

## Catalog Items

### Docent #1 – Historical Figures

***George Washington Carver***

***Watercolor Painting by Hubbard 08/01***

George Washington Carver spent his life in a selfless search for the secrets of God's growing things. He asked nothing for himself. He gave his discoveries to mankind. An agricultural chemist, Carver used his knowledge in a practical way, which profoundly affected the lives and fortune of people both black and white in the Deep South, and in the entire nation. Carver spread the gospel of crop rotation, taught the uneducated the virtues of proper diet, and instructed them how to plow deep and how to farm scientifically. Most importantly, he helped unseat "King Cotton" as the tyrant of the one-crop South.

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***Booker T. Washington***

***Watercolor Painting by Hubbard 08/01***

When Washington was 17 years old, he left home to attend Hampton Institute, in Virginia. At Hampton he earned his bed and board while receiving an education. Shortly after finishing at Hampton, he was offered a job at the Tuskegee Institute. After his death he was buried at Tuskegee. Today a bronze statue stands in his honor on the campus. The statue shows Washington removing the veil of ignorance from the eyes of Negro slaves. On the base of the statue is inscribed: "He lifted the veil of ignorance from his people and pointed the way to progress through education and industry."

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***Dr. Charles Richard Drew***

***8-1/2" x 11" B/W Picture - Photographer Unknown***

Dr. Charles Richard Drew lived a short life but he left mankind an important legacy - the blood bank. A pioneer in blood research, Dr. Drew introduced the use of plasma on the battlefield. He also organized the world's first mass blood project, Blood for Britain, and established the American Red Cross Blood Bank, of which he was the first director. Born and educated in Washington, DC, he attended Dunbar High where he earned the best all-around athlete award in both his junior and senior years. Drew graduated from Amherst College in 1926 and enrolled in McGill University Medical School in Montreal where his books and studies began to take on more importance. He won two fellowships and was awarded his Medical and Master of Surgery degrees with top honors. In 1950, Dr. Drew was on his way to a medical meeting when his car overturned and he experienced a fatal accident. He was died at the age of 45.

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***Frederick A. Douglas***

***Watercolor by Hubbard 05/01 Published 1883 Harpers Weekly***

Frederick A. Douglas born in Tuckahoe, MD in 1817 and escaped from slavery in 1838. Douglas relentlessly fought slavery in the U.S. and lectured in Great Britain on slavery and its abolition. During the Civil War he advised President Lincoln on the possible role of the Negro on the battlefield. Douglas's leadership and militant role as an abolitionist earned him the title "spokesman for his race."

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***Sojourner Truth***

***Watercolor by Hubbard 08/01***

Civil War Heroine and Abolitionist, Sojourner was born Isabelle Baumfree 1797 in Hurley Ulster County, New York. She was one of 12 children. In 1827 she was separated from her husband and four children just before slavery was outlawed in the county. Isabelle and her fifth child left her owner John J. Dumont. She walked many miles to the home of Isaac S. Van Wagener, who gave her shelter and agreed to pay Dumont for her services. Beginning her pilgrimage in June, 1843 Isabelle said, "the Lord gave me Truth" and changed her name to Sojourner. In 1852 at the second National Woman's Suffrage Convention, held in Akron, Ohio, Sojourner saved the convention when she challenged the extensive praise given to the male intellect by visiting ministers. Crippled and old, she retired to a little home in Battle Creek, MI where she died in 1883.

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***Carver - Washington***

***Half Dollar Silver "Coin" Designed by Isaac Scott Hathaway***

This coin shows the conjoined busts of two prominent Black Americans. Booker T. Washington a lecturer, educator and President of Tuskegee Institute. George Washington Carver an agricultural chemist who worked to improve the economy of the south. Money obtained from the sale of these commemorative coins was to be used "to oppose the spread of communism among Negroes in the interest of national defense."

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***Booker T. Washington***

***Half Dollar Silver "Coin" Designed by Isaac Scott Hathaway***

The commemorative coin was issued to commemorate the ideals and teachings of Booker T. Washington. The reverse side has the legend from Slave Cabin to Hall of Fame. His log cabin birthplace is shown beneath.

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*Hand Painted Watercolor*  
*Artist Hall, Year Unknown*

The print illustrates Booker T. Washington, a general overview of Tuskegee Institute and the house where he was born. It also shows Frederick Douglass and the place where he learned to read, a beautiful young black girl holding the American flag and the scroll reading "Truth and Justice shall not fail work and wisdom shall prevail", and Abraham Lincoln who signed Emancipation Proclamation in 1863.

(26A)