

The BOOKER T. WASHINGTON Papers

¹ Daniel Webster Bythewood was born in Madison, Fla., in 1865 and moved with his family to Beaufort, S.C. He graduated from Lincoln University in 1889 and received an S.T.B. degree there in 1892. For the next two years Bythewood taught at Beaufort High School and then became superintendent. For many years, beginning in 1897, he was pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church of Beaufort, preaching that blacks would only progress when accorded full civil rights.

² Abbie H. Christensen probably moved to Beaufort, S.C., from Brookline, Mass., in 1896.

To Margaret James Murray Washington

[Tuskegee, Ala.] March 5, 1898

Mrs. B. T. Washington: In my efforts to get funds for the support of the school this year, it occurs to me that perhaps some of the teachers might count it a privilege to make a contribution towards the support of the school. If you can see your way clear to help in this way, I shall be glad of anything that you can contribute. Yours truly,

Booker T. Washington

TLS Con. 15 BTW Papers ATT. Original destroyed. Margaret Washington wrote on the letter: "Mr. Logan, Will you please take \$5.00 five dollars from my acc. for this. Mrs. W. Mch. 10-98."

To William Jenkins

[Tuskegee, Ala.] Mar. 6, 1898

Mr. Jenkins: After giving the matter the most thorough consideration, the six teachers who have had the matter in charge — all of whom are your personal and official friends — are unanimous in the decision that owing to the charges brought against you by two girl students and the evidence found to sustain these charges, that it would not be best for you nor for the school for you to longer remain connected with it.¹

In informing you of this decision I think I am safe in saying that it is the most painful duty that I have been called upon to perform during my connection with the institution.

I have never had one whom I considered a more reliable and close