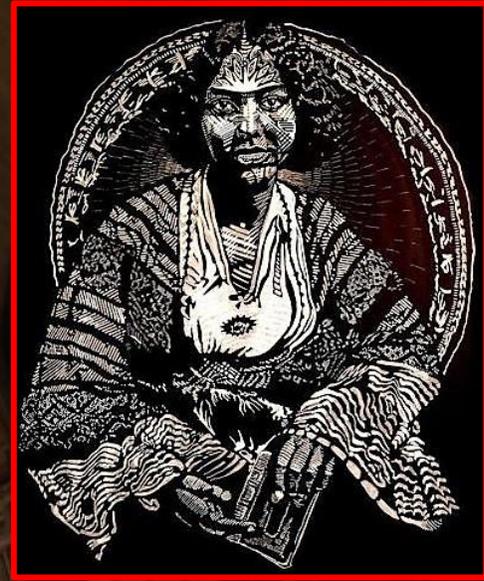
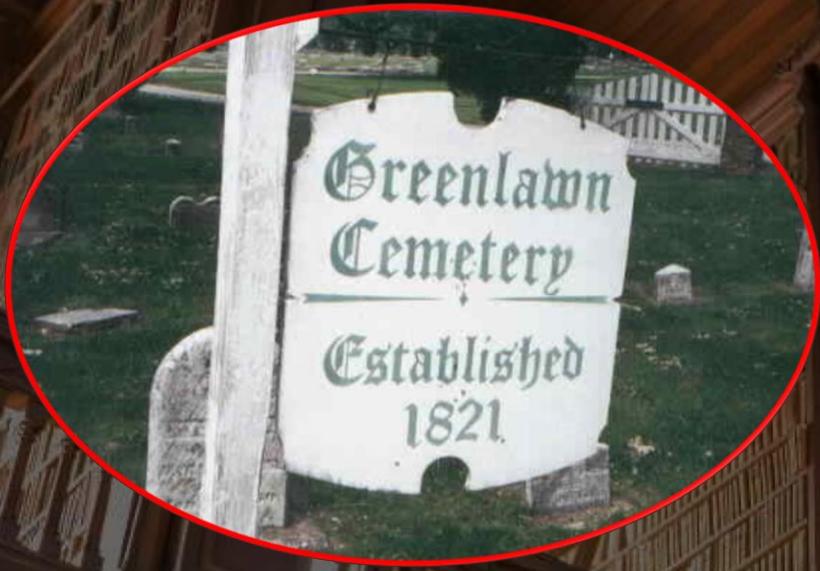




BLACK PIONEERS  
WITH MARKED HISTORIES

Buried at **GREENLAWN CEMETERY**  
Indianapolis, Indiana

Duane D Perry: IAAGG Member



# *RESEARCHING OUR PAST TO PRESERVE OUR LEGACY*

**IAAGG: INDIANA AFRICAN  
AMERICAN  
GENEALOGY GROUP**

**Our IAAGG Team: Duane D. Perry, Andrea Price,  
Victor Stuart, Pam Griffin, Pamela Lomax, Marva  
Crews, Doris Fields, & Denise Chisley.**

We were summoned by fellow IAAGG member, Eunice Trotter, Director of Black Heritage Preservation Program at Indiana Landmarks.

**Goal:** To locate more information on the African Americans buried at the Greenlawn Cemetery and bring the deceased, "Back to Life" to tell their incredible stories.



These three people have been a big help to me in this process: Ron Darrah (VP) and Barbara Hutchinson (Pres) of Genealogical Society of Marion County and of course, our own Eunice Trotter.

**We started with a document of the burials taken from the Indianapolis Marion County, Indiana Mortality Record (1871 - 1882).**

**The names of 1,210 African Americans listed were extracted by Indiana Landmarks intern, Ahmaud Carroll Tubbs, in the summer of 2023.**

**I was asked to lead a group of volunteers from IAAGG, Indiana African American Genealogy Group.**

**After beginning and meeting together on a weekly basis, we decided to research only those 17 years old and above. We quickly found it difficult to find anything on some of them.**

NAME	Pa	AGE	ORIGI	GENDER	RACI	M/S	ADDRESS	DEATH DA	YEA	CAUSE/DURATION	DOCTOR	UNDERTAKER	Buried	RECORD NOTE
Sept. 1872														
Burns, James	1	18 mo	OH	Male	B	S	228 W. Market	Sept. 2	1872	cersiitis: 1 mo	Prunk, D. H.	Weaver	city cem.	
Sanders, John	1	34y	OH	Male	B	M	576 W. North	Sept. 2	1872	natural causes	None	Hedges	city cem.	Coroner inq: Dropped Dead
Strander, Ida Bell	1	1 y 3 mo	City	Female	B	S	172 S. IL	Sept. 3	1872	cholera infant: 6 days	Elbert, S. A.	Kregelo	city cem.	
Taylor, Chs. H.	1	17 mo	IL	Male	B	S	North Street	Sept. 5	1872	cholera infant: 16 days	Runnels, O. S.	Kregelo	city cem.	
Turner, Burton	1	72y	VA	Male	B	M	171 Columbia	Sept. 6	1872	paralysis: 1 mo	Revils, W. R.	Kregelo	city cem.	
Dunn, Milton	2	43y	IN	Male	B	?	City Hosp.	Sept. 9	1872	phthisis: 9 days	Marsee, J. W.	Weaver	city cem.	
FORE, Ortha	2	1y	IN	Female	B	S	180 Columbia	Sept. 12	1872	cholera infant: 5 days	Revils, W. P.	Kregelo	city cem.	
Gibbs, Eliza Jane	2	39y	IN	Female	B	M	267 W. Wash.	Sept. 9	1872	phthisis: 2 mos	Revils, W. R.	Weaver	city cem.	
ROBNITS, Alexander	2	12y	IN	Male	B	S	97 3rd	Sept. 11	1872	killed: 1 day	None	Hedges	city cem.	Coroner inquest: Killed by 10y old boy
Jones, Charles	4	60y	Africa	Male	B	S	162 Miller	Sept. 28	1872	old age	Elbert, S. A.	?	city cem.	1870 census [birth: KY]
Smith, Sarah E.	4	7 mo	City	Female	B	S	Eight & MS	Sept. 26	1872	cholera infant: 2 wks	?	Kregelo	city cem.	
Triplett, Parker	4	6y	KY	Male	B	S	?	Sept. 18	1872	phthisis: 1 y	Oliver, D. H.	Grinstiner	city cem.	

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1. We took spreadsheets as it looks in A. and then filtered out those 16 and younger
2. All rows that are yellow have been researched with links to the information found. B.

**There have been others who have been very helpful**

**Olivia J. McGee-Lockhart - Bethel AME Historian**

**Sue Buckner & Jeannie Regan-Dinius - Crown Hill Cemetery**

**Leon Bates - Historian**

**CAG - Community Advisory Group Members**

**City of INDIANAPOLIS (DPW) - Department of Public Works**

**Marvin Mason & Ahmad Perry - Prince Hall Masons Historians**

What I will attempt to do here is identify

1. *Some of Indianapolis' Early History of African Americans*
2. *Several Names of Black Residents and Their Stories*
3. *What was it like living in the early parts of Indianapolis*

*To hopefully identify what their lives may have been like.*

7 Acres Est Abt.  
1860

T.H & R.R.

135  
Green Lawn  
Cemetery

New (North) Burying Ground  
7.5 Acres Est Abt. 1852  
Excavation in 1911  
1161 bodies to Crown Hill

Governors Id.

Colored  
Section  
1821?-18??

New Burying Ground or  
Union Cemetery  
6.13 Acres Est Abt. 1834

Old  
Cemetery

You will not find a map labeling this  
section and it may go futher north  
along river bank

Old Burying Ground  
4 Acres Est Abt. 1821  
Excavation in 1924 (1858) bodies moved  
to Floral Park and Calvary Cemeteries



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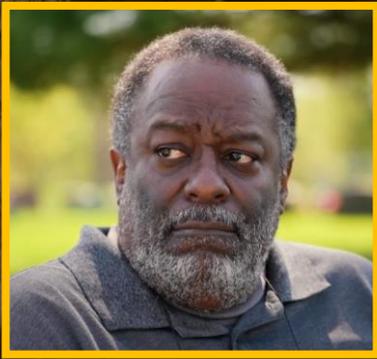
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'Everybody ought to be moved': Leon Bates speaks on Greenlawn Cemetery



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'This is our last chance': Eunice Trotter speaks on Greenlawn Cemetery



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**MIRRORINDY**

## Righting the wrongs

Many of the souls laid to rest at Greenlawn were rarely afforded peace for long.



There were at least three cases of mass reinternments — the transfer first of 1,200 Union soldiers, then 1,600 Confederate prisoners of war who died in Indianapolis, to Crown Hill Cemetery. In 1924, remains from the oldest part of Greenlawn were disinterred and reburied, most of them in Floral Park Cemetery.

The removals were typically made in response to the demands of industry. The city quickly outgrew the Mile Square, and the land used as the cemeteries was quickly choked by economic interests on three sides, the fourth banked by the White River.

**In some cases, families were left to find and move their own loved ones if they had the money.** Others left their graves by much more violent means. Bodies buried at Greenlawn Cemetery were stolen and sold as cadavers to medical schools, according to newspaper accounts. And some of the remains simply fell victim to floods and erosion from the nearby White River.

Those mass reinternments and old newspaper reports of the closure of the cemeteries may have previously given some the impression that all the remains had been moved, said **Jeannie Regan-Dinius**, director of historic preservation at Crown Hill Foundation and former cemetery and burial ground registry coordinator for the state's historic preservation office.

