, BTW Papers, DLC.)

To William Hayes Ward

[Tuskegee, Ala.] January 18, 1911

Personal.

My dear Sir: I send you herewith, in compliance with your request of January 13th, a short article covering the decision in the Alonzo Bailey case.¹ I hope that this statement may prove satisfactory to you.² Yours very truly,

Booker T. Washington

[*Enclosure*]

In April, 1908, Alonzo Bailey, a Negro of Montgomery, Alabama, was arrested and indicted before the grand jury for failure to complete