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William Sanders Scarborough letters received

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Summary

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Key Terms

Subjects

African American college presidents
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African Americans -- History

Occupations

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Names

Douglass, Frederick, 1818-1895
Du Bois, W. E. B. (William Edward Burghardt), 1868-1963
Scarborough, W. S. (William Sanders), 1852-1926
Washington, Booker T., 1856-1915