

The Old And New Negro:

Great stress is being laid on the statement that ninety per cent of the property returned by the colored people is owned by the illiterate ones. This statement is untrue. Take our city and county for instance, the above assertion is just to the reverse. The most valuable pieces of property in the city are owned by those who have had school and college training, and this class does much to keep their property in an improved condition. There are several property owners who have had no school training but this class is small in comparison to the former.

Soon after reconstruction many of our people purchased property, and no doubt if the same number had kept what they purchased, the "ninety per cent" assertion might have been true. What is true of this city and country is no doubt true of the other cities and counties of the state. There are being yearly turned out of the schools and colleges large numbers of young men and women who are acquiring property and otherwise making improvements. This class is industrious and not found idling away their time. Of course there are a few exceptions. The great aim is to slur the educated ones among us, but the fact of their energy is too plain, and no man who is aware of the record would dare say otherwise.—Savannah Tribune.