

The BOOKER T. WASHINGTON Papers

thing to do, as done here. This year Mr. Booker Washington of Malden, W.Va., a graduate in the class of 1875, and a teacher of his own race since he left Hampton, was the speaker. His subject was, The Force that Wins, and his address was an earnest appeal to his colored hearers to believe in patient, unostentatious, consecrated labor in their efforts to help their race. Mr. Washington is a remarkable man. There are some graduates of Yale or Harvard, of four years' standing, who can write a better address than his, but they are not very many. Fewer yet are they who manifest such dignified ease upon a public platform, and hold so mixed an audience in such close attention. The Institute that can develop such a man, and send him out, may well take credit to itself for doing good work." (*Congressionalist*, 31 [May 28, 1879], 169.)

From Samuel Chapman Armstrong

[Hampton, Va.] July 1 [187]9

Dear Washington, Yours of the 16th is received.

Your claim is fair. I will allow you \$25.00 per month¹ for your services here as teacher and assistant in study hour & other duty that may be assigned you. Yours very truly.

S. C. Armstrong

If you know a very capable & deserving but poor student who wishes to come he can come.²

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¹ BTW's financial account for his two years on Hampton's faculty is recorded in the Hampton Institute Ledger, 1879-80, and the Hampton Institute Journal C, 1879-81. Though many of the entries are cryptic, the records do indicate that his salary was paid quarterly, and that it was raised to \$30 per month for his second year. From this he made regular board payments, amounting to some \$13 a month in his second year. In addition he made substantial contributions to the student account of his adopted brother James during 1879-80, \$24.65 in December and \$33.48 in March, and a small contribution to the account of his future first wife, Fanny Smith. By his second year he was apparently able to build a savings account. Two large transfers from BTW's account to the Home Savings Bank are recorded for 1881, \$129.44 in June and \$200 in July. (See "Officers and Teachers" Ledger Book, 170-71, and Journal C, especially pp. 33, 139, 213, 244, 264, Business Office Vault, ViHaI.)

² BTW induced several of his pupils to go to Hampton. In addition to James Washington and Fanny Smith, his brother John also attended. According to Dr. Samuel E. Courtney, a prominent Boston physician who grew up in Malden, six of BTW's Malden students attended Hampton. "We were known as Booker Washington's boys," he recalled. (Interview in *Boston Journal*, Mar. 29, 1896, clipping in Con. 6, BTW Papers, DLC.)