

Claude McKay Residence

180 West 135th Street

New York

Born in Jamaica, West Indies, in September 1890, Claude McKay was one of the outstanding figures of American literature during the era known as the Harlem Renaissance. He is known for such works as "If We Must Die"; his autobiography, *A Long Way From Home*; and the first book by an African American to reach the best-seller list, *Home To Harlem*. He traveled and published abroad in such places as England, France, Spain, Morocco, and Russia. He died penniless in 1948 at the age of 58. The New York residence McKay occupied from 1942 until 1946 was designated a National Historic Landmark on December 8, 1976. [B 12/8/76 NHL, 76002143]