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JOHN F. FINERTY, ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL

UNITED STATES RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION
JAMES C. DAVIS
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF RAILROADS AND AGENT OF THE
PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

September 3, 1924.

Dear Mr. Richardson:
This will be presented to you by W. D. Williams, of Tulsa, Okla., who is a student at Hampton Institute. He has been paying his way through Hampton Institute by, among other things, acting as a waiter in the Sherwood Forest Club, but has been compelled to go back to Tulsa by the illness of his mother. It may be impossible for him to return to Hampton this Fall unless he can work his way back. I have told him that I would ask your good offices in obtaining a position as an emergency dining car waiter, in order to aid his return. I know him to be thoroughly deserving person, and entirely competent as a waiter. If you can give him the opportunity to work his way back in this manner, I will very much appreciate it, and I know you will be helping where help is deserved and needed.
I thought it better to write you direct than to write Mr. Dickson or Mr. Wright, though I have not the pleasure of your acquaintance.

Sincerely yours,
[[signature]] John F. Finerty [[/signature]]

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Mr. W.W. Richardson,
Passenger Traffic Manager,
Pennsylvania Railroad System,
St. Louis, Mo.

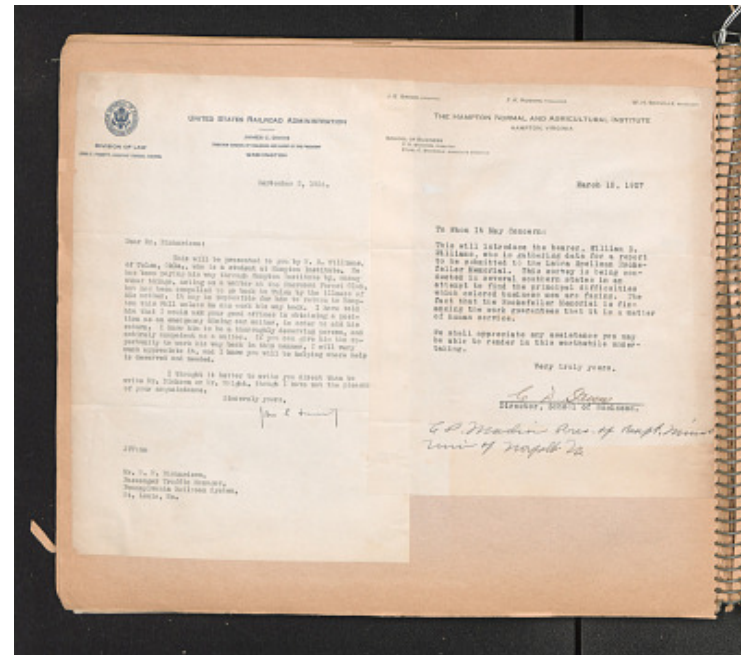
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THE HAMPTON NORMAL AND AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE
HAMPTON, VIRGINIA

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
C.D. STEVENS, DIRECTOR
ETHEL C. BUCKMAN, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

March 15, 1927

To Whom It May Concern:
This will introduce the bearer, William D. Williams, who is gathering data for a report to be submitted to the Laura Spellman Rockefeller Memorial.



This survey is being conducted in several southern states in an attempt to find the principal difficulties which colored business men are facing. The fact that the Rockefeller Memorial is financing the work guarantee that it is a matter of human service.

We shall appreciate any assistance you may be able to render in this worthwhile undertaking.

Very truly yours,
[[signature]] C. D. Stevens [[/signature]]
Director, School of Business.

C.D. [[Madrin?]] Pres. of Supt. [[?]] Univ of Norfolk Va

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