

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTIETH ANNUAL FARMERS CONFERENCE



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FEBRUARY 16-17, 2012



TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY
Cooperative Extension Program

**"Celebrating 120 Years of Service to Farmers and Rural
Communities: Building a Stronger Foundation for the Future"**

2012 Merit Farm Family Award



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The first Farmers Conference was held at Tuskegee University on February 23, 1892. The purpose was to arouse public sentiment among the farmers and create a real interest in the common, mundane and practical affairs of life. The morning was spent identifying problems, while the afternoon portion of the conference focused on solutions. Today, this conference's main focus is still on the problems and solutions for small-scale farmers, landowners, and their communities in managing change in agriculture.

The objectives for this year are to (1) share up-to-date and evidence-based information relevant to small-scale farmers and landowners involved in production of traditional and alternative agricultural products; (2) create awareness about family health, nutritional challenges, and existing resources for rural families and (3) strengthen networks and partnerships that address problems of small-scale agriculture and rural communities with respect to local, national and global markets.



FARMERS CONFERENCE

120TH ANNUAL FARMERS CONFERENCE

Theme: Celebrating 120 Years of Service to Farmers and Rural Communities:
Building a Stronger Foundation for the Future

Thursday, February 16, 2012

Time	Event	Location
8:00-11:00am	Exhibit & Vendor Setup	Foyer
	Annual Meeting- TUCEP Advisory Council Meeting	Meeting Room F & G
10:00am-5:00pm	Conference Registration	
9:00-11:00am	Health Fair/Skegee Fit	TBA
Noon-2:30pm	Opening Luncheon Session	The Ballroom
	Celebrating Living Legends in Agriculture in the Black Belt Region	
2:30-3:00pm	Break	Foyer
3:00-4:30pm	Concurrent Session I: A. Selling Purple Hull Peas, and Collard Greens to Walmart & Other Commercial Markets B. USDA/FSA: Preparation of Farm Plans C. Bee Keeping: Everything You Need to Know About Honey Bees D. Small Farm Survival Strategies for Selling to Commercial Markets: Record-keeping and Payments for Small Farmers E. Cooperative Development: Taking it to the Next Level Part I	Meeting Room D Meeting Room E Meeting Room A Meeting Room F & G Meeting Room B
4:30-4:45pm	Break	Foyer
4:45-6:00pm	Concurrent Session II: A. How to Start and Sustain a Successful Community garden Project B. Increasing Your Profits by Growing Sweet Potatoes and Containerized Blueberries C. Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program D. Tax Tips for Small Farmers & Community Based Organizations	Meeting Room B Meeting Room F & G Meeting Room A Meeting Room D & E
6:00 -7:00pm	Marketing and Value Added Tasting Reception	Atrium
7:15-8:30pm	T.M. Campbell Memorial Banquet	Ballroom
Friday, February 17, 2012		
6:00-6:30am	Skegee Fit	
7:30-8:00am	Breakfast Buffet & General Session	Ballroom
7:30 - Noon	Conference Registration	
8:00-9:15am	Concurrent Sessions III: Understanding Our Past & Planning for the Future A. USDA Program Delivery & The Small Limited Resource Farmer B. Marketing: Challenges and Opportunities for the Small Farmer C. Role of the Historically Black University (Cooperative Extension and Research) and Small, Limited-Resource Farmers D. Cooperative Development in Alabama: Planning for the Black Belt Family Farm Fruit and Vegetable Marketing and Innovation Center	Meeting Room F & G Meeting Room D & E Meeting Room B Meeting Room A
9:15-9:30am	Break	Foyer
9:30am -Noon	Tours and Concurrent Sessions IV Tour #1 USDA On-Farm Programs At Work: Irrigation, Processing Facilities, Plasticulture, Hoop Houses, & Others On Farm Demonstrations Tour #2 Tuskegee University Goat Farm Tour #3 Whippoorwill Vineyards A. USDA/FSA: Preparation of Farm Plans Concurrent Workshop B. Enterprise Opportunities in Beef Cattle Production: Grass Fed Beef C. Agricultural Youth Leadership Forum	AL Hooks Farm TU Goat Farm Notasulga, AL Meeting Room D & E Meeting Room F & G Auditorium
Noon-1:45pm	Merit Family Luncheon	Ballroom
2:00-4:00pm	Concurrent Sessions V A. Black Farmers Lawsuit Update	Meeting Rooms D & E

