

~~GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER~~, 1860(?) - 1943

CARVER, George Washington, /

..... Eminent Negro scientist and public benefactor. Born  
Cut from : a slave at Diamond Grove, Missouri, date uncertain.  
glossy : Father died when he was a baby. Stolen with his mother  
print : and taken to Arkansas. Sickly and unpromising for hard  
photo. : labor. Ransomed for a race horse valued at \$300. Mother  
..... disappeared. Master let him attend school. Won M.S. de-  
gree in agriculture at Iowa State College in 1896. In 1898, put in  
charge of agricultural work at Tuskegee Institute, by its founder,  
Booker T. Washington. Set out to utilize so-called "waste products"  
of southern farms. From the lowly peanut, he developed more than 300  
useful products. From the South's red clay and sandy loam, he devel-  
oped many articles, including ink, pigments, cosmetics, paper, and  
paint. The sweet potato gave him over 100 by-products. Refused to  
exploit his discoveries. Declined financial offers with: "Whatever  
helps the southern farmer helps the South. And what helps the South  
helps everybody." In 1940, he set aside his personal fortune, about  
\$33,000, to perpetuate his work in a foundation dedicated to research  
in creative chemistry. Once declared: "See the uncommon things of  
life in an uncommon way, and you will command the attention of the  
world." Member of the Royal Society of Arts, London. Holder of the  
1933 Spingarn Medal. Winner in 1939 of the Roosevelt Medal for a-  
chievement in science. Collaborator in the Division of Plant In-  
dustry and a director of research, U. S. Department of Agriculture.  
Never married. Died at Tuskegee January 5, 1943, in his room 19 steps  
up, reached since 1941 by an elevator, a gift from his admirer,  
Henry Ford. — Rufus W. Stimson. From personal ~~acquaintance~~

*acquaintance, and AP dispatches in Boston Herald and  
Boston Courier. Approved by Pres. F. D. Patterson and  
Director J. R. Otis, Tuskegee Institute.*

Mr. Guin:

N.B. In these days of alleged social  
discrimination <sup>in U.S.</sup> I think it would  
be a good gesture, considering the  
distinguished public service of Dr.  
Carver, to give him a full-page  
cut.

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