MOVING TO CHEYNEY STATION

Evolution and Growth
Opening the Institute

• November 2, 1902, a committee had recommended the purchase of the farm of Quaker, George Cheyney.
  – Located 25 miles from Philadelphia
  – Purchased at $11,000.

• On October 4, 1903, the reorganized school opened again with 14 pupils.
  – Booker T. Washington served as keynote speaker at the formal opening on May 5, 1905

• Summer school was introduced in 1905 to attract southern teachers from Tuskegee and Hampton Institute to Cheyney.
Expansion of Facilities

- The Institute used assets of $7,471 and the sale of Bainbridge Street Property to support facility upgrades and repairs to the farm.
- The first two new buildings were named in 1906
  - Humphreys Hall, Industrial Building
  - Emlen Hall, Girl’s Dormitory
Facility Upgrades

• From 1907 through 1913, the end of Hugh Brown’s Administration, the Institute went through a period of gradual but steady physical growth and improvement
  – A county road was built along the campus in 1908.
  • Defining Chester and Delaware Counties
  – Adequate housing for married teachers and staff also emerged.
Facility Upgrades-Con’t

• In 1909 the Quadrangle was finally graded.

• Cinder paths replaced the boardwalks.

• Stanley Yarnell (Manager) appealed to Andrew Carnegie for $10,000 for a library.
  • Building began when a quarry for stone opened on the farm
  • The dirt for the excavation was used for the grading of Smith Cottage.