AT-A-GLANCE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2012

**8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Exhibit, Poster, and Vendor Set-up
(Foyer)**

**8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Annual State Advisory Council Meeting
(Meeting Rooms F & G)**

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Health Fair

**10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Conference Registration
(Registration Desk)**

**Noon - 2:30 p.m. 120th Opening Luncheon Celebration
(Ballroom)**

Celebrating 120 Years - Honoring Living Legends

Moderator: Walter Hill, Extension Administrator
Invocation
Welcome & Perspectives

Introduction of the Living Legends: Rhonda Benton, Bullock County, Alabama
Living Legends:

Ozolla Eixhelberger, Louisville, MS
Omerio Dotson, Louisville, MS
Socrates Harper, Macon County, AL
S. H. Settler, Macon County, AL
Fred Bennett, Butler County, AL
Robert Bennett, Butler County, AL
Carl Moore, Macon County, AL

2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Break (Auditorium Foyer)

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Concurrent Session I

A. Selling Purple Hull Peas, Watermelons & Collard Greens to Walmart and Commercial Markets (Meeting Room D)

Facilitator: George Hunter, Tuskegee University

Speaker: Miles Robinson, Tuskegee University

This session will provide information on the Walmart Heritage Agricultural Project and other markets. Participants will hear about the 2011 season and plans for the season.

B. USDA Farm Service Agency: Preparation for Farm Plans (Meeting Room E)

Facilitator: Bobby England, Tuskegee University

Speaker: Anthony McCarthy, Farm Service Agency

SCHEDULE

**C. Bee Keeping : Everything You Need to Know About Honey Bees
(Meeting Rooms F & G)**

Facilitator: Alphonso Elliott, Tuskegee University

Speaker: Leon Crump, South Carolina

There are many reasons to keep honey bees. Crops grown on farms and gardens benefit from bee pollination. They respond to bee visits with increase "yields and increase" fruit sizes and quality. This hands-on demonstration workshop will provide answers to all your questions from how to get started to how to manage your hive.

**D. Small Farm Survival Strategies for Selling to Commercial Markets: Record Keeping, Business Planning, and Processing Payments
(Meeting Room A)**

Facilitator: Gwen Harris, Tuskegee University

Speaker: Tehran Jewell, Kentucky State University

Selling to commercial markets does not depend solely on producing a good crop. Farmers must also become expert business managers. This workshop will focus on cooperative recordkeeping, business planning, and processing payments.

**E. Cooperative Development: Taking it to the Next Level Part I
(Meeting Room B)**

Facilitator: Alfred Jackson, Tuskegee University

Speaker: Melbah Smith, Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund

Cooperative marketing is the key to enhancing your profits and capturing bigger markets. Representatives from successful farmer cooperatives will discuss how they have minimized their risk, built strong mutually beneficial relationships, and energized their cooperatives by working together.

4:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. Break (Foyer)

4:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Concurrent Session II

**A. How to Start and Sustain a Successful Community Garden Project
(Meeting Room B)**

Facilitator: Gary Walton, Tuskegee University

Speaker: Ama Shambulia, Urban Ministries

This session will highlight one of the most successful community gardens in Birmingham - WE Gardens. WE Gardens produces organic vegetables and fruits that are sold at local markets; therefore providing access to fresh, healthy food in a food desert. You will hear their story and how you can start your own community garden in your area.

**B: Increasing Your Profits by Growing Sweet Potatoes and Containerized Blueberries
(Meeting Rooms F & G)**

Facilitator: Decetti Taylor, Tuskegee University

Speaker: Casey Cox, Arkansas

Josie Gbadamosi, Tuskegee, AL

Wyatt Oates, Headland, AL

Hear from three small farmers who are increasing their profits by penetrating alternative markets such as Bright Harvest Sweet Potato Company.