Article from Mirror Indy by Emily Hopkins

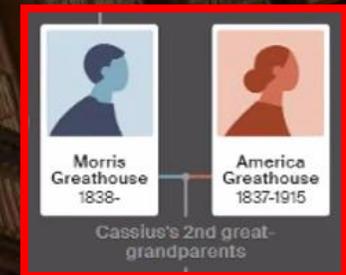
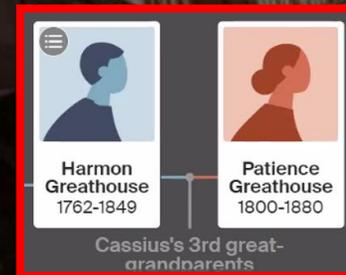
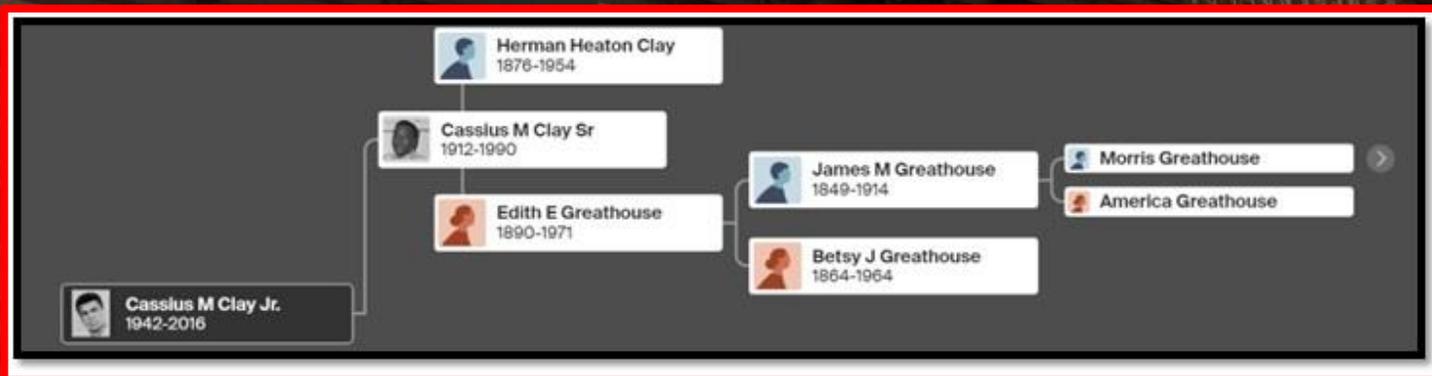
*I will attempt to identify some of these people with A special history*

- Morrison Greathouse 1838 – 29 Jan 1877
- Sarah (Sally Williams 1770 – 3 Jan 1876
- Augustus Turner 1806 – 29 Mar 1880 & Family Members
- Chaney Lively 1795 – 1857
- John G. Britton 1808 – Apr 1885
- “And a few more”



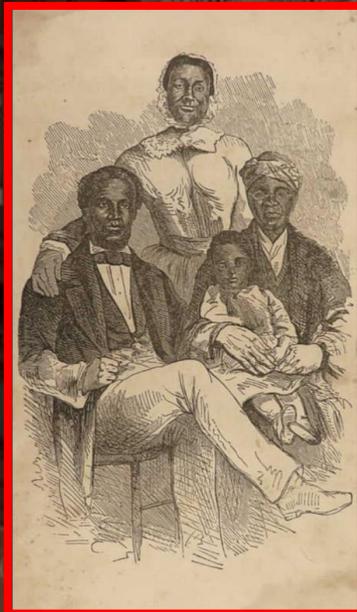
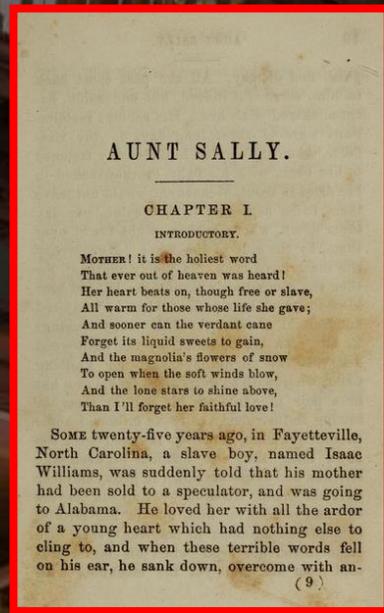
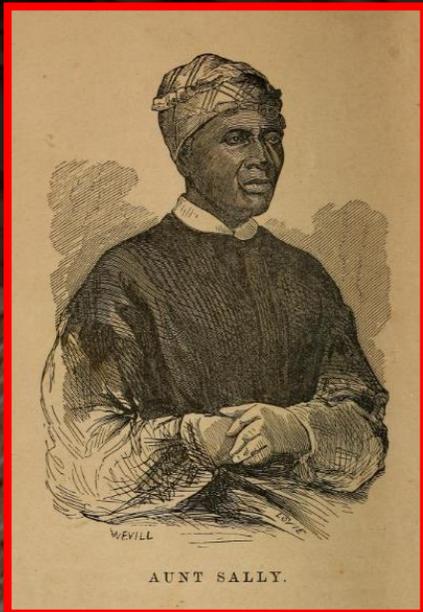
# Morrison Greathouse

- Morrison Greathouse was born in 1838 In Kentucky and died of pneumonia in Indianapolis on Jan. 29, 1877.
- He was married to America Greathouse.
- He is the great-great-great-grandfather of Cassius Clay Jr, known as Muhammed Ali, one of the world's greatest boxers.
- One of his sons was Archie Greathouse, (1859-1936) , who became one of Indianapolis's largest Black property owners.
- Many of the businesses along historic Indiana Avenue were owned by Greathouse. Archie also used his own resources to oppose the building of Crispus Attucks because he did not believe in segregated schools.



# Sarah (Sally) Williams

- born in 1770 in North Carolina. She had one son, Isaac Williams, in 1812. She died on January 3, 1876, in Indianapolis, Indiana, and was buried in Greenlawn Cemetery at the age of 106.
- A book, “AUNT SALLY: The Cross The Way Of Freedom” was written about her. A Narrative of the Slave Life and purchase of the mother of Rev. Isaac Williams, of Detroit, Michigan. (Western Tract and Book Society 1866)



## Sally Williams

<b>BIRTH</b>	1770 North Carolina, USA
<b>DEATH</b>	3 Jan 1876 (aged 105–106) Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, USA
<b>BURIAL</b>	<u>Greenlawn Cemetery</u> Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, USA 
<b>MEMORIAL ID</b>	259278697 · <a href="#">View Source</a>

# Augustus Turner

- born in 1806 in Kentucky to free parents.
- He was as widely known and highly esteemed as any African in the state.
- He resided much of his life in a log cabin he built at the corner of Tennessee and 99 W. Georgia streets.
- He came to Indianapolis, IN., when it was a struggling, swampy village in 1833. He was a barber by trade but soon became a very important member of the black community.
- His barber shop was in a frame, located upon the grounds now occupied by Merrill's bookstore.
- The first colored Methodist Episcopal church (Later to become Bethel A.M.E) in the city was organized in his house, and it is a consolation to those of his family who survived him to know that he remained a faithful member.
- He was also a charter member of the Indiana Grand Lodge of colored Free Masons organized in this city.

# Tryphena Grafford Turner

- Augustus had ten children with Tryphena Grafford Turner between 1835 and 1853. Five of them died before the age of ten, 2 sons and 3 daughters.
- He died on March 29, 1880, in Indianapolis, Indiana, at 74.
- Tryphena Grafford was born in 1810 in Henderson, Kentucky.
- She died suddenly with no medical cause written, December 9, 1873, at the age (62-63), and was buried in Greenlawn Cemetery.

## Augustus Turner

<b>BIRTH</b>	1805 Kentucky, USA
<b>DEATH</b>	29 Mar 1880 (aged 74–75) Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, USA
<b>BURIAL</b>	<a href="#">Greenlawn Cemetery</a> Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, USA
<b>MEMORIAL ID</b>	258572164 · <a href="#">View Source</a>

## Triphena *Grafford* Turner

<b>BIRTH</b>	1810 Kentucky, USA
<b>DEATH</b>	9 Dec 1873 (aged 62–63) Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, USA
<b>BURIAL</b>	<a href="#">Greenlawn Cemetery</a> Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, USA 📍
<b>MEMORIAL ID</b>	258721700 · <a href="#">View Source</a>

# Turner Children

## America Turner

**BIRTH** unknown  
**DEATH** 7 Jun 1835  
**BURIAL** [Greenlawn Cemetery](#)  
Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, USA  
**MEMORIAL ID** 214025198 · [View Source](#)

## Adaline Turner

**BIRTH** unknown  
**DEATH** 7 Jun 1835  
**BURIAL** [Greenlawn Cemetery](#)  
Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, USA   
**MEMORIAL ID** 214025215 · [View Source](#)

### Gravesite Details

**Twin Daughters: America & Adaline  
both died on 7 Jun 1835  
Children of Augustus and Typhena  
Turner; Aged 5m 22d; Twins**

## Nathaniel Turner

**BIRTH** unknown  
**DEATH** 3 Sep 1839  
**BURIAL** [Greenlawn Cemetery](#)  
Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, USA  
**MEMORIAL ID** 214025199 · [View Source](#)

### Gravesite Details

**Son: Nathaniel died on 3 Sep 1839  
Child of Augustus and Typhena Turner;  
Aged 10m 21d**

## Fullford Ceenaz Turner

**BIRTH** unknown  
**DEATH** 20 Apr 1853  
**BURIAL** [Greenlawn Cemetery](#)  
Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, USA  
**MEMORIAL ID** 214025201 · [View Source](#)

### Gravesite Details

**Son: Fullford Ceenaz died on 20 Apr 1853  
Child of Augustus and Typhena Turner;  
Aged 7y 5m 18d**

## Amelia Laurene Turner

**BIRTH** unknown  
**DEATH** 14 Jul 1853  
**BURIAL** [Greenlawn Cemetery](#)  
Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, USA   
**MEMORIAL ID** 214025200 · [View Source](#)

### Gravesite Details

Daughter: Amelia Laurene died on 14 Jul 1853  
Child of Augustus and Typhena Turner; Aged 10d

### SUDDEN DEATH.

Mrs. Turner, wife of Augustus Turner, the richest colored man and the oldest barber in the city, died very suddenly last evening, about five o'clock. Her husband had come home, and was engaged in getting in his wood for Sunday. As he came into the house, his wife was lying on the floor, apparently in the last stages of dissolution. She was removed up stairs, and died in a few minutes thereafter. A jury of inquest will try to show the cause of her death on Monday. Mr. Turner lived at the corner of Georgia and Tennessee streets. The couple have lived in this city nearly forty years. There were no colored people who stood higher in the estimation of this community.

This Power Couple lost five of their ten children between 1835 and 1853 (8 Years)

Then July 15, 1873, their daughter, Octavia Turner-Beatty was beaten and near death. Then delivered to their home. She died later.

Augustus wife died 9 Dec 1873

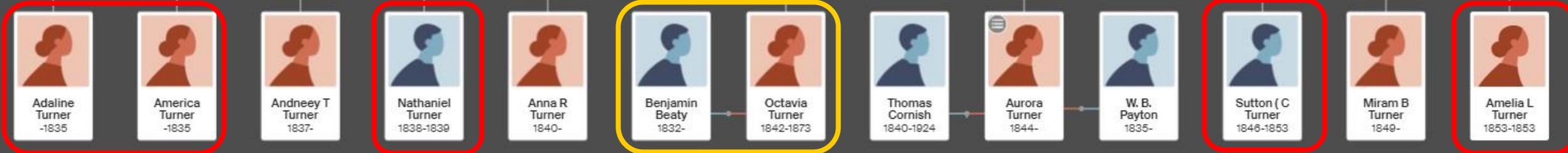
Chase County Leader\_Fri\_Jul 25\_1873

Mrs. Octavia Beatty, a colored woman, was murdered at Indianapolis on the morning of July 16, by George Keen, also colored. He beat her fearfully with flat-irons. He has been arrested.

