



Photo by OP

9<sup>th</sup> Street and Rhode Island Avenue NW

# Carter G. Woodson Memorial

Father of African American History



## Carter G. Woodson Memorial

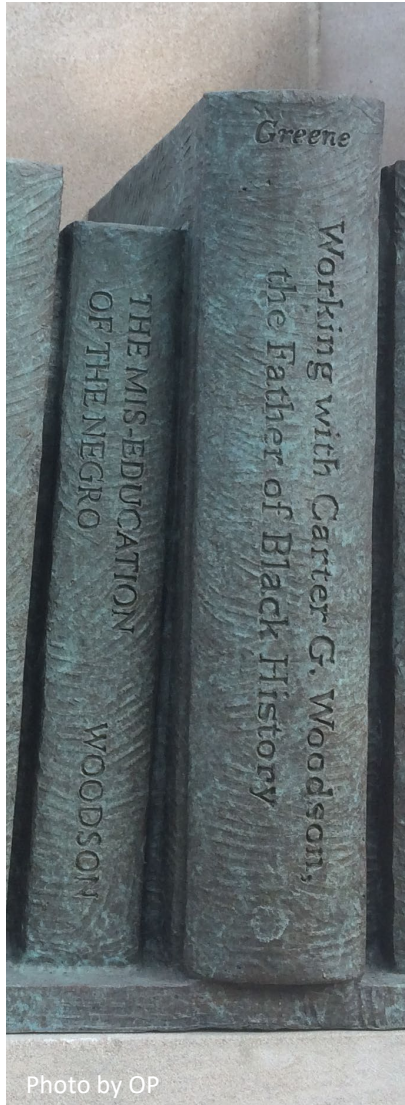


Photo by OP

The Carter G. Woodson Memorial at 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Rhode Island Avenue NW is dedicated to the father of Black History, who lived and worked around the corner from the memorial at 1538-9th Street, NW. The memorial is in a triangle park, includes a bronze sculpture of Dr. Woodson seated on a circular stone memorial surrounded by a paved plaza, and set within a landscaped green space. The Woodson sculpture, executed by sculptor Ray Kaskey, depicts Woodson seated and the back of the memorial includes bronze books with titles authored by Woodson.

The design of the memorial was initiated as part of Section 106 negotiations to project the Shaw neighborhood from impacts associated with construction of the new Washington Convention Center north of Mount Vernon Square. The statue was selected through a competitive and open process led by the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities that included a public art advisory committee with community members and representatives from District and federal agencies. The District Department of Transportation Funds provided funding for the memorial, which were transferred to and managed by the District Department of Parks and Recreation and Department of General Services. The budget for the entire project – including the sculpture, plantings, restored iron fencing, new pavers, and lighting – was \$1 million.

The memorial was dedicated during the summer of 2015.