**C: Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program
(Meeting Room A)**

Facilitator: Walter Baldwin, Tuskegee University

Speaker: Vickie Lane, Farm Service Agency

This workshop will provide a brief overview regarding NAP eligibility requirements. Farmers will learn how payments are calculated using scenarios based on actual figures. In addition, the benefits received versus cost of NAP will be discussed. This workshop will also provide insight into how NAP impacts the overall farming operation.

**Session D: Tax Tips for Small Farmers and Community Based Organizations
(Meeting Rooms D & E)**

Facilitator: Leslie Clark, Tuskegee University

Speaker: Roosevelt Goldsby, Selma, AL

Learn about tax deductions, the benefits of itemizing your tax returns and steps to take to save money in 2012 from an expert tax consultant.

**6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Marketing and Value Added Tasting
Reception (Atrium)**

The 2012 Valued Added Tasting Reception will showcase mouthwatering products from small farmers. Please join us in the Atrium for this rich, culinary experience.

7:15 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. T. M. Campbell Banquet

The banquet honors the legacy of Thomas Monroe Campbell, who was appointed the first field demonstration agent in the United States. This prompted the beginning of Extension as we know it today.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2012

7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Breakfast Buffet and General Session

Overview of Selected Tuskegee University Programs for Small Farmers

8:00 a.m. - Noon Conference Registration

8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. Concurrent Session III

SESSIONS

2012 Merit Farm



Jerome Grandison is a resident of Lowndes County, Alabama. He was introduced to farming at an early age by his parents in the Calhoun area. Grandison's first farming experience started at an early age doing various chores on their family 40-acre beef cattle farm. His farming experience would remain with him for many years. As his interest grew, Grandison set his goal that one day he would own his own farm.

After completing high school, Grandison worked on various construction jobs. Several years later Grandison formed his own construction company – Grandison Home Builders. After working in this capacity for several years, he decided to expand his business. He opened two stores

– a Building Supply and Hardware store in Hayneville and a Convenience Store in the Mosses community. During this era, Grandison built a number of homes in Lowndes and surrounding counties. These business ventures proved to be profitable.

In 1993, Grandison decided to make farm investments. He began purchasing land in the Beachwood/Gordonville area of Lowndes County, Alabama. At this point, he purchased eight heads of brood cows and a bull. He continued to work construction jobs and his farming interest continued to grow.

Grandison's farming operation has grown into some 850 acres of land. Approximately 350 acres of his land is in timber. He man-

Family Award



ages his farm for multiple uses – livestock production, hay production, wildlife (which he leases for hunting) and recreation. He constructed an 18-acre lake for fishing and livestock watering.

Today, Grandison's farming enterprise consists of 100+ productive brood cows, five herd bulls and all the necessary equipment to manage and maintain a successful farm operation. He produces and harvests his own hay to assist with winter feeding. When asked about his future goals, Grandison stated the he would like to continue to develop his farming operation so that he could receive the maximum return from it.

Grandison has been a participant of the Cooperative Extension Program for some

years. He used recommendations from County Agents in Lowndes County and other USDA agencies to improve his farming operation. He believes in soil testing and proper management practices for his cattle herd, hunting land and fish pond management.

Grandison is the father of five children – four boys and one girl. He is a member of the New Hope Christian Church in Calhoun, Alabama. Grandison summarized by saying he is proud of his operation and would not dream of selling.

**A: USDA Program Delivery and the Small Limited Resource Farmer
(Meeting Rooms F & G)**

Facilitator: Rhonda Benton, Rhema Ranch

Notetaker: Jazmine Morgan, RMA Small Farmers Consultant

This session will allow farmers to discuss why they have not participated in government programs. It will also identify what are some of the problems in USDA field offices and the disconnect between small farmers and staff in USDA offices. The goal is to find solutions so that small farmers get the maximum benefits from government programs.

