

Correspondence About George Washington Carver 8/6/1/8-38

11/10/1942 EEV to Paul Wellman, Kansas City Star. May we have a copy of your recent article on GWC? (Carbon)

1/6/1943 EEV to President F.D. Patterson, Tuskegee Institute. SC extends deepest sympathy over the death of GWC. He was Simpson's most illustrious son..(Transcript copy of Telegram)

1/6/1943 A.W. Curtis (SIC) to EEV. Funeral services for Dr. Carver Friday at 2:30. (Telegram)

1/7/1943 EEV to Mrs. Mario Pogano, Montgomery, Ala. Could you attend? (Telegram)

1/10/1943 Chester Hunter, Simpson alum, Hollywood, Illinois to John Horsley, Chicago Sun, Tribune and Daily News eulogizing Carver. Suggest you to obtain Mr. Shoemaker's original cartoon which appeared in the Daily News to hang at the college. (typescript copy)

1/13/1943 Methodist Board of Education press release. "George Washington Carver and Simpson College" by John O. Gross. (5p memo)

1/13/1943 Rashal Stanger, Churdan, Ia. H.S. principal to SC Registrar. Our students are interested in Carver. If you have a biography of Dr. Carver, could you send it?

1/15/1943 C.W. Emmons, SC Registrar to Rashal Stanger. Have no biographies. Referring your letter to Mr. Horsley who can send you our recent Alumni Bulletin. (Carbon on reverse of above letter)

1/15/1943 John Horsley to Chicago Sun. Sending 25 cents for your recent articles on Carver. (Carbon)

1/18/1943 EEV to Mr. Shoemaker, Chicago Daily News. Would you be willing to donate the original of you cartoon "The Meaning of America" to SC to hang in the halls? (Carbon)

ND GWC. Large folder of materials on Carver are in Mr. Horsley's file. "The file....1941"

2/4/1943 Gev. G.S. Bruland, Dallas, Ia. to EEV. Deemed Carver great. My son is studying at Simpson. This little poem is one of two in tribute to Dr. Carver. "Dr. George Washington Carver and Simpson College" (TLS)

2/5/1943 Horsley to JOG. Probably not enough press interest no because of special coverage. But could be abbreviated as a special leaflet.

2/13/1943 EEV to Rev. Bruland. Thanks for the poem. Hope you will be able to attend the summer sessions. (Carbon on reverse of 2/4/1943)

ND JOG to John Horsley. Enclosing article circulated in Church press. You may use it in Iowa if you wish.

ND David Morris Jordon, pastor, Gammon Memorial Methodist Church, Chicago. Resolutions on the death of Carver.

2/13/1943 EEV to Rev. H.K. Taylor, Chicago. Appreciate the resolutions of the Chicago Preachers Meeting. (Carbon on Reverse of above)

2/19/1943 Mrs. J.G. Leonard, Eldora, Iowa to SC Pres. Was Carver in Winterset, Ia., June 14, 1886? If so he may have driven the wedding carriage for Mr. Leonard and me. Driver was not one of the three colored families in Winterset; Negro John, Charlie and Tolee. (Holograph)

2/25/1943 EEV to Mrs. J.F. Leonard. We have nothing to indicate Dr. Carver was in Winterset in 1886. He came to SC in fall of 1889. (Carbon)

3/5/1943 EEV to GWC Foundation. Would he give us a complete list of instances of companies using Dr. Carver's discoveries to a practical end? (Carbon)

3/25/1943 Austin W. Curtis, GWC Foundation to EEV. No such list available. Tom Hustion Peanut Co. has used many of his ideas. Most were not applied commercially but were means to assist low income groups. Carver biography to go on sale April 2. (ALS)

3/29/1943 Rachel Page, Secretary to EEV, to Austin Curtis. Have informed Dr. Boigt of you March 25 letter. He is out of the office for official business for the college.