A fire consumed three brick buildings



Augustus's children

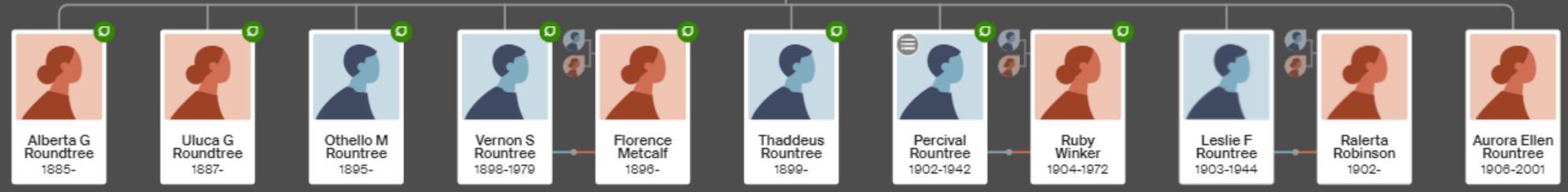


INDIANAPOLIS, July 16.—The colored woman, Mrs. Octavia Beatty, who was so horribly beaten on her room on East Washington street last night, is still alive, but can not recover. In her moments of convalescence she mentioned the name of Sam Green, colored, as being guilty of the outrage. He was last night arrested, but was released this morning. Upon some suspicious circumstances coming to light he was rearrested, but again released. Upon the strength of subsequent statements made by the woman this morning a colored man named George Keen was arrested as the assassin. There are many suspicious circumstances surrounding this man. He admits having been in the room with the woman last night, and the condition of his boots and clothes, which are covered and bespotted with blood, confirm the suspicions. He has been fully committed to await the action of the Grand Jury.

The Evansville Daily Journal Thur\_Jul\_17\_1873  
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Augustus's great-grandchildren



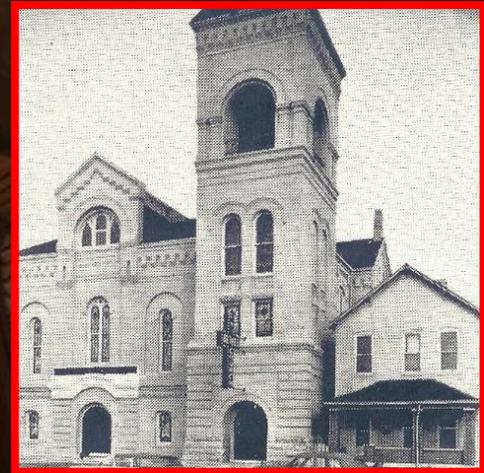
# AUGUSTUS TURNER DEATH

## Bethel AME Church

### Death of Augustus Turner.

The well known colored barber, Augustus Turner, one of the most prominent members of his race here, died last evening at his residence, corner of Tennessee and Georgia streets, aged 73 years. He came to Indianapolis in 1833 and established himself in a little frame shop that stood about where Merrill & Hubbard's book store now is, where he carried on his art for many years. He traveled over the legal circuits as a sort of court barber, and thus became well known all over the state. He was a man of positive character and devoted himself to higher aims than negroes at that day usually thought themselves worthy to pursue. This was probably owing to the fact that he was never a slave, having been born of free parents in Kentucky. The first colored Methodist church in Indianapolis was organized at his house, and he was a charter member of the first colored Masonic lodge.

Mr. Turner married when 25 years of age, and by his first wife had three daughters who still survive. He lived with her forty-one years and then after six years married Mrs. Delano, at the residence of John C. New, about a year ago. He acquired a competency and several years ago was held to be a wealthy man.



**Historic Significance:** The church building, dating back to 1869, is a recognized landmark listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Over the years, it has also been a gathering spot for social activists



# Chaney Lively

1795–1857

Chaney Lively was born in 1795 in Kentucky. She died in 1857 in Indianapolis, Indiana, at the age of 62. Not sure, but believed to be buried in Greenlawn Cemetery.

Alexander Ralston came to Indianapolis in the early summer of 1821. A lifelong bachelor with no known family, he came with a clerk and a housekeeper described as “a mulatto woman named Chaney Lively.” Chaney was 21 years old when she arrived in the city and a free woman of color — the first to call Indianapolis home.

## BORN A SLAVE

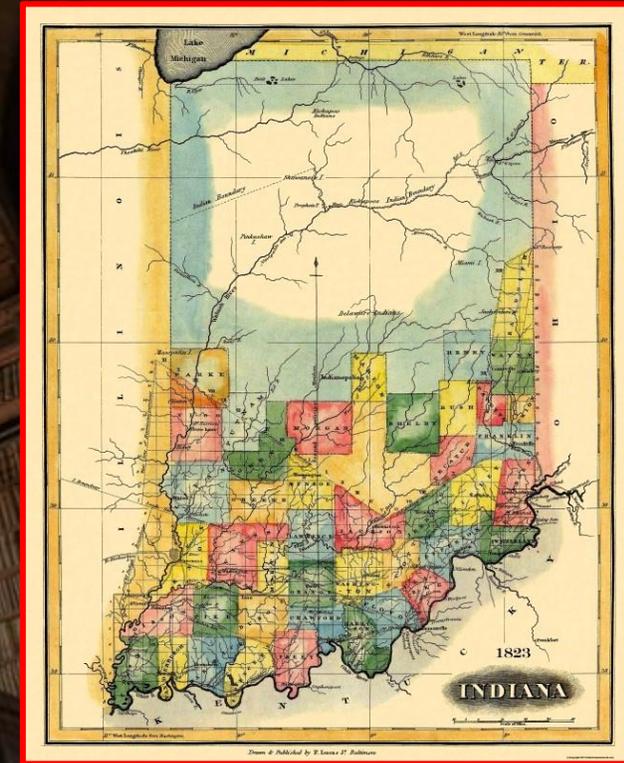
It's not clear where or when, but we think Ralston originally purchased Chaney as a slave. Most likely, he bought her in Louisville, KY. a major slave trading hub at the time he lived there in the early 1800s.

# Chaney Lively cont.

Although slavery was outlawed by the new state constitution, that didn't stop settlers moving north from bringing their slaves with them when they came.

The term "free person of color" was highly symbolic, and there were plenty of ways for whites to evade the law. Governor of the Indiana Territory and future President William Henry Harrison, for example, bought slaves in Kentucky and imported them as indentured servants.

The relationship between Ralston and Chaney began as slavery, but by the time they arrived in Indianapolis, they lived and worked side-by-side in a manner that led others in the community to regard her as an important and respected member of his household. Ralston worked on his survey of Indianapolis throughout the summer of 1821. When the platted lots went for sale in October, he bought two lots on the first day: one for him and one expressly for Chaney.



# CHANEY LIVELY MARRIES JOHN G. BRITTON

We have more documentation of her than almost any other African-American woman in antebellum Indianapolis. This is remarkable, considering that she lived when few black women owned property in Indiana.

John G. Britton marries Chaney Lively  
(married in Indiana May 9, 1836)

A local barber and community leader with a four-year-old daughter, **Eliza Jane Britton (also buried in Greenlawn)**.

## 1850 US Federal Census

Name	Chancey Brittain
Gender	Female
Race	Mulatto
Age	50
Birth Year	abt 1800
Birthplace	Kentucky
Home in 1850	Indianapolis, Marion, Indiana, USA
Line Number	33
Dwelling Number	870
Family Number	882
Inferred Spouse	John G Brittain
Inferred Child	Eliza J Brittain

### Household members

Name	Age
John G Brittain	42
Chancey Brittain	50
Eliza J Brittain	17

# JOHN G. BRITTON

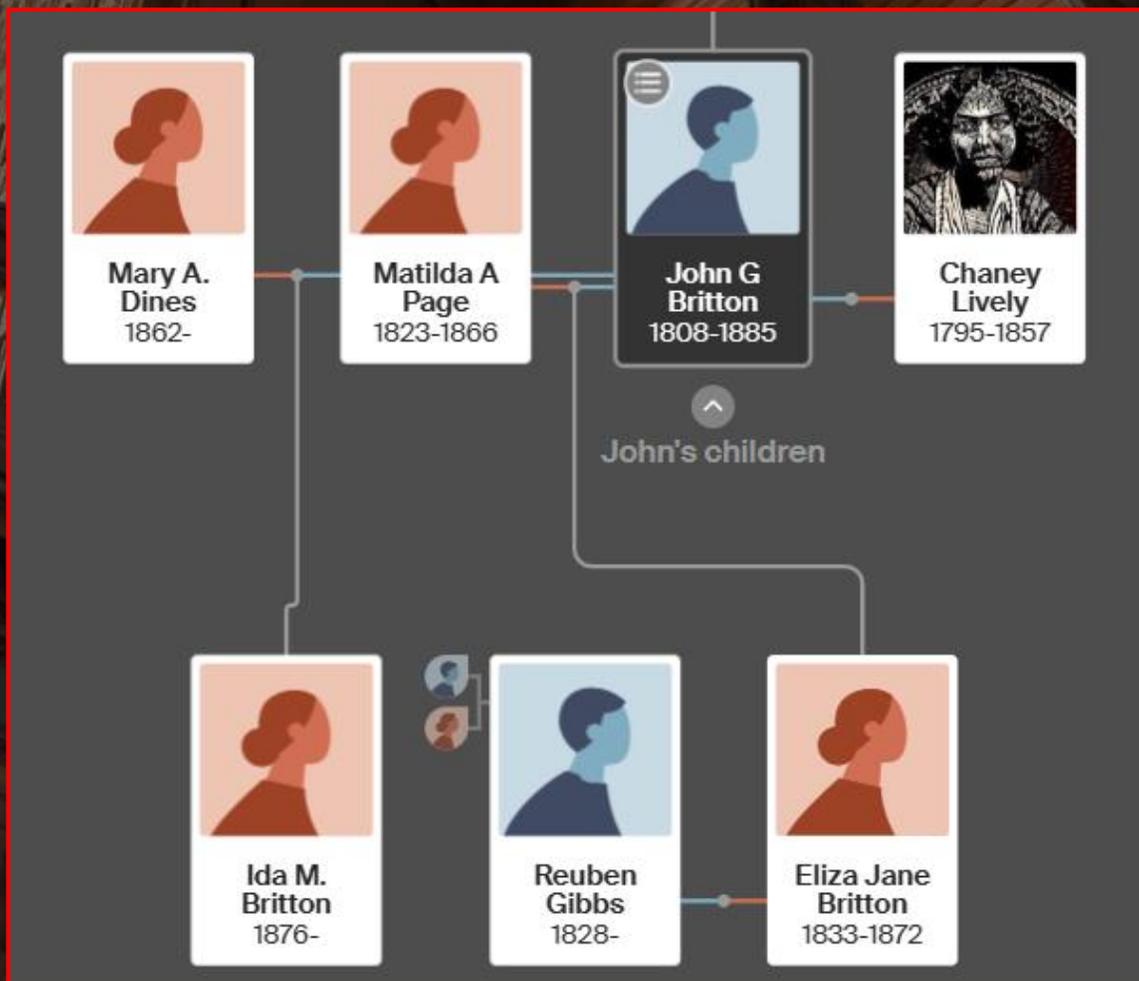
**John G. Britton was a remarkable individual with a diverse range of accomplishments. Here's what I found:**

- **Birth:** John G. Britton was born in 1808 in Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio, USA<sup>1</sup>.
- **Death:** He passed away in April 1885 (around the age of 76-77) in Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, USA<sup>1</sup>.
- **Professions and Contributions:**
  - **UGRR Engineer:** John G. Britton was involved in the Underground Railroad (UGRR), helping enslaved individuals escape to freedom.
  - **Barber:** He worked as a barber.
  - **Teacher:** Britton was also a teacher.
  - **Restaurateur:** He owned and operated a restaurant.
  - **Early Civil Rights Leader:** Britton played a role in advancing civil rights.
  - **Mason:** He was a member of the Masonic fraternity.

