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U.S. Army veteran, served as a Confederate lieutenant general under Stonewall Jackson. Late in the war he commanded the defense of Richmond.

<sup>2</sup> Hopkins's *Outline Study of Man* (1873) was a popularization of its author's conservative theological and metaphysical concepts, an answer to Darwinism.

<sup>3</sup> Probably a reference to the Civil Rights Act of Mar. 1, 1875.

<sup>4</sup> Almost certainly John Wheeler Harding, who regularly reported on Hampton and later Tuskegee for the *Springfield Republican*.

## A Certificate of Achievement from Hampton Institute

[Hampton, Va., June 10, 1875]

HAMPTON NORMAL AND AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE

[Picture]

HAMPTON, VIRGINIA

The Trustees and Officers of the HAMPTON NORMAL AND AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE hereby certify that *Booker T. Washington* has completed, with credit, a 3 years' course of instruction in this Institution, and they hereby recommend *him* as competent to teach a *Graded* school.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the undersigned have affixed our signatures, this *10th* day of *June* 1875.

*Geo. Whipple* PRESIDENT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

*S. C. Armstrong* PRINCIPAL

PDS "The Oaks" (former residence of BTW), Tuskegee Institute.

### From Samuel Chapman Armstrong

[Hampton, Va.] Feb 12 [187]7

Dear Washington Yours of the 6th is recd.

I have no agreement of any kind among my papers in regard to making John & Fannie Smith<sup>1</sup> exceptions to the School rule. I made the offer that you referred to but I had no means of knowing that