4/22/1943 EEV to AW Curtis. Found your letter upon my return. Info on Huston Peanut Co. was just what we wanted. If you ever have a list of companies or products, we'd like one. (Carbon)

6/4/1943 EEV to Rackham Holt. Thank you for writing an interesting and readable biography and for treating SC sympathetically. (Carbon)

6/21/1943 EEV to F.D. Patterson, Tuskegee President. The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees passed the resolution. We share your personal loss. (Carbon)

10/1943 A.W.Curtis to "Dear Friend." Congress has authorized \$30,000 to purchase farm where Carver was born. We wish to raise \$1 million for the GWC Foundation. For \$1 donation you will receive a peanut fiber coin key chain.

1/2/1945 Henderson Proudfoot to EEV. I don't believe I was in Simpson at the time Dr. Carver was a student, but living in the town, of course I knew and remember him. I am glad to add me bill to the memorial, I wish it could be more.

1/3/1945 EEV to Inez Henderson Proudfoot. I have receive your letter of Jan. 2, enclosing the money order for \$5.00. We are planning on starting a campaign for this fund within the next month or so. Thanks very heartily. (Carbon on back of previous letter)

1/4/1945 W.W. Hickman to EEV. I knew Carver when I to was a student at Simpson and have thru the years watched with pride of his progress. Enclosed is a small check to used for the Carver Building.

1/8/1945 EEV to William Hickman. We have received your check for the Carver Hall. Thank you for your prompt response. In the spring we will send you a report telling what the total of this special fund has reached.

1/9/1945 EEV to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley. We have received your check for \$100 for the equipment fund of Carver Hall. Our deep and sincere thanks.

1/11/1945 Ada Lauck to EEV. Enclosed is my pledge and personal check for the first payment for Carver Hall. May I ask if other negroes have been or would be permitted to register in Simpson College? I would like to be informed if my Alma Mater is still without race prejudice.

1/16/1945 EEV to Ada Lauck. We have received your pledge of \$100 and your check for \$25. Thank you for your prompt and generous response. (Never answered previous question)

ND Charles B. Cheney to SC. Enclosed is a pledge of \$200 for the Carver hall fund. To me, \$100 means the gift of my deceased wife, Lora Allen.

1/16/1945 EEV to Charles Cheney. Thank you for the donation and we understand and appreciate the meaning back of the amount. In the spring, we will send you a report telling what the total of this special fund has reached.

1/17/1945 Charles Cheney to EEV. I intend to get a bond soon and send it as the first installment on my pledge. You may remember that I expressed dissent of the idea of raising a building fund in Carver's name, but when the Cowles foundation chooses to give the bequest his name, I see no objection to the smaller donors joining in.

1/24/1945 Emmons to Dr. Baker and Professor Doty. The following is a proposed letter for a bulletin. It concerns the GWC Science Hall.

1/30/1945 F.P. Henderson, attorney at law, to EEV. I enclosed my pledge of \$30,000 to the Carver fund. I wish it could be more. I also want to express my appreciation for the fine job you are doing for Simpson.

1/31/1945 EEV to Laura Bobenhouse. We have received your pledge, together with your check, of \$15. Our deep and sincere thanks.

1/31/1945 EEV to May Brown. We have received your pledge of \$50. Our deep and sincere thanks.

2/9/1945 EEV to Mr. F.P. Henderson. This is to acknowledge your pledge of Jan. 30 to the equipment fund. I am sure that you do not want me to multiply words, but thank you from my heart.

2/28/1945 EEV to Mr. and Mrs. Thesle Job. Enclosed a receipt for your check of \$100 to the Carver Hall Fund. Thank you for your devotion to your Alma Mater. Hope the war conditions will soon make it possible for you to start traveling again and return to the campus for a visit.

2/28/1945 EEV to Mr. Charles Cheney. Enclosed Mr. Dean's receipt for your \$100 check to the Carver Hall Fund. It is possible that Mrs. Voigt and I will be in Minneapolis, in the event I will contact you in hopes of a visit together.