**Grand Master Mason:** John G. Britton became the first Grand Master Mason of the Grand Lodge of Indiana Colored Masons (1856 - 1859). Before 1858, Indiana was part of the Ohio Grand Lodge and served as part of the Grand Lodge of the West (west of the Allegheny Mountains)

**Barbers,  
Masons,  
and  
Preachers  
were our  
leaders  
back in the  
day.**

# John G. Britton Family



**Marriage**  
 9 Mar 1836 • Marion, Indiana, USA  
 **Chaney Lively**  
 (1795-1857)  
 6 sources

**Marriage**  
 13 Oct 1859 • Hamilton, Ohio, USA  
 **Matilda Amanda Page**  
 (1823-1866)  
 1 source

**Marriage**  
 27 Apr 1876 • Marion, Indiana, USA  
 **Mary A. Dines**  
 (1862-)  
 2 sources

Image No.	Name	Gender	Age	Birth Date	Residence Date	Residence Place	Will Date	Probate Date	Probate Place	Inferred Death Date	Inferred Death Place	Relationship	Spouse	Item Description
193	Amanda Britton	Female			Abt 1866	Marion, Indiana	6 Aug 1866	6 Aug 1866	Marion, Indiana, USA	1866	Indiana, USA		John G. Britton	Wills, 1865-1876
193	<a href="#">John G. Britton</a>	Male										<b>Husband</b>	Amanda Britton	Wills, 1865-1876
193	<a href="#">Eliza Jane Gibbs</a>											<b>Child of My Husband</b>		Wills, 1865-1876

# John G. Britton Leadership

The Indianapolis Star  
Thu, Feb 15, 1990 · Page 52

## Black Hoosiers withstood racist laws of the 1850s

Equality seemed hopelessly out of reach in Indiana by the 1850s, and black Hoosiers weary of racism and segregation wanted out.

Barred from public schools, denied employment opportunities and the right to vote, blacks were confronted with yet another obstacle to equality.

Voters overwhelmingly approved a law prohibiting blacks from entering the state, a mandate written during the 1850-51 Indiana Constitutional Convention.

Article 13, which also called for fines against anyone who hired blacks who entered Indiana, went on the books in 1851

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### INDIANA BLACK HISTORY

By LYNN FORD

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despite appeals from abolitionists, religious leaders and some state legislators.

Many blacks left Indiana, including some who emigrated to Canada.

Even before Article 13 became law, there had been calls for an exodus. During an 1849 program marking the emancipation of West Indian slaves, one speaker urged blacks to leave Indianapolis, where they were

"compelled to be the servants of white men."

**John G. Britton**, an Indianapolis barber who led a series of conventions around Indiana addressing the plight of black Hoosiers, urged blacks to consider emigrating to Jamaica.

Blacks also were encouraged to leave the United States for Africa, and a few did move to Liberia.

But most black Hoosiers strongly opposed the idea of African colonization.

During a black-leadership convention in Fort Wayne, delegates had adopted a position saying, "no colonizationist is a de-

voted friend to the moral elevation of people of color."

Although blacks were being denied "the full enjoyment of liberty and pursuit of happiness," delegates vowed "to use all lawful means until (blacks) are allowed the full privileges of American citizens."

Indeed, most black Hoosiers stood their ground, refusing to be run out of Indiana — or the United States — by oppressive laws and practices.

*This is one in a series of columns to be published this month, Black History Month. Source: Indiana Historical Society.*

# John G. Britton, Cont

## John G Britton

**BIRTH** 1808  
Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio, USA

**DEATH** Apr 1885 (aged 76–77)  
Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, USA

**BURIAL** Burial Details Unknown [Add to Map](#)

**MEMORIAL ID** 258249054 · [View Source](#)

## James Sidney Hinton

### James Sidney Hinton



James Sidney Hinton was a Civil War veteran and Republican politician, the first African American to hold state office in Indiana and the first African American to serve in the Indiana state legislatu...

## GRAND MASTERS, 1856 – 1902

<b>John G. Britton</b> .....	1856 to 1859
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<b>William Russell</b> .....	1875 to 1876
<b>James S. Hinton</b> .....	1876 to 1878
<b>Charles E. Baily</b> .....	1878 to 1880
<b>Henry A. Rogon</b> .....	1880 to 1883
<b>Charles H. Lamer</b> .....	1883 to 1885
<b>William Russell</b> .....	1885 to 1886
<b>W. T. Floyd</b> .....	1886 to 1889
<b>J. H. Walker</b> .....	1889 to 1892
<b>W. F. Teister</b> .....	1892 to 1898
<b>D. W. Caine</b> .....	1898 to 1902

He was the first Prince Hall Grand Master of Indiana (1856-1859).

The Prince Hall Lodge in Richmond, Indiana was named "Britton Lodge" after him. He sold his barber business in Richmond, Indiana., to Edward Outland ( E. E. Outland ). He knew Bishop / Rev William Paul Quinn, the fourth bishop of the AME church.

He went to several colored conventions as an agent for Rev. Samuel Jones of Mercer County, Ohio.

He was a member and trustee of the Second Baptist Church in Indianapolis (during the time, Rev Moses Broyles was acting minister).

**James Sidney Hinton** had been a friend since they were both young men.

# John G. Britton's Daughter

## Eliza Jane Britton-Gibbs Born 1833 in Indiana

When Eliza Jane Britton (Gibbs) was born in 1833 in Indiana, her father, John, was 25, and her Stepmother, Chaney Lively, was 33. She married Reuben Gibbs on March 27, 1851, in Marion, Indiana. Eliza J. Britton's mother was Amanda Page, but was raised by Chaney Lively while married to her father in his first marriage. Ida M. Britton, her sister came during her father's third marriage to Mary A. Dines.

Eliza later married Reuben Gibbs (27 Mar 1851) in Indianapolis or Marion, IN. They had a daughter a year later (1852) Cora Lee Gibbs and then a son, Marcus Gibbs in 1854. A third child, named, George Isaac Temple was born on April 29, 1900, after Eliza's death.

Eliza died on September 9, 1872, in Indianapolis, Indiana, at the age of 39, and was buried in Greenlawn. George Isaac Temple, a jazz musician who later worked as an advertising account manager for the Indianapolis Recorder, was likely the **Gibbs'** last living descendent in the Indianapolis area. Temple married Fredonia Stewart, daughter of Recorder founder George P. Stewart and later co-owner of the paper. George I. Temple died in 1996.

### Eliza Jane *Britton* Gibbs

<b>BIRTH</b>	1833 Richmond, Wayne County, Indiana, USA
<b>DEATH</b>	Sep 1872 (aged 38-39) Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, USA
<b>BURIAL</b>	<a href="#">Greenlawn Cemetery</a> Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, USA <a href="#">Add to Map</a>
<b>MEMORIAL ID</b>	213956486 · <a href="#">View Source</a>

# Burton Turner

I have found a living family member with a connection to Burton Turner

## Burton Turner

<b>BIRTH</b>	1800
<b>DEATH</b>	6 Sep 1872 (aged 71–72)
<b>BURIAL</b>	<u>Greenlawn Cemetery</u> Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, USA  <a href="#">Add to Map</a>
<b>MEMORIAL ID</b>	213950820 · <a href="#">View Source</a>

Burton Turner was born in 1800 in North Carolina. He married Emma Emeliza Winburn on September 17, 1829, in Halifax, North Carolina.

They had three children during their marriage, Elizabeth, Mary L, and Sarah J Turner. He died on September 6, 1872, 171 Columbia, in Indianapolis, Indiana, at the age of 72, and was buried there. (Greenlawn Cemetery). Burton was a Free Person of Color listed in 1830 & 1840 US Census as FPOC in Halifax, North Carolina.

### Spouse and children



**Emma Emeliza Winburn**  
1813–1900



**Elizabeth Turner**  
1830–1918



**Mary L Turner**  
1832–



**Sarah J Turner**  
1834–

# 1850 United States Federal Census for Sutton C Turner

Indiana > Marion > Indianapolis

Page No	Line Number	Dwelling Number	Family Number	Given Name	Surname	Age	Birth Year	Gender	Race	Occupation	Industry	Real Estate	Birth Place
134	1	984	995	Hugh	Graham	19	1831	Male	White	Cabinet Maker	Furniture and Fixtures		
134	2	984	995	Margaret	McEwen	16	1834	Female	White				Indiana
134	3	984	995	Louisa	Condor	22	1828	Female	White				New York
134	4	984	995	Hannah	Crater	25	1825	Female	White				Pennsylvania
134	5	985	996	John	Stone	39	1811	Male	White	Cabinet Maker	Furniture and Fixtures	2500	Pennsylvania
134	6	985	996	Louis	Stone	24	1826	Female	White				England
134	7	985	996	Geo	Stone	14	1836	Male	White				Indiana
134	8	985	996	Wm	Stone	10	1840	Male	White				Indiana
134	9	985	996	Mary	Stone	8	1842	Female	White				Indiana
134	10	985	996	Sarah	Stone	5	1845	Female	White				Indiana
134	11	985	996	Stephen	Stone	0	1850	Male	White				Indiana
134	12	985	996	Thos	Pleuss	15	1835	Male	White				Indiana
134	13	985	996	John	Van Every	14	1836	Male	White				Germany
134	14	986	997	Augustus	Turner	44	1806	Male	Mulatto	Barber	Miscellaneous Personal Services	5000	Kentucky
134	15	986	997	Tryphena	Turner	35	1815	Female	Mulatto				Kentucky
134	16	986	997	Andneey T	Turner	13	1837	Female	Mulatto				Indiana
134	17	986	997	Armara	Turner	8	1842	Female	Mulatto				Indiana
134	18	986	997	Octave A	Turner	7	1843	Female	Mulatto				Indiana
134	19	986	997	Miram B	Turner	1	1849	Female	Mulatto				Indiana
134	20	986	997	Sutton C	Turner	4	1846	Male	Mulatto				Indiana
134	21	987	998	Elizabeth	Stewart	30	1820	Female	Black			1000	Kentucky
134	22	987	998	Geo	Stewart	12	1838	Male	Black				Indiana
134	23	988	999	Burton	Turner	51	1799	Male	Mulatto	Carpenter	Construction	50	North Carolina
134	24	988	999	Ema C	Turner	37	1813	Female	Mulatto				North Carolina
134	25	988	999	Elizabeth	Turner	20	1830	Female	Mulatto				North Carolina
134	26	988	999	Mary L	Turner	18	1832	Female	Mulatto				North Carolina
134	27	988	999	Sarah J	Turner	16	1834	Female	Mulatto				North Carolina

The Turners are neighbors.  
Are they related?