**B: Marketing: Challenges and Opportunities for the Small Farmers
(Meeting Rooms D & E)**

Facilitator: Melbah Smith, Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund

Notetaker: Andre Barbour, Barbour Farms

Finding a good, reliable market is difficult for small farmers in the Black Belt. In this session, farmers will discuss: (1) marketing challenges that they have faced in the past, (2) how they have overcome those problems, (3) how they are preparing for the future, and (4) creative marketing strategies that are being implemented in the South to increase profits.

**C: Role of the Historically Black University (Cooperative Extension and Research) and Small, Limited-Resource Farmers
(Meeting Room B)**

Facilitator: Doris Hargrove-Eaves, Tuskegee University

Notetaker: Ora Carpenter, North Delta Produce Growers

This session will provide an opportunity for small farmers to outline their extension and research needs from historically, land-grant universities. This is a great opportunity for your voice to be heard and for us to strengthen our partnership and plan for the future.

**D: Cooperative Development in Alabama: Planning for the Black Belt Family Farm Fruit and Vegetable Marketing and Innovation Center
(Meeting Room A)**

Facilitator: John Brown, Selma/Dallas County Small Farmers Association

Notetaker: Mya Cook, Federation of Southern Cooperatives

This session will address these three primary questions: (1) What are the good aspects of a cooperative based on your experience? (2) What are the bad aspects of a cooperative based on your experience? (3) How should the Black Belt Family Farm Fruit and Vegetable Marketing and Innovation Center Cooperative be organized?

9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Break (Foyer)

9:30 a.m. – Noon Tours & Concurrent Sessions IV

**Buses will depart promptly from the Kellogg Conference Center
Entrance at 9:30 a.m.**

Tour #1: Al Hooks Farms (USDA On-Farm Programs at Work: Irrigation, Processing Facilities, Plasticulture, Hoop Houses, and Other On-Farm Demonstrations)

Farmers: Al & Demetrius Hooks

USDA NRCS: Bill Puckett, Steve Musser, and John Curtis

USDA FSA: Anthony McCarty & Danielle Robinson

Demonstration sites have been established at various farms through USDA sources. This tour will show the process and advantages of using a variety of methods.

#1 Guide: Miles Robinson, Tuskegee University

Tour #2: Tuskegee University Goat Farm

Participants will have the opportunity to receive hands on training at the Tuskegee University goat farm. Participants will learn everything they need to know about goats. This tour is limited to the first 25 participants.

#2 Guides: Alfred Jackson & Olga Bolden-Tiller, Tuskegee University

Tour #3: Whippoorwill Vineyards

Whippoorwill Vineyards is a family owned and operated farm winery located in Notasulga, Alabama. Whippoorwill Vineyards wines are made from 100% sun ripened muscadines and scuppernongs. The business has been in operation since 2005. Participants will have an opportunity to tour this facility, meet with the operators, and taste their wines.

#3 Guide: Gwen Johnson, Tuskegee University

CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSIONS

A. USDA Farm Service: Preparation for Farm Plans & One-on-One Assistance

(Meeting Rooms D & E)

USDA Representative: Anthony McCarthy
Bobby England & Audrey Ziegler, Tuskegee University

**B. Grass-fed Beef Value Chain Exploration Workshop
(Meeting Rooms F & G)**

Amadou Diop, National Wildlife Federation

The demand for grass-fed beef is continuing to grow in the Southeast. Workshop participants will learn how to finish beef on grass and some cost effective management practices for growing forages and raising cattle in a sustainable system such as silvopasture.

