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A. J. Wiechardt

S. D. Lee

Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical College

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A. J. WIECHARDT,
CONSULTING AND SUPERVISING ENGINEER
STATION (G),
CLEVELAND, OHIO.

EXPEDITIOUS METHODS OF MANUFACTURING DEVISED.
COST OF PRODUCTION REDUCED.
WASTE PRODUCTS UTILIZED.

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CLEVELAND, OHIO, May 4th, 1904.

William Jasper Kerr, D. Sc.,
Agricultural College of Utah,
Logan, Utah.

Dear Sir:-

If you expect to make a change, or an increase, in your Faculty for the coming year, I shall be pleased to have you consider me a candidate for election to any position, in my line, that you may have vacant.

In this connection, I take the liberty of enclosing a synopsis of my experience, and, as a testimonial, the copy of a letter received by me during my connection with the State A. & M. College of Mississippi.

I shall be pleased to submit other matter showing that I am well qualified to give instruction in Mechanical Engineering.

Awaiting the favor of a reply with interest, I am, Sir:-

Yours respectfully,

A. J. Wiechardt

#40 Warren Road,
Suburb of Lakewood,
Cleveland, O.

SYNOPSIS OF EXPERIENCE OF A. J. WIECHARDT.

EDUCATION

Common school and business college training in
Philadelphia, Pa.

Graduate of Lehigh University, South Bethlehem, Pa.--
Mechanical Engineering Degree.

Post Graduate of Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.--
Master of Mechanical Engineering Degree.

IN PRACTICAL AFFAIRS

Apprentice, Journeyman, and Foreman Machinist; with additional experience in the forge shop, the pattern shop, the boiler shop, the brass foundry, and also as millwright.

About fourteen years teaching Mechanical Engineering; as Foreman, Instructor, Assistant Professor, and Professor in charge of the department.

Since August, 1902, have conducted an engineering office, the line of work being chiefly fuel and chemical engineering.

For eight years prior to 1902, had charge of the department of Mechanic Arts and Electricity of the Mississippi State A. & M. College, and with the assistance of four instructors, handled about two hundred students weekly. At this place, I was their Consulting Engineer, in charge of their public utilities.

Resigned August, 1902, to go into business for myself, but find the environment of college work preferable.

(C O P Y)

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AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE,

Executive Department:
General S. D. LEE, President.

Agricultural College, Miss., Mar. 8, 1898.

Prof. A. J. Wiechardt,

Agricultural College, Miss.

My dear Sir:-

Referring to the action of the Executive Committee this morning, a copy of the proceedings of which I have directed to be sent to you, I would suggest that you go deliberately at work to investigate every feature which will enable us to expend the money to the best advantage of the College, and while I desire that this work should be put in operation at the earliest practicable moment, still I do not wish anything hurriedly done or anything done until a thorough investigation as to every point. I believe that we have it in our power, with good judgment, to thoroughly equip the College for electricity and for the lighting of the grounds, and I need not say to you that I have the utmost confidence in your good judgment, your industry, and your technical knowledge, and I anticipate great benefit will be given to the College with the matter in your hands.

I desire you to consult with me from time to time as to all details and keep in close contact with me in every respect.

I am,

Yours truly,

(Signed)
S. D. LEE,
President.