5/26/1945 Fred Potter, Enterprise, Oregon, to EEV. Please find the enclosed order for \$10. The old Science Hall was new when I entered college at the age of 21 in 1890.

5/26/1945 Mabel Vale Hunter to EEV. Enclosed is a check for \$250. I have very happy memories of Simpson, I wish you the best success in this building fund drive.

5/28/1945 Zilpha Colee to EEV. My mother, to whom the letters regarding the Carver Memorial were addressed, died last November. I prefer that this be considered as a gift from her.

5/31/1945 EEV to Fred Potter. Thank you for your check of \$10. I have your letter regarding a photograph of the drawing class. If you could send the picture so we could make a copy of it for our files we would appreciate it.

5/31/1945 EEV to Esther Guest. Thank you for your check of \$25. Permit me to add a personal word for genuine appreciation for your interest towards Carver Hall.

5/31/1945 EEV to Zilpha Colee. Thank you for your check for \$15. I think this is a splendid act of memorial toward your mother, and when we prepare the appropriate tablet we will make note on it accordingly.

6/14/1945 EEV to Mr. W.P. Mann. We have your letter, pledge, and check amounting to \$10. I hope the war will soon be over so that we can start construction. Best Wishes.

6/14/1945 EEV to Mrs. J.B. Tanner. WE have your letter, pledge, and two bonds amounting to \$37. I hope the war will soon be over so that we can start construction.

6/14/1945 EEV to Mabel Hunter. Thank you for your fine and generous contribution. Wish you were here for Commencement, Avery Craven of '08 spoke. Fletcher Homan and Hal McNeil class of '95 and Charles Bentley class of '94 were also here. Had a breath of old times "Under the Whispering Maples."

6/26/1945 EEV to Lou Mann. I enclosed a receipt for your bond of \$18.50 which is to go to the equipment fund of Carver Hall.

7/10/1945 EEV to H. O. Abbott. I remember our conversation together last fall when you came and spoke on GWC. I am sending you a copy of the pamphlet that describes our building program about the memorial we are planning for Dr. Carver.

8/6/1945 J.H. Shackelford to EEV. Have read with interest about the new GWC Science Hall. Hope you will not start building until you have the funds to complete. Please find indorsed check which I trust will help in completing your plans.

8/10/1945 EEV to Mr. J.H. Shackelford. Many thanks for your letter with the generous check for the GWC Hall of Science. Enclosed is a copy of the future plans. The Alumni News, sent to you in mid-summer shows that the Cowles Foundation contributed \$100,000. \$20,000 had been contributed or pledges by the alumni for the \$30,000 equipment fund.

9/4/1945 EEV to Mrs. J.A. Gallagher. Thank you for the donation to Simpson, but you still need to sign the check. I am enclosing it for that purpose. Went on vacation to Colorado. It was very restful.

9/13/1945 Mrs. H.V. Brenaman to EEV. Enclosed money order to assist in your post war financial programs.

9/17/1945 EEV to Mrs. Harry Brenaman. Thank you for the donation to the new science hall. The Gardner Cowles Foundation has donated \$100,000 for the building.

11/14/1945 Lois Fisher to John Horsley. Please give the enclosed check to the Treas. of the Science Building Fund and the change of address card to the proper person in charge of the Alumnus address file. Spent the war years on the coast, but are now located near Denver on doctor's orders. Tell Charles, "hello" for me.

12/15/1945 EEV to Mrs. D.G. Burchett. Thank you for the courtesy of your interview yesterday. Sending a copy of "Simpson Builds for the Future" with hopes of a contribution of a thousand dollars. I will enclose a pledge form for this purpose. Good wishes for a Merry Christmas.

1/9/1946 EEV to Mr. John Noble. I have been made aware of the fact that you were one of the Chicago land alumni who contributed to the Carver Memorial Fund. Many, many, sincere and hearty thanks. (Attached is a list of SC alums?)