C. Agricultural Youth Leadership Forum (Auditorium)

Summer Programs at Tuskegee University
How do I Become a Golden Tiger?
What is MANRRS?
How do I Pay for College?
Combining Agricultural, Science, Math & Music

SESSIONS

**Noon – 1:45 p.m. 120th Merit Family Farm Celebration
(Ballroom)**

Presiding: Gwendolyn Lewis, U.S. Forest Service
Celebration of Past Merit Farmers & Farm Families Honorees

William Hodge

Welcome & Remarks: President Gilbert Rochon

Invocation: John Brown

Musical Selection

Lunch

Next Generation of Farmers: Our Shining Stars in Agriculture:

Donald Carter, Jr., Lowndes County, AL

Jarel Fryer, Barbour County, AL

Trent Woodley, Jr., Lowndes County, AL

George Hunter, III, Lowndes County, AL

Santasia Taylor, Barbour County, AL

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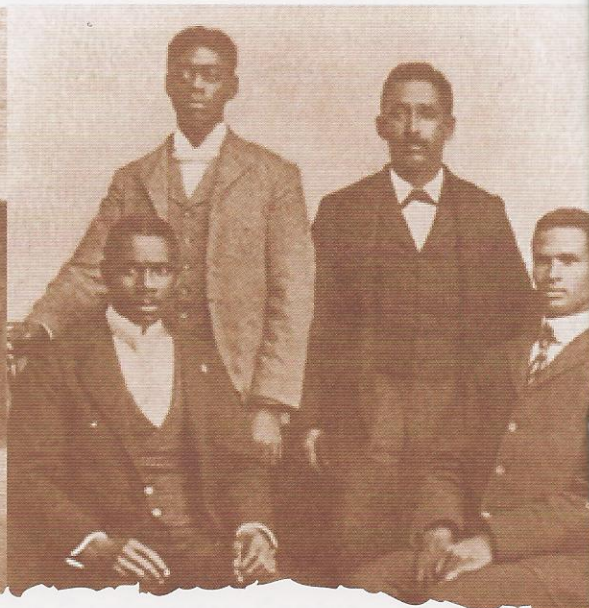
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Concurrent Session V

A. Black Farmers Lawsuit Update (Meeting Room D & E)

Facilitator: Miles Robinson, Tuskegee University

Discussants: Connie Tucker & John Zippert, Federation of Southern Cooperatives

The workshop will offer claimants information about who qualifies in the lawsuit and about the claims process itself. Those attending will be informed about the claim form and to better understand what is needed to provide a narrative about the discrimination they experienced at USDA. The workshop will demonstrate how to prepare a winning claim so claimants can get it right before they see an attorney. There is no right of appeal, thus no room for error. Farmers are encouraged to bring the persons helping them with their claims to the workshop.



LIVING LEGENDS IN AGRICULTURE

**Bennett, Fred
Butler County, AL**

**Bennett, Robert
Butler County, AL**

**Dotson, Omerio
Louisville, MS**

**Eixhelberger, Ozolla
Louisville, MS**

**Harper, Socrates
Macon County, AL**

**Moore, Carl
Macon County, AL**

**Settler, S. H.
Macon County, AL**

NEXT GENERATIONS OF FARMERS: OUR SHINING STARS IN AGRICULTURE

**Carter, Donald, Jr.
Lowndes County, AL**

**Fryer, Jarel
Barbour County, AL**

**Hunter, George III
Lowndes County, AL**

**Taylor, Santasia
Barbour County, AL**

**Woodley, Trent, Jr.
Lowndes County, AL**

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 2501 Program
 Health Fair
 Skegee Fit
 Master Goat Program

Walter Hill, Chair

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Addendum

**Conference Hymn Sung
And the Conference Creed Repeated
at the Opening Luncheon
February 16, 2012**

Conference Hymn

Am I a Soldier of the Cross?