# William M Walden

## Marriage

02 Jul 1857 • Marion, Indiana



**Elizabeth A Turner**  
(1830–1918)

*Daughter Of Burton  
Turner*

## Spouse and children



**Elizabeth A Turner**  
1830–1918



**Plymouth Walden**  
1858–



**William Wesley Walden**  
1859–1917



**Adele L Walden**  
1861–



**Ulysses Grant Walden**  
1871–1934



**Grant Walden**  
1871–1934

William M Walden was born in 1814 in North Carolina. He married Temperance Haithcock on October 14, 1844, in Northampton, North Carolina. He then married Elizabeth A Turner, July 2, 1857 in Indianapolis, IN. They had five children together. He died on September 14, 1878, in Indianapolis, Indiana, at the age of 64, and was buried in Greenlawn.

## William M Walden

**BIRTH** 1817  
North Carolina, USA

**DEATH** 14 Sep 1878 (aged 60–61)  
Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, USA

**BURIAL** [Greenlawn Cemetery](#)  
Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, USA [Add to Map](#)

**MEMORIAL ID** 258574017 · [View Source](#)

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William Walden .....	1871 to 1875

1. William M. Walden:
  - William M. Walden served as the Grandmaster of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge in Indiana from 1871 to 1874.
  - His tenure marked a period of growth and development for the Prince Hall Masonic community in the state.
  - As Grandmaster, he would have overseen lodge activities, rituals, and administrative matters.

# Henry C. Mann

Henry C Mann was born in 1833 in Illinois. He had one son and one daughter with Nettie Mann between 1868 and 1872. He died on November 8, 1873, in Indianapolis, Indiana, at the age of 40.

—Dr. Mann, a well-known mulatto barber of this city, died rather suddenly last night. He was somewhat noted for his eccentricities, and his beautiful suit of long, black, curling hair.

Indianapolis Journal  
3 November 1873

Added by: [Marvin Mason](#) on 7 Sep 2023

Name **Henry C Mann**  
Residence Year 1870  
Street Address 861 B Zfew Tork  
Residence Place Indianapolis, Indiana, USA  
Occupation Eol'd) Barber Ehop  
Publication Title Indianapolis, Indiana, City Directory, 1870

## 1870 United States Federal Census



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Name **Harry C Mann**  
Age in 1870 38  
Birth Date abt 1832  
Birthplace Illinois  
Dwelling Number 148  
Home in 1870 Indianapolis Ward 9 (2nd Enum), Marion, Indiana  
Race Black  
Gender Male  
Post Office Indianapolis  
Occupation Barber  
Male Citizen Over 21 Yes  
Personal Estate Value 100  
Inferred Spouse Palkine Mann  
Inferred Children Kate Mann; Benjamin Mann

### Household members

Name	Age
Harry C Mann	38
Palkine Mann	29
Kate Mann	3
Benjamin Mann	

## Dr Henry C Mann

**BIRTH** 1832  
Illinois, USA

**DEATH** 2 Nov 1873 (aged 40–41)  
Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, USA

**BURIAL** [Greenlawn Cemetery](#)  
Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, USA [Add to Map](#)

**MEMORIAL ID** 259354216 · [View Source](#)

## U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995 for William Mann

Indiana > Indianapolis > 1867 > Indianapolis, Indiana, City Directory, 1867

D,) grocers and produce dealers,  
200 Virginia av. M  
Mann Henry C., (col,) barber, shop 10 M  
s. Delaware, res. 861 e. New York. M  
Mann James, (M. & Davis,) res. 149 s. M  
East. M  
Mann John T., teamster, res. n. e. cor. M  
Arch and Broadway. M  
Mann William, (col,) barber, n. e. cor. M  
Washington and Meridian, res. 287 M  
w. Ohio. M  
Mannfield, George, (Gonner & Co.) 17

Henry C. Mann & William Mann both Barbers

# Thomas McGruder

was born in 1755 in Maryland. He had one son and one daughter with Sarah McGruder. He died having lived for more than 100 years. He died on February 22, 1857, in Indianapolis, Indiana, at the age of 102. An interesting Indianapolis Negro was Thomas Magruder, more familiarly known as "Uncle Tom", said to have been the inspiration for the hero in Harriet Beecher Stowe's novel, Uncle Tom's Cabin. Magruder, his wife Sarah, and their two children, Louisa and Moses, were the slaves of Thomas Noble, father of Noah Noble, one-time Governor of Indiana. Thomas Noble lived first in Virginia and later in Boone County, Kentucky.

There is no record available of the present burial place of Thomas Magruder, but his daughter, Louisa, whose last home was at 424 Highland Avenue, is buried at the foot of Catherine Noble Davidson's grave at Crown Hill Cemetery, Lot 13, Section 1. There is another mound near her grave and the ground has the appearance of two sunken graves. Perhaps when the body of the late Governor Noble was removed from Greenlawn, where Tom was formerly buried, Tom's body, was also interred on Lot 13, Section 1 at Crown Hill. ***ALLAN M. STRANZ, WRITER, FEDERAL WRITERS' PROJECT***

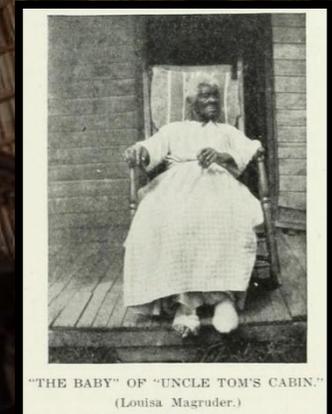
## Thomas McGruder

BIRTH	unknown
DEATH	1933
BURIAL	<a href="#">Crown Hill Cemetery</a> Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, USA <span>📍</span>
PLOT	Sec: 99, Lot: 421
MEMORIAL ID	45981688 · <a href="#">View Source</a>



Thomas  
McGruder ??

Louisa  
McGruder



"THE BABY" OF "UNCLE TOM'S CABIN."  
(Louisa Magruder.)

# Moses McGruder

**Moses Mcgruder** was born in 1772 in Virginia, the son of Sarah and Thomas. He had one sister. He died having lived for more than 100 years. He died on December 21, 1876, in Indianapolis, Indiana, at the age of 104.

## U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995



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Name	<b>Moses McGruder</b>
Residence Year	1876
Street Address	98 Archer
Residence Place	Indianapolis, Indiana, USA
Occupation	Ree Rear
Publication Title	Indianapolis, Indiana, City Directory, 1876

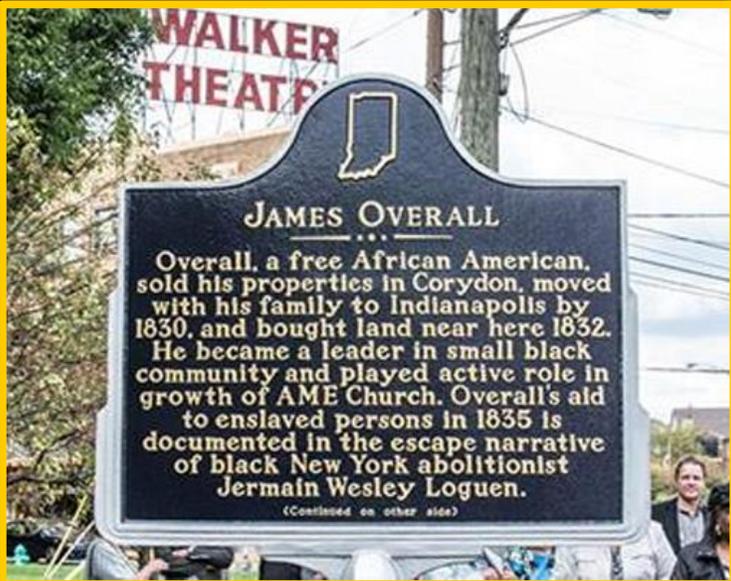
Name	<b>Moses Mcgruder</b>
Age in 1870	98
Birth Date	abt 1772
Birthplace	Virginia
Dwelling Number	548
Home in 1870	Indianapolis Ward 9 (2nd Enum), Marion, Indiana
Race	Black
Gender	Male
Post Office	Indianapolis
Occupation	At Home
Cannot Read	Yes
Cannot Write	Yes
Disability Condition	Blind
Male Citizen Over 21	Yes
Inferred Children	Louisa Mcgruder

# E. Overall

**E. Overall** we believe, was the wife of James Overall, for whom historic markers have been placed in Indianapolis.

E. Overall, we believe is **Eviline Overall**, who was 80 years old when she died on Feb. 20, 1875, and was buried at Greenlawn. Weaver and Son were the undertakers.

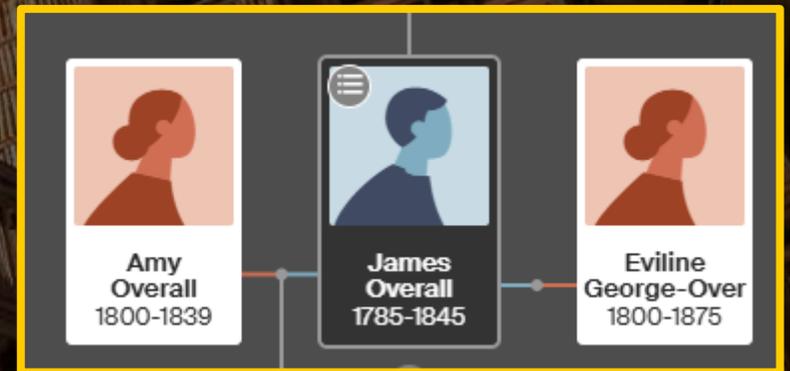
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
NAME	Pa	AGE	ORIGI	GENDER	RACI	M/S?	ADDRESS	DEATH DA	YEA	CAUSE/DURATION	DOCTOR	UNDERTAKER	Buried	RECORD NOTE
Overall, E.	121	80y	US	Female	B		229 N. PA St.	Feb. 20	1875	old age	Elbert, S. A.	Weaver & Son	city	



Indiana, U.S., Marriage Index, 1800-1941

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Name	Eviline George
Marriage Date	30 May 1841
Marriage Place	Clinton, Indiana, USA
Spouse Name	James Overall



James Overall likely buried in Greenlawn Also

# Samuel Goff

**Samuel Goff** was born in 1816 in North Carolina. was a notable figure in Indianapolis during the mid-1800s. He married Eliza Jane Chavis in Marion County, Indiana on December 12, 1844. He lived during a time of significant historical events, including the Civil War.

