

# EDITOR'S MAIL

## OWNERSHIP OF DEFENDER

**THE CHICAGO DEFENDER**  
is owned, edited and published  
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graduate of Hampton Institute.  
The staff is composed entirely  
of race men.

Many inquiries have reached the office owing to some misleading people as to the ownership of the Chicago Defender. Daily the inquiry is made and daily the answer is given. A letter received by us reads:

Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 16, 1916.

The Chicago Defender; Mr. R. S. Abbott, Editor:

Dear Sir—Enclosed you will find a check for \$1.50 for one year's subscription of your paper, which I consider one of the greatest guides of the race in its struggle for common rights and justice before a biased public that is opposed to our rights. The news is always refreshing and fills one with greater hope of tomorrow. Because of the disputed opinion of ownership and management (some claiming that it is a Hearst paper, owned and controlled by him), I wish you would inform me correctly as to ownership. Yours truly, Chas. G. Johnson.

The Chicago Defender was founded May 6, 1905, by Editor Robert S. Abbott. This paper is owned exclusively by him and is edited and published by him. The entire staff, editorial writers, doctors, lawyers who answer the legal helps, delivery men are all members of the race. There is nothing about this paper that is connected with William Randolph Hearst, owner of the Hearst papers throughout the country. There is not a white man connected with the management of the paper or the ownership thereof. The paper stands for the race and will back anything that is within reason for the uplift of the race. We serve the people notwithstanding the fact that some wish to give the laurels earned by The Defender to some millionaire publication. If any doubt the above statements, go to the post office files and ask for the sworn statement of the editor.

**Defender in Demand.**

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 19, 1916.

Mr. R. S. Abbott, Editor, Chicago, Ill.:

Dear Sir—Please increase my copies of The Defender to 100. Every one here is going wild over the paper and praising it on every hand. Good luck to you and your efforts for better business. Sincerely yours, Katherine Kent.

**Defender Welcome in Santa Barbara.**

Santa Barbara, Cal., Jan. 12, 1916.

Mr. R. S. Abbott, Editor:

Dear Sir—I read your paper every week with interest, and some of the happiest moments of my life are those spent in the effort to induce others to do likewise. It is the character of paper best calculated to arouse the latent forces of the race. You have hit the race question so often fair and square in its actual meaning that the people of Santa Barbara desire that you insert your photograph in the paper, that they may really get a glimpse of a man who has the courage of his conviction, and whose single motive is the uplift of the race. I am preparing for publication a manuscript and all my heroes are black men. Hoping to become better acquainted with you, I am, yours truly, J. H. Scott.

**Defender Becomes Companion.**

Mounds, Ill., Jan. 21, 1916.

Mr. R. S. Abbott, Editor:

Dear Sir—By request of citizens here I am writing you for agency of your interesting paper. I have been reading The Defender for several years and cannot see how any one can do without it. It is a companion with me. Send me twenty or more copies each week. Yours truly, Robert Foster.

**Defender Gives Inspiration.**

Bastrop, La., Jan. 10, 1916.

Mr. R. S. Abbott, Editor:

Dear Sir—I chanced to get a copy of your paper from an agent at Monroe, La., which I highly appreciate, and I think that every man and woman with higher aims in life should become a reader of it. It gives strength to the weak and encourages thrift and ambition. It is a summons to the race to be up and doing, making a place in the world for herself which rightly belongs to us. Send me sample copies and terms of agency. Yours respectfully, J. B. Johnson.