

*The BOOKER T. WASHINGTON Papers*  
From Libbie Victoria Jennings<sup>1</sup>

Los Angeles Calif. March 31, 1902

Dear Sir: I write to you, to ask why you call us, the colored race, negroes.

If a man is from England, he is a Englishman, and if he come from Italy he is a Italian, if he come from Africa, he should by right be called Afro-American.

You are called one of our best educate men, and do you call yourself a negro? you should teach the young one of the race that their are Afro-American.

Webster does not call white childrem, black childrem, but he call us negroes, and he knows it is not right, and so do you I write this as I have read two of [your] books and see where you have said negroes. Your

Libbie Victoria Jennings

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From Alonzo Homer Kenniebrew

Tuskegee, Ala. 4-1, 02

Mr B. T. Washington I wish to submit the fol. report of the hygienic condition of the School.

Since my last report we have had Eight cases of Pneumonia and I am glad to say, only one death, which [was] due to exhaustion as the patient had twice before had the disease, therefore was almost impossible to recover. But even then he recovered enough to have caused me to think that he was out [of] danger and began sitting up — when suddenly his strength failed.

At this writing we have on[e] case of double Pneumonia (3-18) but is getting along remarkably well.

The morning of the 25th inst — Micheal a cuban was found dead in his room [in] O. Davidson Hall. The examination after death