



Carter G. Woodson (1875-1950)
FATHER OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

"If a race has no history, it has no worthwhile tradition, it becomes a negligible factor in the thought of the world, and it stands in danger of being exterminated." — Carter G. Woodson

Carter G. Woodson (1875-1950), the Father of Black History, organized the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History in 1910. He obtained a Ph.D. from Harvard in 1912 and in 1926 he established the month of February as Negro History Week, which later became "Black History Month."

EDITOR'S NOTE: With respect to Dr. Carter G. Woodson for his recognition of the interrelationship between race and history, we believe that if Dr. Woodson were alive today, he would support the re-naming of "Black History Month" to "AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH."

Dr. William Edward Burghardt DuBois 1868 - 1963



"We shall hardly induce Black men to believe that if their stomachs be full, if matters little about their brains."

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Lewis Latimer, a talented Black draftsman and inventor. His drawings accompanied the patent application that started this whole business of telecommunications.

As an associate of Thomas Edison, Latimer also patented an electric lamp

switch and socket and wrote the first textbook on the Edison electric system.

During Black History Month, AT&T is especially proud of the contributions of Lewis Latimer and other Black Americans. We're also proud to have a history of providing an environment in which every person can reach his or her fullest potential.

As we look forward to new generations of pioneers, it's good to remember the gains that people like Lewis Latimer already have brought.

