

The BOOKER T. WASHINGTON *Papers*
To Samuel Chapman Armstrong

Tuskegee, Ala., April 29 1884

Dear General: Matters are going reasonably well with us. The foundation for the new building has been dug out and the lumber has been contracted for and is being put on the ground. The carpenter is getting out the window casings and we are making brick by machine at the rate of about 6000 per day. As soon as we get a kiln burned the brick work on the building will begin.

The sickness of my wife caused me to have to leave Philadelphia when in the midst of success.

My point in writing this letter is to get your advice about holding a series of concerts during the summer at different watering places, in the North. Say let Mr. Hamilton lead a quartet or quintet of singers. To make it pay, the ground would have to be well mapped out.

I have spoken with Mr. Hamilton more fully on the subject and he has my ideas.

With the work once started on the building we don't want it to stop and I fear a crisis during the summer if something is not done. Faithfully yours

B. T. Washington

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The Inscription on the Tombstone
of Fanny Norton Smith Washington¹

[Tuskegee, Ala., May 4, 1884]

Fanny Norton Washington
d. May 4, 1884 Aged 26 years
Our Lord is risen
from the dead
Our Jesus is gone
up on high.

Tombstone in Tuskegee Institute Cemetery, Tuskegee, Ala.