1/9/1946 O.V. Moon, alum. to EEV. Enclosing a contribution of SC for \$200. Was in Indianola last week and intended to deliver it, but got too busy.

1/17/1946 EEV to O.V. Moon. Thank you for the chick. Enclosed is a receipt and a Conference voucher. Architect was here to go over the building plans and talking about the general construction problems we will have in the next few years. Thanks again. (Back of 1/9/1946)

1/13/1946 Leroy Parkins, M.D. to EEV. Thank you for the Christmas greeting, it brings back many fond memories of our very happy years at Simpson. We are enclosing a check for \$250 to add to the new building fund.

1/16/1946 EEV to Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Parkins. Thank you for the letter and the generous check, your receipt is enclosed. Sending a copy of a folder we prepared last summer in connection with the finance work that we are doing here in Iowa. However, the financial report is out of date. The correct figure is \$500,000. It is hard to raise enough money with building cost going up. (Back of 9/13/1946)

ND A Letter To the Men and Women of Simpson College who Graduated in Science. Information on Carver Hall of Science. (2 copies)

3/4/1946 Mary Jenness, NY,NY to SC President. Writing booklet for H.S. students. Can you answer these questions? (TLS)

3/16/1946 EEV to Mary Jenness. Carvers' baccalaureate was not from Ms. Suggest you write Mr. C.K. Munns, Corning, Ia. and Mrs. J.M. Robbins, Winterset, Iowa.

ND "Data prepared for Miss Mary Jenness." (2p Carbon)

11/20/1947 R.W. Brown, Director, GWC Foundation, to "Dear Friend," Two new honors. Carver's name to be added to Book of Enduring Names in Town Hall, NYC. Carver stamp to be issued in 1948. Launching fund raising campaign to support research.

11/24/1947 EEV to Mrs. James Van Allen, Town Hall, NYC. Thank you for invitation to Honors Day Program. Cannot attend but would like Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pote to represent SC. About to erect science hall to Carver's memory. (Carbon)

11/26/1947 Mrs. James Van Allen, Town Hall to EEV. Sorry you cannot attend. Sending tickets to Mr. and Mrs. Pote. Will send you souvenir program. (TLS)

ND "Announcing a Carver First-Day Engraved Cachet" (Memo)

ND RW Brown, Director, GWC Foundation, To Dear Friend. You have helped our \$2 million endowment campaign. Carver started Foundation in 1940 with \$60,000 life savings. Fire of 11/24/1947 nearly destroyed Museum and Lab necessitating special \$250,000 building fund.

1/8/1948 Justin Miller, Simpson alum, to EEV. Sending Western Stamp Collector with Carver article. (TLS)

1/12/1948 Margaret Horn, EEV secretary, to Justin Miller. Letter received. EEV out of town. (Carbon)

1/17/1948 EEV to Justin Miller, Albany, Ore. Thanks for article. Good to hear from alums. Perhaps you can make one of our meetings on Western trip. (Carbon)

12/2/1948 J. Henry Smith to Ema Stark. Infantile Paralysis/ don't know if peanut oil will benefit you?

2/2/1950 EEV to John C. Meingrass, San Francisco. Thank you for articles on Carver Day. (Carbon and five clippings)

3/5/1951 R Vernon Pike, West Chester, Ia. pastor, to Rae Dean, SC Business Manager. Sending photograph believed to have been taken of Carver at ISU. Belonged to Herbert Rutledge, an ISU student with Carver, whose wife was a sister of my wife. (Holograph)

3/30/1951 EEV to R. Vernon Pike. Thanks for photo. We did not have on like it. (Carbon on reverse of above)

9/8/1953 L.H Foster, President of Tuskegee Institute, to David Pullman. Planters Peanut Company of Suffolk, Virginia and the H.J. Heinz Company have carried promotional brochures recognition of Carver's work. The Tom Hustion Peanut Company of Columbus, Georgia presented a bronze plaque to Tuskegee Institute as recognition of Carver's work.

