

The BOOKER T. WASHINGTON Papers

brothers out there will you please find out if he has been out there and let me know at once, or would I be asking too much to ask you catch him for me if he is out there. I am sure that he has either run there or will be there tonight. Very Respect

W W. Thompson
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¹ William Watson Thompson, born about 1863, was the younger brother of Charles Winston Thompson and the elder brother of Joseph O. Thompson of Tuskegee. As a youth he was a clerk in a store, perhaps that of his father, W. P. Thompson. He was for a time sheriff of Macon County. He owned a large plantation near Tuskegee, and bought and sold farmland in several surrounding counties.

From Warren Logan

Tuskegee, Ala., Apr. 10 1893

Dear Mr Washington I have received all of yours but have been too busy to write in acknowledgment. Several days ago I sent names of N.Y. people who have given in your absence. Trust you have received the list.

It has turned out that the men charged with rape on Mrs Cox are innocent — and that the guilty ones are Robt Alexander and Pugh's two boys.¹ They have made a confession of the whole matter. The feeling against them is running very high and it is not unlikely that they will be lynched. We rather expected the mob Sat. night and stayed up until late but it did not come.² The sheriff took the boys out of jail and secreted them somewhere Sat. night and Sunday. They will be charged if they are not lynched. It is a terrible affair in all of its aspects. Yours Sincerely

Warren Logan

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¹ The crime took place at Big Hungry, about seven miles west of Tuskegee.

² The threat of mob action apparently lingered over the town for weeks, for on May 3, 1893, "A Colored Citizen" wrote an anonymous letter to the *Tuskegee News*:

"In these days when we hear so many reports of mob law on every hand, it is a relief to know that there is at least one place in which the people stand man-