They had two children during their marriage. William W. and Melissa Goff. He died on June 10, 1858, in Indianapolis, Indiana, at 42 and was buried in Greenlawn Cemetery.

Name	Samuel Goff
Gender	Male
Marriage Date	12 Dec 1844
Marriage Place	Marion County, Indiana
Spouse	Eliza Jane Chavis
FHL Film Number	499367
Reference ID	no 4 p 158

## 1850 United States Federal Census



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Name	Saml Goff
Gender	Male
Race	Mulatto
Age	34
Birth Year	abt 1816
Home in 1850	Indianapolis, Marion, Indiana, USA
Occupation	Barber
Industry	Miscellaneous Personal Services
Real Estate	900
Line Number	29
Dwelling Number	53
Family Number	54
Inferred Spouse	Eliza A Goff
Inferred Child	William W Goff; Melissa J L Goff

### Household members

Name	Age
Saml Goff	34
Eliza A Goff	44
William W Goff	5
Melissa J L Goff	3

# USCT & Indiana 28<sup>th</sup> Regiment

HEROES CARVED IN GRONY

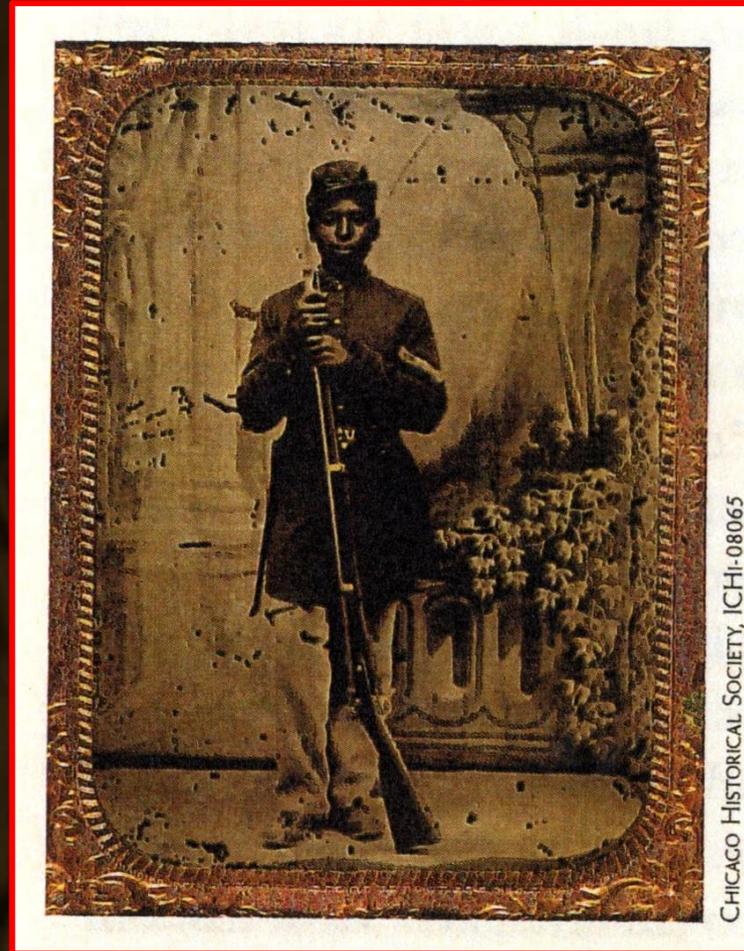
COME AND JOIN US BROTHERS.

PUBLISHED BY THE SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE FOR RECRUITING COLORED REGIMENTS  
1210 CHESTNUT ST. PHILADELPHIA.

This recruitment poster sought to assuage white fears about black regiments with its depiction of neatly dressed black soldiers under the authority of their white officer.

The regimental flag of the 28th USCT resides in the basement of the Indiana World War Memorial, where it, along with more than 300 others, awaits restoration. For more information call 317-232-7615.

TRACES



OUR PEOPLE WERE WILLING TO FIGHT FOR  
EQUALITY, BUT IT NEVER MATERIALIZED

**William Wesley Goff and Jacob Ross**, played a crucial role in the 28th United States Colored Infantry Regiment during the American Civil War. Here are the key points about their life and service:

1. 28th United States Colored Infantry Regiment:

- a.** The 28th United States Colored Infantry, also known as the 28th Indiana Infantry (Colored), was an African American infantry regiment from Indiana.
- b.** It was authorized by the United States Department of War in November 1863 and raised under the leadership of Indiana Governor Oliver P. Morton.
- c.** Reverend Willis Revels and Garland H. White, both ministers of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Indianapolis, were involved in recruiting.
- d.** The recruits trained at Camp Fremont, established on land owned by Calvin Fletcher.
- e.** The 28th left Indianapolis for Washington, D.C., where they were attached to the capital's defenses 12.

2. Battle of the Crater:

- a.** The 28th sustained heavy casualties during the Battle of the Crater at the Siege of Petersburg, Virginia, on July 30, 1864.
- b.** Nearly half of its soldiers were killed or wounded in this battle.
- c.** After the battle, additional companies of recruits from Indiana filled the depleted ranks, making the 28th a full regiment.
- d.** Lieutenant Colonel Charles Sawyer Russell, later promoted to Colonel, led the regiment 1.

### 3. Post-War Service and Mustering Out:

Following the Confederate surrender at Appomattox, the 28th was moved to the Mexican border in Texas as part of the American response to the French intervention in Mexico.

The 28<sup>th</sup> was a part of the forces called to free African Americans enslaved in Galveston, TX in June 19, 1865. ***JUNETEENTH RECOGNIZES THIS EVENT.***

On November 8, 1865, the 28th was formally mustered out in Corpus Christi, Texas.

The regiment returned to Indianapolis on January 6, 1866, where they received a reception in their honor.

Many of the veterans were the earliest (Indianapolis) Norwood Residents.

Their service with the 28th United States Colored Infantry Regiment reflects his dedication and sacrifice during a pivotal period in American history.

(1) [en.wikipedia.org](https://en.wikipedia.org) (2) [blog.library.in.gov](https://blog.library.in.gov) (3) [in.gov](https://in.gov) (4) [in.gov](https://in.gov) (5) [familysearch.org](https://familysearch.org) (6) [en.wikipedia.org](https://en.wikipedia.org)

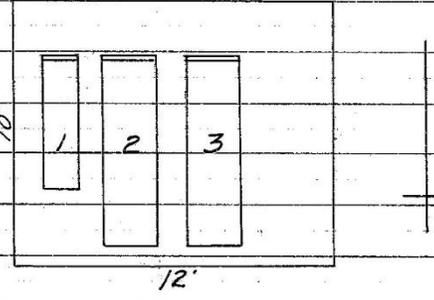
# William W. Goff

William W. Goff was born in 1845 in Indiana, his father, Sam Goff, was 29 and his mother, Eliza A., was 39. He had one sister, Melissa J. He died on January 1, 1875, buried in Greenlawn Cemetery in Indianapolis, Indiana, at the age of 30. William W. Goff enlisted on 25 Jan 1865 and was Discharged on 8 Nov 1865 from Cavalry, Battery, Unit US Colored Troops Regiment 28. His remains were moved to Crown Hill Cemetery on March 7, 1900, along with his father Samuel Goff. The cause of death for William & Samuel was Consumption.

Eliza Died 13 Apr 1898  
and was buried in  
Crown Hill

Name	Eliza Goff
Gender	Female
Birth Place	North Carolina, United States of America
Death Date	13 Apr 1898
Death Place	Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, United States of America
Cemetery	Crown Hill Cemetery
Burial or Cremation Place	Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, United States of America
Has Bio?	Y
Children	Melissa J. Hubbard

Melissa J Goff-Hubbard died in 18 Sep, 1911 and on the right we see where Samuel & William's remains were moved into lot Number 1. Eliza is in lot Number 2 (Mar. 8, 1900) and Melissa was placed into lot Number 3 after her death Sep. 18, 1911.

SECTION 37	
Lot 644	
Melissa J. Hubbard.	Mar. 8. 1900
	
No.1	Wm. W. & Samuel Goff, D.B. Mar. 8, 1900
No.2	Eliza Goff, (From 1890 C.) " " Mar. 8, 1900
No.3	Melissa J. Hubbard, " " Sep. 18, 1911

# William W. Goff

William W. Goff,  
was born in Marion  
County, Indiana,

Enlisted in  
Indianapolis,  
Indiana

at the age 18 Years

Occupation: Barber

Regiment: 28<sup>th</sup>  
Branch: U.S.  
Colored Troops

To be neatly filled up in Triplicate. One copy to be sent to Adjutant General of the State, two copies to be sent to the Provost Marshal General of the State by the District Provost Marshal.

## VOLUNTEER ENLISTMENT.

Enlisted to Bounty

STATE OF INDIANA. TOWN OF Indianapolis

I, William W. Goff, born in Marion Co., in the State of Indiana, aged 18 years, and by occupation a Barber, Do HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE to have volunteered this twenty fifth day of July, 1865, to serve as a **Soldier** in the **Army of the United States of America**, for the period of one YEAR unless sooner discharged by proper authority: Do also agree to accept such bounty, pay, rations, and clothing, as are, or may be, established by law for volunteers. And I, William W. Goff, do solemnly swear, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the United States of America, and that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against all their enemies or opposers whomsoever; and that I will observe and obey the orders of the President of the United States, and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to the Rules and Articles of War.

Sworn and subscribed to, at Indianapolis And, this 25 day of July, 1865, before Wm. H. Goff Pro' Mar 6" Dist

I CERTIFY, ON HONOR, That I have carefully examined the above named Volunteer, agreeably to the General Regulations of the Army, and that, in my opinion, he is free from all bodily defects and mental infirmity, which would in any way disqualify him from performing the duties of a soldier.

W. H. Goff  
RECRUITING OFFICER.

I CERTIFY, ON HONOR, That I have minutely inspected the Volunteer, previously to his enlistment, and that he was entirely sober when enlisted; that, to the best of my judgment and belief, he is of lawful age; and that, in accepting him as duly qualified to perform the duties of an able-bodied soldier, I have strictly observed the Regulations which govern the recruiting service. This soldier has black eyes, black hair, yellow complexion, is 5 feet 4 inches high.

W. H. Goff  
Pro' Mar 6" Dist.  
RECRUITING OFFICER.

Mustered into the service of the United States, for one year, from date of enlistment, in Company 28th Regiment of Indiana Volunteers, on the 25 day of July, 1865, at Indianapolis

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Enlisted to Bounty

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# Jacob Ross

Jacob Ross, born in  
South Carolina,

Enlisted in  
Evansville, Indiana  
aged 37 Years

Occupation: Farmer

Regiment: 28<sup>th</sup>  
Branch: U.S. Colored  
Troops

Also buried in  
Greenlawn.

