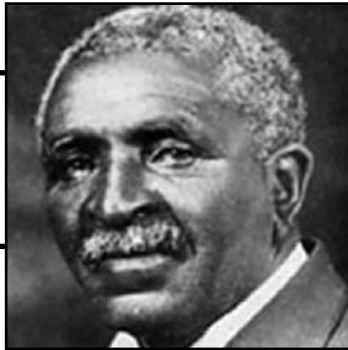




# Black Legacy Our Past, Present and Future.



## What A Fascinating Scientist!

### PAST

**George Washington Carver**

Born: Circa spring of 1864

Contribution: Science



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George Washington Carver was born into slavery in Newton County, Missouri. He was an African American botanist who worked in agricultural extension at the Tuskegee Institute and taught former slaves farming techniques for self-sufficiency. He's also widely credited for inventing hundreds of uses for the peanut and other plants. In 1896, Carver was invited to lead the Agriculture Department at the five year old Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute by its founder, Booker T. Washington. His less well known, but also outstanding contributions to agriculture, such as crop rotation systems for soil enrichment, revolutionized southern farming, and are employed today throughout the nation and abroad. In 1923, Carver received the Spingarn Medal from the NAACP, an honorary doctorate from Simpson College, the Roosevelt Medal for Outstanding Contribution to Southern Agriculture, a U.S. commemorative postage stamp, the ship USS George Washington Carver is his namesake and on July 14, 1943, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt dedicated \$30,000 for the George Washington Carver National Monument in Diamond, Missouri. **This dedication marks the first national monument dedicated to an African-American.**



## The Highest Ranking African-American in US Military History!

### PRESENT

**Colin Powell**

Born: April 5, 1937

Contribution: Military



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Colin Powell was born in the New York City neighborhood of Harlem in 1937 by Jamaican emigrant parents. He went to college and earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees. After graduating from College in June 1958, he was granted a commission as an Army Second Lieutenant. He then held a variety of command and staff positions and rose to the rank of General. Powell was involved in every war from Korea, two tours in Vietnam, the invasion of Panama, and both wars with Iraq. Nominated by Bush on December 16, 2000 and unanimously confirmed by the United States Senate, Powell became the third highest ranking non-Caucasian government official in the history of the United States behind only Supreme court justices Thurgood Marshall and Clarence Thomas. **He became the highest ranking African-American in the executive branch and was the highest ranking African-American in the military in the history of the United States.** Colin Powell has received numerous awards and decorations from both the military and civilian sectors. He also founded "America's Promise" with the objective of helping children from all socioeconomic sectors. In addition, Powell wrote a best-selling memoir, My American Journey.

**What Will You Contribute To The Legacy?**