

Carter Woodson Lauds 'Forgotten Negroes' Who Played Major Roles In Race's March Of Progress

Names of Booker T. Washington and Frederick Douglass Are Remembered, But Many Other Martyrs Are Overlooked By Average Person.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 22—Recently we have been supplying stories of persons for whom Negroes have named their schools. In this way we can judge just about what we know about the makers of our history and how much we appreciate their achievements. I have been deeply struck

with the fact that with the exception of Frederick Douglass and Booker T. Washington, the heroes of our past are almost forgotten. Some few use the names of Benjamin Banneker and Phillis Wheatley, and figures like Andrew Bryan, Lott Carey, Richard Allen, James Varick and Daniel A. Payne live only as religious characters whose memory is revered largely in the churches. Lemuel Haynes, Absalom Jones, John Gloucester, William Douglass and John Stewart who did not develop with a large Negro following have been practically forgotten. In fact, the Negroes are about in the same position as the

whole nation would be if we remembered only George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Woodrow Wilson.

Along with Frederick Douglass, and even before his day, appeared a number of gallant fighters whose names should be familiar in every household. High in that galaxy of brilliant stars stood Charles Lenox Remond, David Ruggles, James Forten, James W. C. Pennington, Samuel R. Ward, Robert Purvis, William C. Nell, William Wells Brown, J. W. Louguen, Sojourner Truth, Edmondo Lewis, Frances Ellen Watkins Harper, and Harriet Tubman. Had not those persons

Memory of David Ruggles, Charles Remond, Henry Garnet and Others Who Helped Douglass Maintain His Leadership Should Also Be Revered.

lived, Frederick Douglass could not have developed the proportions of leadership and statesmanship for which his memory is revered. To forget them is to forget our history. To neglect their record is to turn a deaf ear to the truth.

The record of David Ruggles is hardly known to a thousand Negroes of today. Yet he first became known as a most active, adventurous

and daring conductor on the underground railroad. "He helped 600 slaves to escape from one and another of the Southern States into Canada, or to places of security this side of the St. Lawrence.

Many of the states have repealed in a number of the dry states they shoot them as they run from the stills.