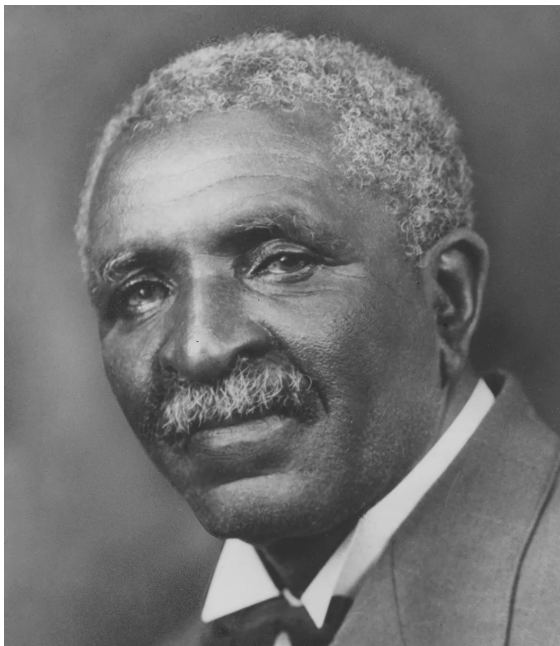


George Washington Carver

1864-1943. American botanist, agricultural scientist, and inventor.



BIRTHPLACE: Newton County, Missouri

EDUCATION: Carver was the first black student at Iowa State Univ., where he studied agriculture (B.S.) and botany (M.S.). He was awarded honorary doctorates from multiple universities.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Developed effective crop-rotation methods to help farmers restore nitrogen in soil. His research lab also developed applications for crops that were alternatives to cotton.

AWARDS AND HONORS: Monuments to Carver include schools, parks, and even a submarine. He received the Springarn Medal (NAACP) and the Roosevelt Medal for Outstanding Contribution to Southern Agriculture.



his favorite things

1. Soybeans, sweet potatoes, and peanuts were crops for which Carver researched hundreds of applications to assist farmers.

2. As a child, Carver was sought out for advice about taking care of "sick" plants. He was known as the "plant doctor."

3. Carver taught at the Tuskegee Institute (now Tuskegee Univ.) for almost 50 years.

4. In 1923, Carver won the Springarn Medal, the highest award given by the NAACP.

5. Microscope used by Carver in his research lab, now on display at the Ford Museum of American Innovation.

6. Statue of Carver in the George Washington Carver Garden at the world-famous Missouri Botanical Garden in St. Louis.

7. The Carver National Monument in Missouri hosts an art and essay contest for children each year.

8. Carver was also an artist. The Detroit Institute of Arts has a collection of his paintings.