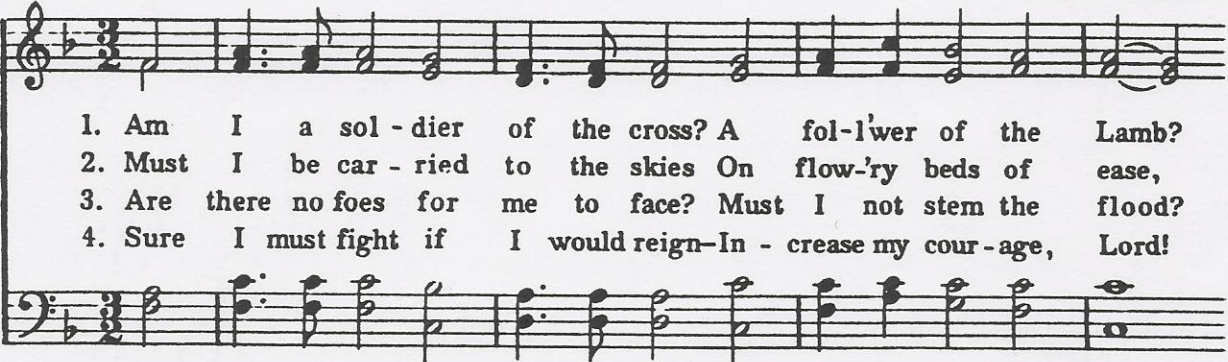
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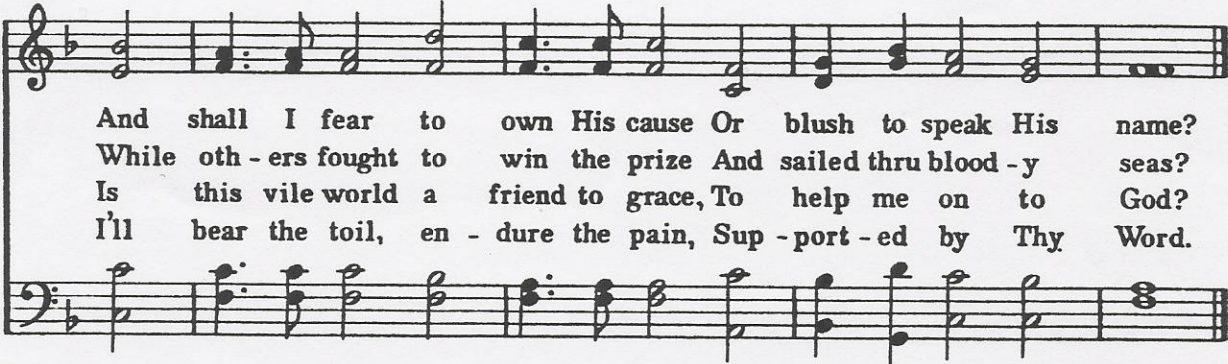
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1. Am I a sol-dier of the cross? A fol-l'wer of the Lamb?
2. Must I be car-ried to the skies On flow-ry beds of ease,
3. Are there no foes for me to face? Must I not stem the flood?
4. Sure I must fight if I would reign-In - crease my cour-age, Lord!



And shall I fear to own His cause Or blush to speak His name?
While oth-ers fought to win the prize And sailed thru blood-y seas?
Is this vile world a friend to grace, To help me on to God?
I'll bear the toil, en - dure the pain, Sup - port - ed by Thy Word.

Source: African American Heritage Hymnal

**120th TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY FARMERS CONFERENCE
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Cover Page

