

11. THE ACROSTIC REPORT

GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER 1864-1943

Grabbed with his mother by raiders in 1863

Exploring the countryside, a Union scout found the baby.

Orphaned, George was raised by Moses Carver and his wife.

Race was the reason the local school would not accept George as a student.

George went to a school for black children in a nearby town.

Excelling in all his studies, he was a very bright child.

Working hard in high school he dreamed of going to college.

After applying to many colleges,

Simpson College let 30-year-old George enroll.

He studied so hard that he often knew more than the professors.

Investigating many uses for common crops was his goal.

Nothing would keep him from reaching it.

Gained an appointment as a professor at Tuskegee University

Toiled away countless hours in his plant laboratory and discovered that

One crop, the peanut, had more than 100 uses

Never taking a vacation he spent many hours as a researcher

Carver never married.

Agricultural research was his whole life.

Research on pecans revealed 75 different products.

Versatile uses for the sweet potato were also found.

Expended energy in improving relations between blacks and whites

Remembered for his work and for his life savings left to the Tuskegee Institute.