

Alumni Hall, Yale Univ., New Haven, Conn.



No. 74 Philadelphia City (Post paid) 8.8.1911 -  
 My dear friend: Your card from Philadelphia came  
 to hand yesterday. Your letter was received long  
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 that it is still improving and that the other  
 is still well. Very truly yours  
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Mr. James F. Hatton.  
 Room No. 386,  
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Edward Bouchet is "the first African-American student to graduate from Yale College and the first African-American in the United States to earn a Ph.D." Bouchet is the 2<sup>nd</sup> African American to ever receive a Ph.D. anywhere in the world (the 1<sup>st</sup> being Father Patrick Francis Healy of Georgia who received a Ph.D. in 1865 from the University of Louvain, Belgium) and the 6<sup>th</sup> to ever receive a Ph.D. of any race in physics.

Among his many 1<sup>st</sup>'s, Bouchet is the 1<sup>st</sup> African American to be nominated to Phi Beta Kappa in 1874, though not elected until 1884 as the Yale Phi Beta Kappa chapter was inactive for 13 years. (US President William Howard Taft 1878 was elected to Phi Beta Kappa after his graduation as well.).

The return address listed is 94 Bradley Street, New Haven, which is listed as his residence when he died in 1918 (see the link below):

[http://www.aaregistry.com/african\\_american\\_history/1669/Edward\\_Bouchet\\_a\\_great\\_mind](http://www.aaregistry.com/african_american_history/1669/Edward_Bouchet_a_great_mind)

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Mr. James F Alston  
Room No. 386,  
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Washington, DC

Fr. 94 Bradley St, New Haven, Conn 8.8.1911 -

My dear friend: Your card from Phila. came to hand yesterday. Your letter was received on the 2<sup>nd</sup> visit. Thanks for both. An answer to the latter will follow in the near future. I hope you found Mrs. Williams much better and your other friends well. The building pictured on the other side is being razed to make room for the \$300,000 Wright Memorial Dormitory, erected by voluntary contributions as a tribute to the worth of Ex Dean Wright who is still living. Alumni Hall was erected in 1852 at a cost of \$27,000. Dimensions 100' x 52'. I trust charlotte is still improving and that the Madame is still well.

Very truly yours,  
E.A. Bouchet



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Alumni Hall was torn down to make way for Wright Hall , which is the Lanman-Wright dormitory on the Old Campus. The original Alumni Hall towers seen in the photo were purchased by Skull & Bones! They still stand as part of the Bones' building today.

Regarding James F. Alston:

The Library of Congress sent me the following biographical information, "Mr. James F. Alston was employed as a clerk in the Division of Appointments for the Treasury Department in 1911. His salary was \$1,400 and he worked in Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. We were unable to identify any other biographical information on Mr. Alston." (Source: Official Register: persons in the civil, military, and Naval Service of the United States, and list of Vessels (Department of Commerce and Labor)

