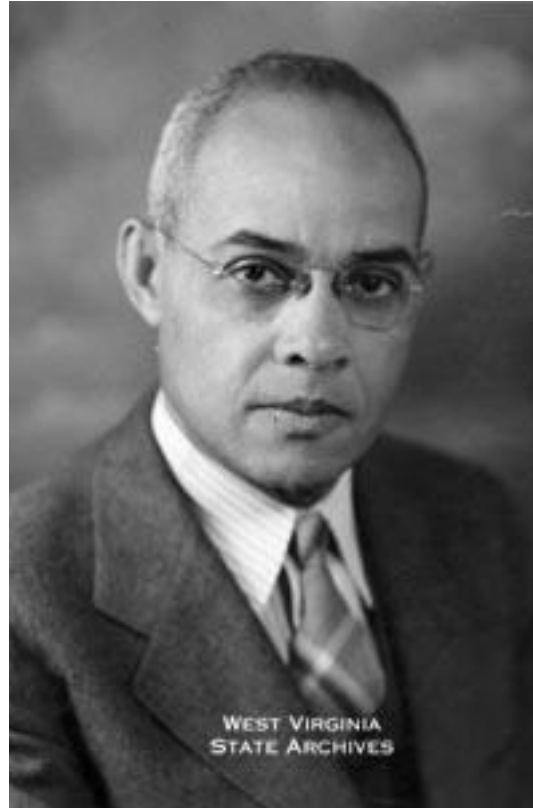


ON THIS DAY IN WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY FEBRUARY 11



Distinguished educator and civil rights leader John Warren Davis was born on February 11, 1888.

CSO: SS.8.25, ELA.8.22, ELA.8.28

Investigate the Document: (*Norman Family Collection, Box 15, Folder, 61, Ms2014-073*)

Document 1

1. When and where was this document initially written?
2. In your own words, what does this document say? What do you think are the essential points in it?

Document 2

3. According to the document, what title did John Warren Davis possess at West Virginia State College?
4. What was the main idea of this correspondence? To whom was Davis writing?

Think Critically: How would you describe mid-twentieth century education in West Virginia? What specific conclusions can be drawn from these two documents about John W. Davis? Do you think archiving correspondence of prominent people provides an opportunity to understand them better? What would you ask John W. Davis if you were given the opportunity to interview him?



HARVARD UNIVERSITY
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

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Dear Ruth and Big Jack -

You know Harvard - you know how things are done there. It was thrilling, unique and beautiful on Commencement on June 11th. 15,000 persons seemed to be pleased that I was being honored. Jack was "on duty" but called Dad and me.

The honor I received belongs to you and all of those who have worked with me and believed in me through the years. You share it with me. I am sorry that Ethel could not be there. She is a great girl.

I begin my return trip to Liberia at 5 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. Dad left yesterday at 4 o'clock on the "S.S. America" for Paris and will join us later in Liberia. Love to you and our friends there. John W. Davis



OFFICE OF THE
PRESIDENT

**WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE
INSTITUTE, W. VA.**

29 October 1951

**JOHN W. DAVIS
PRESIDENT**

My dear Mr. Norman:

I entered the auditorium-gymnasium building of the West Virginia Schools for Colored Deaf and Blind for the first time on Sunday, October 28, 1951. Said building is a credit to your architectural skill and to your understanding of the needs of handicapped children. The building, now referred to, is a credit to you and the State of West Virginia.

I enjoyed your remarks concerning essential features of the building.

Sincerely yours,


John W. Davis

President

West Virginia Archives and History

Mr. Jna C. Norman, Architect

K of P Building

Charleston, West Virginia