1. Background **"Showing Some of the Teams of Farmers Attending the Annual Tuskegee Negro Conference."** In Emmett J. Scott and Lyman Beecher Stowe. *Booker T. Washington: Builder of a Civilization*, by New York: Doubleday, Page & Company, 1916, p. 58.
"The Negro has within him immense power for self-uplifting, but for years it will be necessary to guide him and stimulate his energies. The recognition of this power led us to organise...what is known as the Tuskegee Negro Conference, —a gathering that meets every February, and is composed of about eight hundred representatives, coloured men and women, from all sections of the Black Belt. They come in ox-carts, mule-carts, buggies, on muleback and horseback, on foot, by railroad. Some travel all night in order to be present. The matters considered at the conference are those that the coloured people have it in their power to control, —such as the evils of the mortgage system, the one-room cabin, buying on credit, the importance of owning a home and of putting money in the bank, how to build school-houses and prolong the school term, and to improve their moral and religious condition." Booker T. Washington, *Up From Slavery*, 1901, (reprint, New York: Penguin Books, 1986), p. 118
2. **"Porter Hall."** In L. Albert Scipio, II, *Pre-War Days at Tuskegee. Historical Essay on Tuskegee Institute (1881-1943)*. Roman Publications, Silver Spring, MD, 1987, p. 30.
The first venue of the Tuskegee Negro Conference, 1892 – 1896, Porter Hall was the first building on campus. Named for Mr. A. H. Porter, a donor, it was constructed in 1882 partly by student labor.
Porter Hall information: Rev. Anson Phelps Stokes, *Tuskegee Institute the First Fifty Years*, Tuskegee Institute Press, 1931, p. 20; and Warren Logan, "Resources and Material Equipment," in *Tuskegee and Its People: Their Ideals and Achievements*, Booker T. Washington, ed., New York: Negro Universities Press, 1969 [Originally, D. Appleton and Co., 1905], pp. 37-38.
3. **"Interior of the Tuskegee Chapel with the Farmers' Conference in Session."** In Max Bennett Thrasher, *Tuskegee, Its Story and Its Work*, Negro Universities Press, NY, 1969 [Originally, Small, Maynard & Company, Boston. 1901].
The third venue of the Tuskegee Negro Conference, the Tuskegee Institute Chapel was constructed from donations from Misses Olivia and Caroline Phelps-Stokes of New York. As Booker T. Washington commented at its inaugural Negro Conference in 1899: "We are glad to welcome you to the new chapel. I might tell you that we owe this chapel largely to you. A friend who was here some years ago saw our crowded condition in the old Pavilion said we needed a larger place to meet in. She went home and decided to help us build this Chapel so it is your gift. "The Negro Conference." *The Montgomery Advertiser*, February 23, 1899, p. 7.
4. **"A Quartet of Sisters."** In Max Bennett Thrasher, 1969/1901,
5. **"Conference Delegates."** In Max Bennett Thrasher, 1969/1901.

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1. **"Slater-Armstrong Memorial Trades Building."** Occasional venue of the Tuskegee Negro Conference, the Slater-Armstrong Memorial Building (Boy's Trades Building) was where the mechanical shops were moved. L. Albert Scipio, 1987, p. 51, 141.
2. **"Porter Hall."**
3. **"This old woman was a regular attendant at the Tuskegee Negro Conference."** Max Bennett Thrasher, 1969/1901.
4. **"Delegates Assembling for the Farmers Conference."** Max Bennett Thrasher, 1969/1901.

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1. **"The Pavilion."** L. Albert Scipio, II, p. 38. The second venue of the Tuskegee Negro Conference, the chapel in Porter Hall soon became inadequate for public gatherings so a rude, long low, wooden structure called "The Pavilion" was constructed. Built of rough timber and partly covered by wide spreading branches of some mulberry trees, it was used for religious services and other public exercises.
2. **"An instructor and three graduates of Tuskegee Institute. These men have gone to Africa, under the auspices of the German government, to teach cotton-raising to the natives of Togoland. Ancestors of two of these men came from this part of Africa (l to r: Shepherd L. Harris, John W. Robinson, James N. Calloway, Allen L. Burks)."** *Outlook*, 67 Jan 5, 1901.

THE CREED

... we reaffirm our faith in the creed—enunciated by the founder of this Conference, Dr. Booker T. Washington—which we hold fundamental in the salvation of the Negro farmer.

We believe in land ownership as a basis for self respect and the respect of our community and for racial advancement.

We believe in land improvement by more intelligent methods of farming; by rotation of crops and by terracing; by planting crops that build up the soil.

We believe in diversification, in raising livestock, dairy cows, beef cattle, hogs, chickens, turkeys, and other poultry.

We believe in raising food for ourselves and feed for our stock, living at home and boarding at the same place.

We believe in a wholesome home life, in good churches and in an inspiring church life.

We believe in a helpful, healthful, happy community life and that the school and the church and other community associations should furnish a program to meet these ever changing and increasing needs.

We believe in fostering good will by worthy citizenship, by being law abiding and upstanding, by being producers as well as consumers.

The Tuskegee Messenger, December 14-28, 1929