Entitled to Bounty  
VOLUNTEER ENLISTMENT.

STATE OF  TOWN OF  
*Indiana* *Evansville*

I, *Jacob Ross* born in  
in the State of *South Carolina* aged *thirty seven* years,  
and by occupation a *farmer*. Do HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE to have  
volunteered this *28th* day of *August* 18 *62*  
to serve as a Soldier in the Army of the United States of America, for the  
period of *THREE YEARS*, unless sooner discharged by proper authority: Do also  
agree to accept such bounty, pay, rations and clothing, as are or may be, estab-  
lished by law for volunteers. And I, *Jacob Ross* do  
solemnly swear, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the **United States  
of America**, and that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against all  
their enemies or opposers whomsoever; and that I will observe and obey the orders  
of the President of the United States, and the orders of the officers appointed over  
me, according to the Rules and Articles of War.

Sworn and subscribed to at *Evansville*  
this *28th* day of *August* 18 *62*  
BEFORE *W. G. Dalton*  
*Examining Surgeon*

I CERTIFY ON HONOR, That I have carefully examined the above named Volunteer, agreeably to  
the General Regulations of the Army, and that in my opinion he is free from all bodily defects and mental  
infirmity, which would, in any way, disqualify him from performing the duties of a soldier.

*W. G. Dalton*  
EXAMINING SURGEON  
I CERTIFY, ON HONOR, That I have minutely inspected the Volunteer,  
previously to his enlistment, and that he was entirely sober when enlisted; that, to the best of my  
judgment and belief, he is of lawful age; and that, in accepting him as duly qualified to perform the duties  
of an able-bodied soldier, I have strictly observed the Regulations which govern the recruiting service.  
This soldier has *black* eyes, *black* hair, *black* complexion, is *5* feet  
*7* inches high.

*J. M. Masterson*  
RECRUITING OFFICER

Registered into the service of the United States, in Company *20th*,  
day of *August*, 18 *62*, at Indianapolis, Ind.

*W. G. Dalton*  
Examining Surgeon  
*J. M. Masterson*  
Recruiting Officer

Entitled to Bounty  
VOLUNTEER ENLISTMENT.

STATE OF  TOWN OF  
*Indiana* *Evansville*

I, *Jacob Ross* born in  
in the State of *South Carolina* aged *thirty seven* years,  
and by occupation a *farmer*. Do HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE to have  
volunteered this *28th* day of *August* 18 *62*

to serve as a Soldier in the Army of the United States of America, for the  
period of *THREE YEARS*, unless sooner discharged by proper authority: Do also  
agree to accept such bounty, pay, rations and clothing, as are or may be, estab-  
lished by law for volunteers. And I, *Jacob Ross* do  
solemnly swear, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the **United States  
of America**, and that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against all  
their enemies or opposers whomsoever; and that I will observe and obey the orders  
of the President of the United States, and the orders of the officers appointed over  
me, according to the Rules and Articles of War.

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# KILLED, WHILE BEING BLACK, SAMUEL MINTON

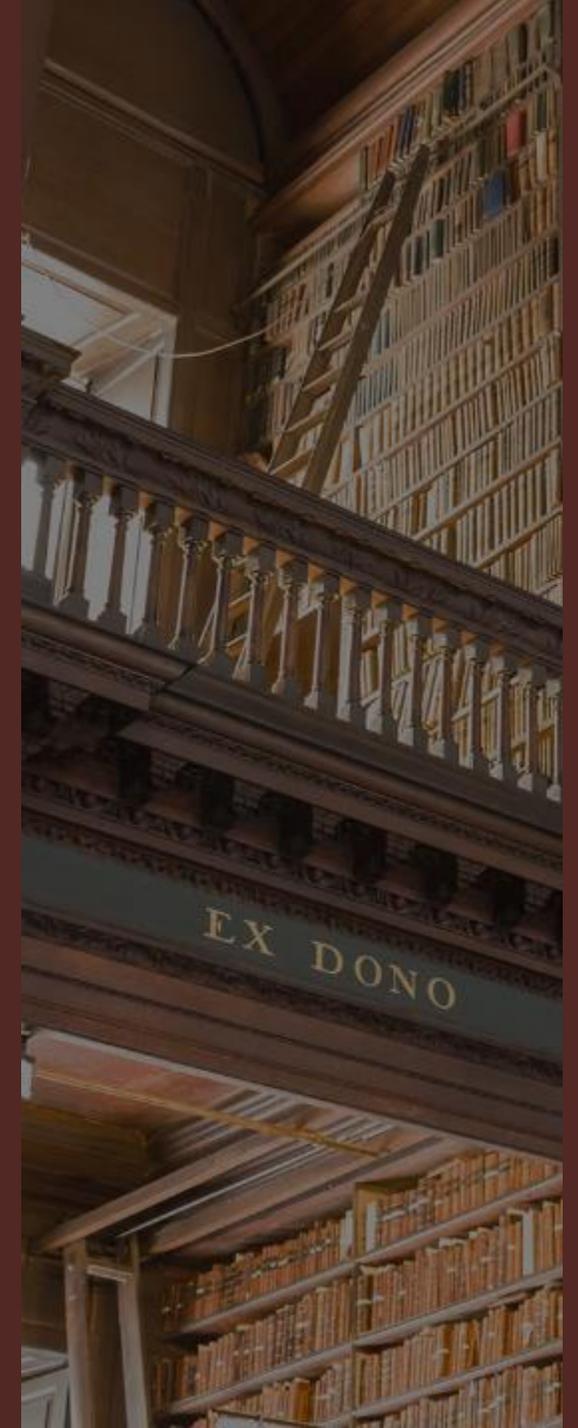
- Samuel Minton was born in 1850 and died on July 5, 1878, of a Pistol Shot in Indianapolis. He was buried in Greenlawn Cemetery.,

<u>Detail</u>	Source
Name	Samuel Minton
Gender	Male
Marriage Date	03 Jul 1878
Marriage Place	Indianapolis, Marion, Indiana
Spouse	<a href="#">Emma Banks</a>
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**The Voss Trial.**

The jury in the Voss case was sworn yesterday afternoon, and the opening on behalf of the state by John S. Duncan. Emma Evans, the colored girl working at the family of Mr. Voss, at the time of the killing of **Samuel Minton**, was the first witness called. She detailed the facts already published in regard to the shooting. She is now a widow, her name being Emma Baggs. She has served a term in the female prison for larceny. She gave her conversation with Jay after the shooting, when he told her that Minton was shot in the back of the head, but not fatally.

- Samuel Minton was married to Emma Banks on July 3, 1878 in Indianapolis, IN
- Shot and killed two days later by a Jay Voss who was charged with murder.
- Samuel was 28 years old at the time.



# KILLED, WHILE BEING BLACK, JOHN TUCKER

- John Tucker known as sober, inoffensive colored man, had been set upon by a mob just because he was a negro and for no other reason, and brutally murdered.
- July 4<sup>th</sup> 1845, at about 3 o'clock, an affray occurred in the city between a negro and some whites, in which the negro is said to be John Tucker, about 45 years old, and previous to this incident, he is said to have been of a quiet and inoffensive disposition.
- He was, we are told, formerly a slave in Kentucky, but many years ago honorably obtained his freedom, and came to this vicinity.
- He has left two children, a girl about 13, and a boy about 10 years old.

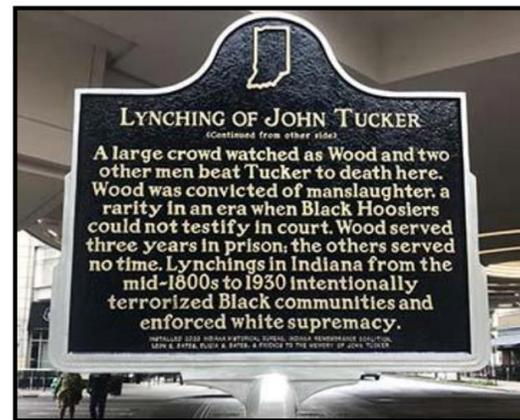
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**MURDER CASES AT INDIANAPOLIS.**  
The trials of Nicholas Wood and Edward Davis for the murder of **John Tucker**, have just been concluded at Indianapolis. Wood found guilty and sentenced to three years in the Penitentiary. Davis acquitted.

