

The BOOKER T. WASHINGTON Papers

A Recommendation from Robert Curtis Ogden

Philadelphia, March 19th 1885

It is with much pleasure that I commend Mr. Booker T. Washington, Principal of the State Normal School at Tuskegee Ala., to the confidence of any disposed to aid the Educational work for the colored people of the South. Mr. Washington possesses a sincere missionary spirit, his work has been prosecuted with singular energy modesty and discretion, the results attained fully justify all the aid thus far extended and give a proper basis for larger claims. The work of the Tuskegee School is founded upon a manual labor system and aims to create character while it provides education. It has the unanimous endorsement of the Faculty and Board of Trustees at Hampton.

Robert C. Ogden
Hampton Trustee in Philadelphia

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A Recommendation from
Samuel Chapman Armstrong¹

Hampton, Va., March 28 1885

This is to express my entire confidence in the bearer Mr. Booker T. Washington, Principal Tuskegee Normal School Alabama.

I have known him since he came as a student here in 1872 and regard his career as a most remarkable one, having arisen to a leading position today among the best men of his race.

I commend him heartily to the kindness and confidence of all and regard his school as second to none among those for the colored people.

S. C. Armstrong

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¹ Armstrong recommended BTW about once a year. On July 16, 1884, Armstrong called BTW "the leading colored man today in the state of Alabama." On Mar. 1, 1886, Armstrong wrote to the oil millionaire Charles Pratt that BTW was "a noble, able, level headed colored man. He has 'sanctified common sense'