

The BOOKER T. WASHINGTON Papers

BTW's birthplace near Hale's Ford, Va. In 1880 Henry Clay Ferguson lived in Charleston, W.Va., with his mother, Mary Ferguson, and five brothers and sisters. He graduated from Hampton Institute in 1883, and for five years was farm manager at Tuskegee Institute. In 1888 he moved to Texas, where he became a landowner and taught agriculture at Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College.

⁵ Albert Howe.

⁶ W. C. Wilson.

To James Fowle Baldwin Marshall

Tuskegee, Ala. July 1 1883

Dear Gen'l: I want to speak about the \$100.00 due you. When we rec'd the \$200.00 from the Marquand Estate¹ I was not sure whether you would think us right in keeping any part of your loan any longer. My only excuse for doing so is this: I thought when I wrote you that I would be able to rent enough rooms for the boys next term. I now see that I can not do it and have decided to put a long common frame building near the woods. Mr McLeran² has let us have most of the lumber at less than half price so by using the \$100 I see my way clear to take care of the boys on the place next term. If we can use the money in this way I feel safe in promising its return by the middle of September.

I shall not invest it in the way mentioned until I hear from you.
Sincerely yours

B. T. Washington

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¹ The estate was that of Frederick Marquand (1799-1882), a Connecticut-born New York jeweler and merchant who retired at age forty to devote his life to philanthropy. His niece was the wife of Elbert B. Monroe, trustee of Hampton Institute. When BTW visited Southport, Conn., on his fund-raising trip following the 1881-82 school term, Marquand donated \$25; Monroe, \$25; and Mrs. Monroe, \$10. Marquand died July 14, 1882, leaving a large sum to education including a donation to Hampton. The \$200 to Tuskegee was among many small bequests.

² J. C. McLaren.