9/9/1953 William Kerstetter to Dean Oliver Bimson. Proposition of Carver Day at Simpson each year. Kerstetter asks Bimson to be a member of the Carver Day Committee.

9/10/1953 Roberta Riggelman to WK. Questions from CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE to Methodist school Presidents.

9/11/1953 WK answers to CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

9/21/1953 H.F. Watson to WK. A memo turning down the offer to be on the Carver Day Committee. Suggests that admirers of "Bishop Simpson" himself, Arthur Middleton or Frank Mott might resent the passing over of their own candidates.

10/24/1953 WK to Harold Dudley. Asking Dudley's opinion concerning the possible public relations consequences of emulating and glorifying Carver, who was a negro, and of the widespread publicity concerning this day and if we should institute it.

10/28/1953 Harold Dudley to WK. Suggestion of a lectureship in honor of Carver instead of a Day. Publicity on a Carver Day could not be too well controlled. You have been recommended by the Executive Committee of the Washington Pilgrimage to be a member of the Board of Trustees. Will you kindly send an up to date vita of yourself.

7/8/1955 Letter discussing Dr. Kerstetter receiving a phone call from Dr. Richard Pilant that a special affair was being planned at Carver's birthplace at which Secretary Benson was to speak.

9/18/1956 Robert P. Fuller, GWC National Monument, to Don L. Berry, Indianola publisher. Thank you for referral to John P. Morley in LA. Enclosing copy of Morley's statement. (TLS)

12/7/1956 Robert Fuller to Don Berry. In reference to our 11/7/56 letter, relating to John Morley of Los Angeles, Cal., we have received a reply from Morley which is enclosed.

3/1/1957 Clarence H. Schultz, GWC National Monument to Daniel Thornburgh. Thanks for aid to Mr. Fuller. Returning 4 photographs and photocopy of letter. (TLS)

3/1/1957 Clarence Schulz to William Kerstetter. Thank you letter on the behalf of the National Park Service for the many courtesies extended to Historian Robert Fuller during the course of his research tour at Simpson.

4/9/1957 WK to John Higinian, Assistant Treasurer to the Chase Manhattan Bank. Thank you for sending on to us the valued letter which GWC wrote to your mother, who was a teacher at Simpson. You must be proud and thrilled to realize that your mother was one of the major influence in bringing Carver to recognize his dignity and self worth.

9/30/1957 Thomas Keller to Simpson Director of Art Dept.. Recently read "The World Significance of the Carver Story." Recalled an incident shared with Carver in 1915. Thought you might like to know.

10/10/1957 Robert Fuller to Pauline Tyler Townsend, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Evangeline Walton of Simpson College has sent word of your Carver scrapbook. May we interview you with a tape recorder concerning your student days with Carver? (TLS)

10/22/1957 William Kerstetter to Thomas Keller. The head of the art department, Bent Lane, has brought to my attention your letter of Sept. 30, with the narration of the life of Dr. Carver. We are grateful for your additional insight.

10/29/1957 Clarence Schultz, GWC National Monument to Pauline Tyler Townsend, Tulsa. Thank you for your letter. Mr. Fuller will call before his visit.

10/29/1957 Clarence H. Schultz to Dorothy DeWitt Wilkinson, Oklahoma City. Thanks for letter. We desire to have you interview your aunt, Mrs. Townsend. Mr. Fuller will call on her when he is in Tulsa next. (TLS)

11/1/1957 Clarence Schultz to Dorothy DeWitt Wilkinson. Here are the question we wish you to ask Mrs. Townsend. Mr. Fuller will arrange payment of any expense in making the tape. (TLS)

ND Dorothy DeWitt Wilkinson note. From Des Moines where Pauline Tyler Townsend attended and helped teach in the Cummings School (Holograph)

8/19/1960 Georgia Sloaftz to Mr. Walker. I was delighted to have my Carver story appear on the editorial page of the *Christian Science Monitor*.

