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1864 Born in Diamond Grove, Missouri

Tuskegee Institute National Historic Site



GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE 1864-1943

- Enrolled at Simpson College to study music (piano) and 1890 art 1891 Transferred to Iowa State College in Ames, Iowa
- Paintings exhibited and received an honorable mention 1893
- at Chicago World's Fair
- 1894 Bachelor of Agriculture Degree, Iowa State College. First African American to graduate from this school
- 1894 Appointed first African American member of faculty, Iowa State College
- 1896 Master of Agriculture Degree, Iowa State College
- (October 8) Came to Tuskegee as Director of 1896 Agriculture at the invitation of Booker T. Washington
- 1906 (May 24) Initiated Jesup Wagon with T.M. Campbell, Sr
- 1916 Elected Fellow of the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, London, England
- 1921 Appearance, U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Ways and Means, for tariff on peanuts
- 1923 Recipient, Spingarn Medal for Distinguished Service to Science
- 1928 Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science, Simpson College
- Appointed Collaborator, Mycology and Plant Disease 1935 Survey, Bureau of Plant Industry, U.S. Department of Agriculture
- 1937 (June 2) Bronze Bust of Carver unveiled on campus, a tribute from his friends for his 40 years of creative research
- 1938 Feature Film, "Life of George Washington Carver," made in Hollywood by the Pete Smith Specialty Company
- 1938 Development of the George Washington Carver Museum by Board of Trustees of Tuskegee Institute





- 1939 Recipient, Roosevelt Medal for outstanding contribution to southern agriculture
- 1939 Honorary Membership, American Inventors Society
- 1941 (March 11) George Washington Carver Museum dedicated at Tuskegee Institute by Henry Ford, Sr
- 1941 Special Exhibition, George Washington Carver Art Collection, Tuskegee Institute
- 1941 Honorary Degree, University of Rochester
- 1941 Recipient, Award of Merit by Variety Cubs of America
- 1942 Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science, Selma University,
- 1942 Official Marker authorized by the Governor of Missouri
- 1943 (January 5) Dr. Carver died in Tuskegee Institute, Alabama
- 1943 His entire Estate amounting to over \$60,000 was bequeathed to the George Washington Carver Foundation
- 1943 78th Congress passed legislation H.R.647, Public Law 148, creating the George Washington Carver National Monument, Diamond Grove, Missouri
- 1946 79th Congress-Joint Resolution, Public Law 290
- 1946 (January 5) designated as George Washington Carver Day by President Harry S. Truman

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- 1947 Issuance of postage stamp in honor of Dr. Carver
- 1948 First Day Sale of the Three-cent Carver Commemorative Stamp

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