This map was produced by W.E.B. Du Bois from his research in *The Philadelphia Negro* (1899), a study of the predominately black 7th Ward. Among the great African American intellectuals, Du Bois was an American social scientist, historian, civil rights activist, Pan-Africanist, author, writer and editor. His social philosophy was influenced by Alexander Crummell, whom Du Bois called the greatest black intellectual of the 19th Century. Like Crummell, Du Bois believed that morals and ideas are the necessary tools to effect social change. This philosophy is expressed through the map, particularly in the ways DuBois characterizes the neighborhood.

In spring 2008, Philadelphia’s Mural Arts Program, in partnership with The Ward project, memorialized the history of *The Philadelphia Negro* with the mural Mapping Courage on the side of Engine Company 11’s building at Sout 6th Street and South Street.