4/29/1974 Richard Lancaster to John Hare, archivist. The suggestion of a pamphlet detailing the relationship of Simpson to Dr. Carver to be prepared for sale needs a little more study.

5/7/1974 John Kitchens to RL. We are engaged in a project funded by the National Historical Publications Commission for the microfilm publication of the papers of GWC. We have no documentary evidence of Carver's having been a student at Simpson between 1889-1891. If you could forward any material it would be appreciated.

5/20/1974 RL to John Hare. Attached is a letter from John Kitchens with the Tuskegee Institute. Please assist him in whatever way you can.

5/20/1974 Richard Lancaster to John Kitchens, Director of Carver Papers Publication Project, Tuskegee Institute. Your need for documentation of Carver's years at Simpson have been forwarded to our archivist, he will contact you shortly.

9/19/1974 John Hare to John Kitchens. In reply to your inquiry on Carver, I will prepare a copy of Carver's transcript, copies of catalog pages listing Carver as a student and contemporary college newspaper citations to Carver's presence. I referred you to Toby Fishbein, the archivist at Iowa State for information concerning that institutions holdings.

10/1/1974 To Hal Chase from ?. I have indicated my personal preference for unifying the papers of Carver, but this is already being undertaken by John Kitchens of Tuskegee. Please contact him to let him know of this new collection. The Simpson Archives has two collections of Carver related material including some 180 letters. Will copy when machine is running.

11/1/1974 VeVe Clark to John Hare. I am teaching a class in Ethnology of the New World at the University of California, Berkely which involves research into the life and times of GWC. I have been trying to locate a copy of an address made by Ralph Bunche on Oct. 6, 1956. If you have this copy, I would appreciate receiving one.

11/5/1974 John Hare to VeVe Clark. I am enclosing a copy of the address you requested. Additionally I am including inventories of two collections of Carver material housed in the Archives. It was not clear to me from your letter how deeply you wish to delve into Carver's life. John Kitchens is just now putting together a microfilm edition of Carver letters and archives.

11/5/1974 John Hare to John Kitchens. I am enclosing a selection of item from the Simpson Archives concerning Carver and two inventories of papers. Please let me know if I can be of further aid.

11/15/1974 VeVe Clark to John Hare. Thank you for you prompt attention to sending the Bunche article. The following is a list of articles which I would like to have copied. Please let me know of the billing procedures.

11/20/1974 John Kitchens to John Hare. Thank you for the copies of the memorabilia and index of Carver related letters. I appreciate all the effort of you and your staff in assisting with my project. I shall send you a complimentary copy of the printed guide to the microfilm publication in April of 1975.

11/27/1974 John Hare to VeVe Clark. We are sending the photo copies you requested. No. 22 is a 166 page article so we are asking that you use your interlibrary loan. Our fee for 27 pages at 10 cents each is \$2.70. Please send the check to Simpson College Archives.

12/4/1974 Toby Fishbein, Iowa State Archivist to John Hare. After digging up information for Hal Chase, I discovered I had promised you a copy of the list of Carver correspondence in April. I apologize for not sending it earlier. I hope you and your family enjoy a very happy holiday.

9/16/1986 Robin M. Bailey to President McBride. Doing research on Carver for Winterset Art Center. Is there a scripy for radio drama? Information on artwork?

6/10/1988 Walt Tegge, Chief Ranger at GWC National Monument, to Cynthia Dyer. We want to confirm that Mr. Bill Norton of our staff will arrive at your office on Wed, June, 22. The purpose of his visit is to find information associated with Carver's artwork and general information about your collection. He will also provide you with the details that you requested regarding our exhibit.

2/22/1990 Lisa Lueker to Lynn Ocheltree. Thanks for your help in finding the Carver information. I hope to implement it for orientation.