

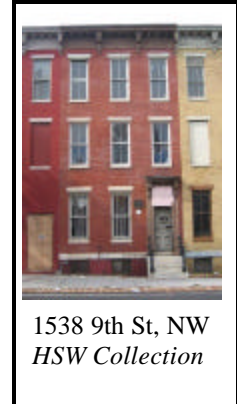


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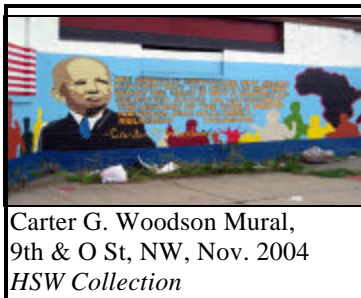
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Carter G. Woodson: Father of Negro History

1538 9th St., N.W. was the home of Carter Godwin Woodson, known as the Father of Negro History. Woodson purchased the house – which had been built about 1890 – in the early 1900's. In that house, he founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, the Journal of Negro History, Associated Publishers, and the Negro History Bulletin. Woodson also taught several languages and history at the M Street and Dunbar High Schools, served as principal of Armstrong High School and as part of the faculty of Miner Normal School, dean of liberal arts and head of the graduate faculty at Howard University. In his home on 9th Street, N.W., Woodson lived on the top floor of the three-story rowhouse. The lower floors were used as offices and the basement as a warehouse. In the years after his death, Woodson's home fell into extreme disrepair. In 2006, the National Park Service assumed responsibility for refurbishment of Carter G. Woodson's home.



1538 9th St, NW
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Carter G. Woodson Mural,
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