

*The BOOKER T. WASHINGTON Papers*

<sup>11</sup> Susan P. Harrold.

<sup>12</sup> Moses Pierce.

<sup>13</sup> Possibly Henry Bowen, listed in the 1870 census as a thirty-five-year-old mulatto, married with five children, working as a hostler.

<sup>14</sup> George Edward Brown of Boston was for twenty years a donor to Hampton Institute. He died early in 1894.

## A Circular Appealing for Donations

Tuskegee Normal School, Tuskegee, Ala. Feb. 13, '82

Dear Friend: The farm of one hundred acres which we contracted to buy for the School a few months ago, has been paid for, deeded to a Board of Trustees, and its cultivation begun. On the place are four small buildings which we thought at the time of purchase could be used to answer for school purposes for at least the first year, but the attendance being so much larger than we expected, we have been unable to use them in that way. For the present session we are kindly permitted by one of the church congregations in town, to use its house of worship and public school building. These buildings do not answer the purpose; besides we cannot trespass on their kindness another session. The attendance has averaged about eighty this session, and will doubtless be much larger next session. There is no alternative. *We must have a building.* We have plans for a building containing one large assembly room, six recitation rooms, library and reading room, office, boarding-hall in basement, and sleeping quarters for girls on attic floor. The cost of this building will be about \$3,000.

We want to lay the corner-stone of this building on the day of closing exercises of the present session (Thursday, March 30th). To get the foundation work in proper condition for laying the corner-stone will cost about \$300, which we are now making an effort to raise, and it is earnestly hoped that all friends who receive this circular will give us *something* towards laying the foundation of our first building.

B. T. Washington,  
Olivia A. Davidson,  
Jno. W. Cardwell

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