



In 1919, Booker T. Washington partnered with Sears Roebuck President, Julius Rosenwald to build more than 5,000 schools across 15 states to provide education for African American children in rural communities. 'Rosenwald Schools' as they would come to be known came in various sizes ranging from one teacher classrooms up to seven teacher classrooms. These schools revolutionized education for African American children who otherwise wouldn't have access. By the time the grants ended in 1932, Louisiana had 435 schools in rural communities. Washington's vision included the schools being the epicenter of the community with families building their homes around the schools.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation has placed the Rosenwald Schools on their most endangered list with only a few dozen remaining today and 3 remaining in Louisiana.

The [River Road African American Museum](#)

in Donaldsonville, LA is home to one of the remaining buildings. For more information on this museum, please visit <https://africanamericanmuseum.org/>

For more information on the preservation of Rosenwald Schools, please visit <https://savingplaces.org/places/rosenwald-schools...>