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children. By this mail I send you some pamphlets which will give you an idea of this institution. She had more to do with the founding of this institution than any one else. I shall write to Mr. Clark to-day regarding the graves at Hernando. Yours truly,

Booker T. Washington

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¹ H[enry] Bell apparently had been a pupil of Lizzie (Martha L.?) Davidson when she taught in Hernando, Miss. (See Mary A. Elliott to BTW, Oct. 24, 1892, below.) A Henry Bell was reported in Hernando in the 1870 census. He was a black farm laborer, age twenty-seven.

To Emily Howland

Tuskegee, Ala., Sept 29 1892

Dear Miss Howland: I hope you will not misunderstand my note which left here yesterday. Your letter of the 24 with your check for \$200 came today and we are so very grateful for your generous gift. Some how Sept usually seems the hardest month for us financially.

This is an exceptionally hard year in the South. There not much over a half of cotton crop made and the price is exceedingly low. The masses are in debt and there will be much suffering this winter.

Notwithstanding this the colored people seem determined to secure an education and our school is more than full.

I thank you very much for your suggestion about putting some thing in the Register.

We shall be glad to use your gift as you direct, and it will do much good. The weather is very pleasant here just now. At some time I hope that you can come to see us again.

It may interest you to know that Miss Murray and I are to be married Oct 12. In this way both [of] us think that we can be more valuable to the cause to which we have dedicated our lives. Sincerely yours

Booker T. Washington

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