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## Lynching of John Tucker

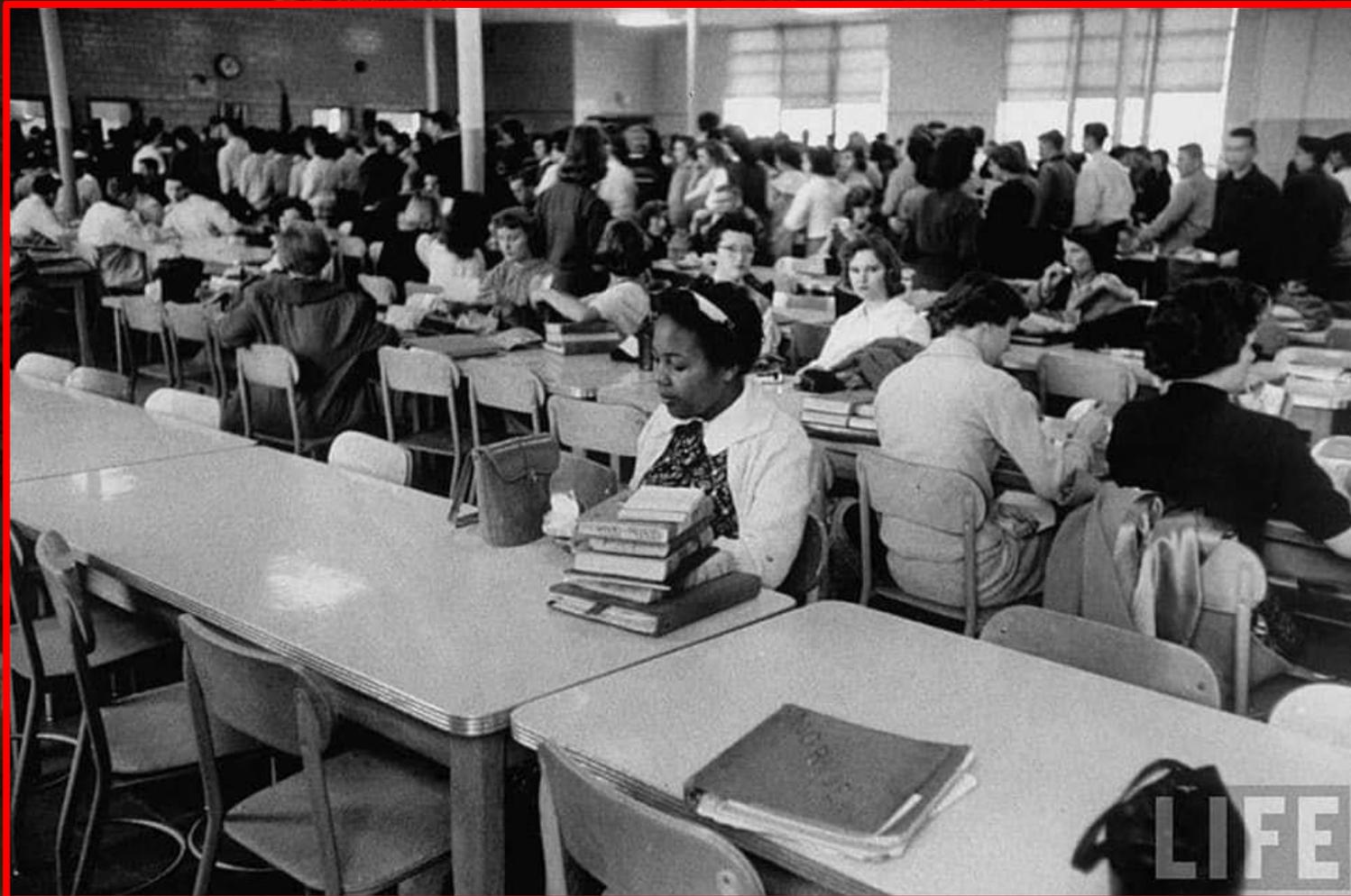


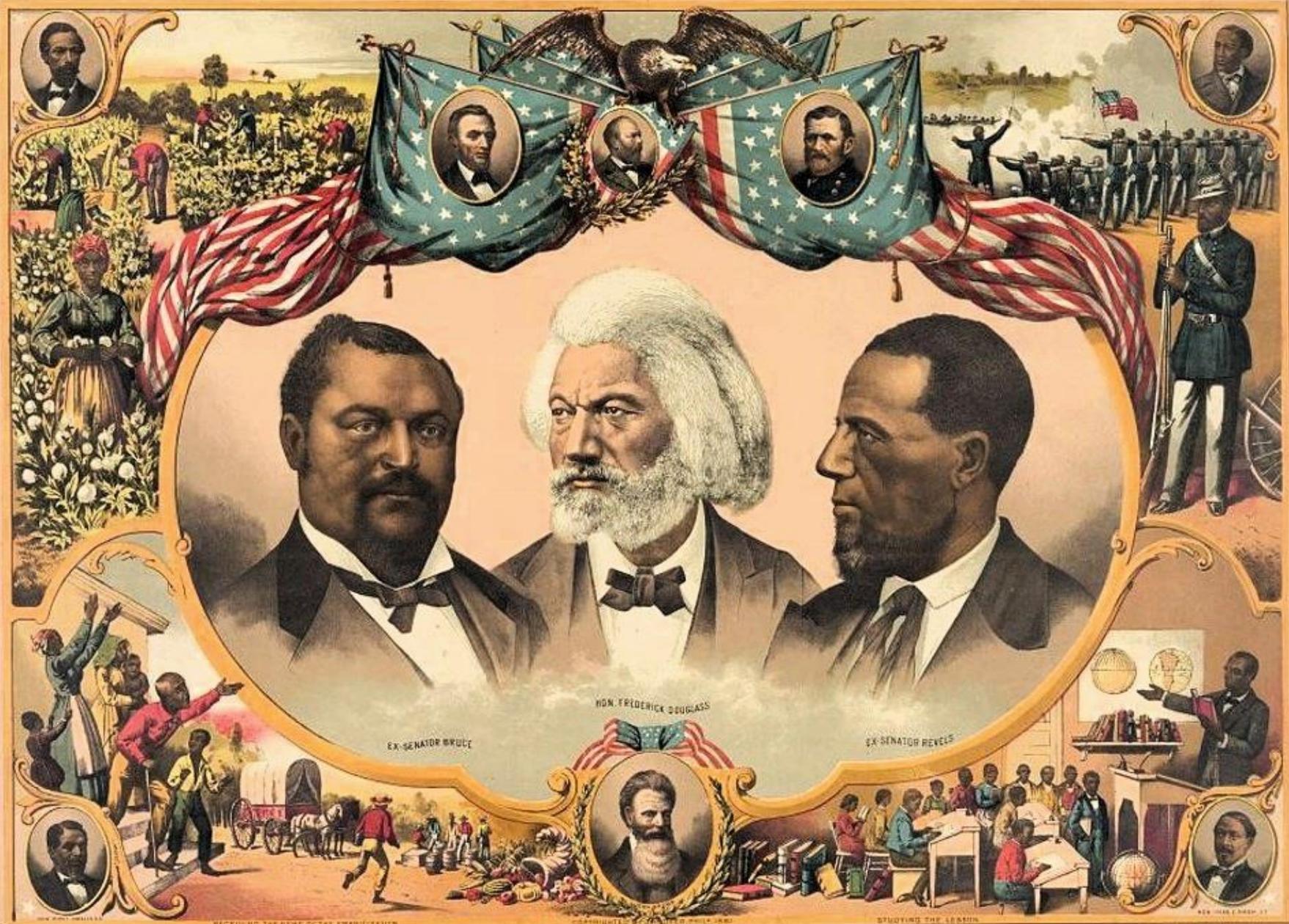
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Installed 2023 Indiana Historical Bureau, Indiana Remembrance Coalition, Leon E. Bates, Elicia S. Bates, & Friends to the Memory of John Tucker

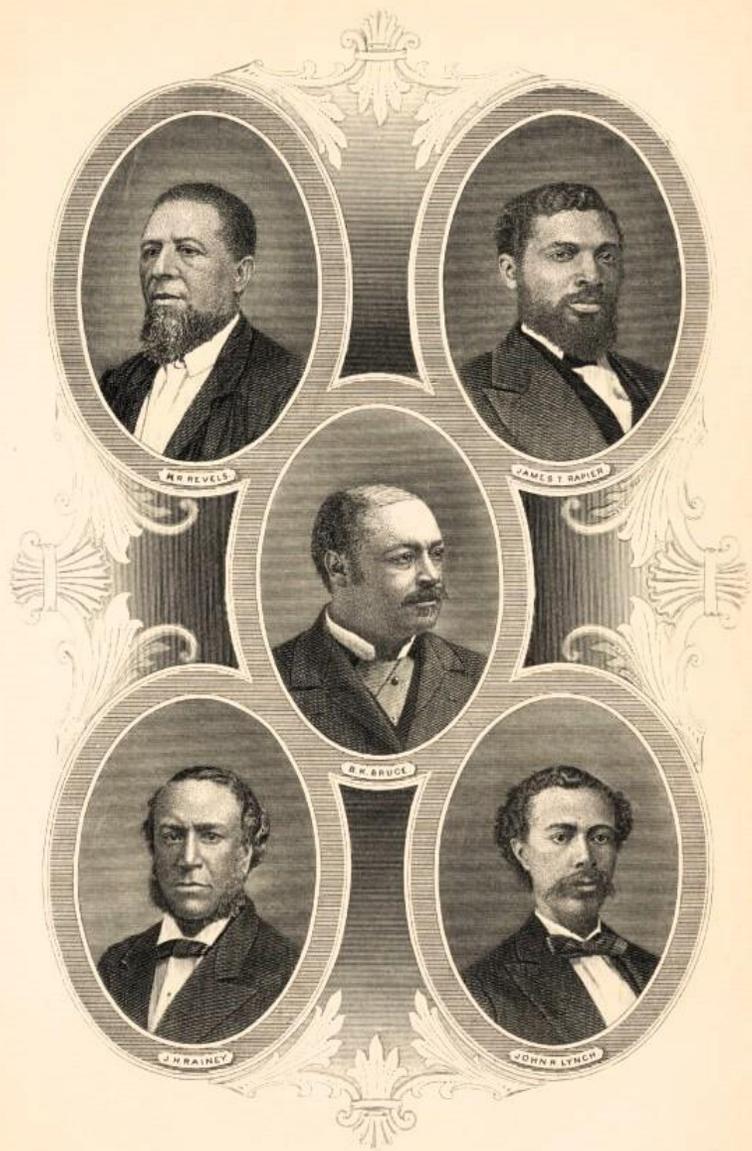


***“OUR PEOPLE WERE WILLING TO FIGHT FOR EQUALITY”  
HOW MANY WARS HAVE WE FOUGHT IN  
AND WE ARE STILL FIGHTING THE SAME  
BATTLE IN 1959 AND NOW !!!!!!!!!!!***





HEROES OF THE COLORED RACE: EX-SENATOR BRUCE - HON. FREDRICK DOUGLASS - EX-SENATOR REVELS



*Blanche Kelso - B K Bruce*

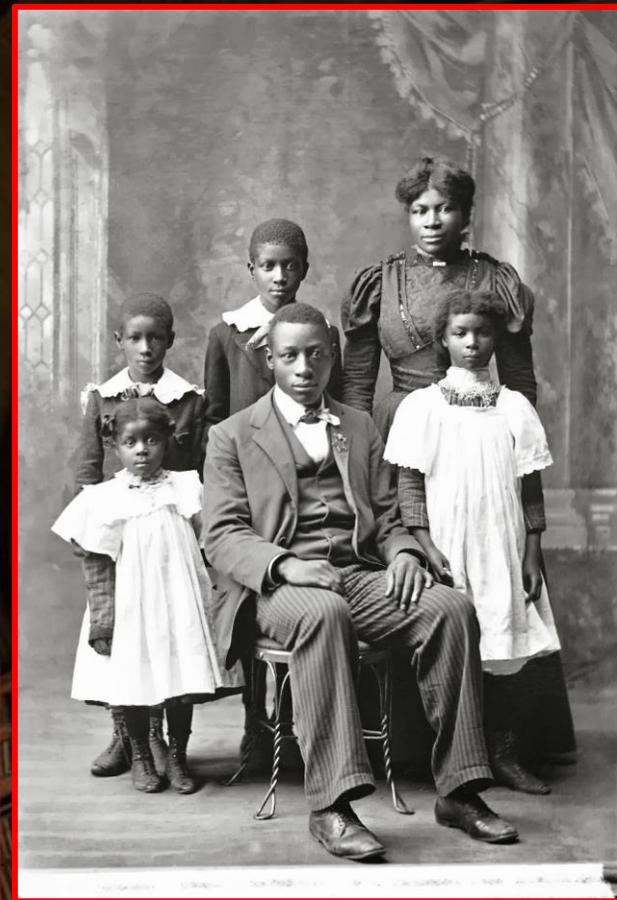


**BLANCHE K. BRUCE  
OF MISSISSIPPI**

Who was born a slave, but was the first Negro to become a member of the United States Senate



L. of C. Unidentified African American soldier in Union uniform with wife and two daughters, 1863



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*Not everthing that is  
faced can be changed.  
But nothing can be  
changed until it is faced.*

*-James A. Baldwin-*

*Most of what I am sharing today, I knew nothing about before doing this research.*

*These people are truly amazing to achieve what they did when they were not welcomed here.*

**RESEARCHING OUR PAST  
TO PRESERVE OUR LEGACY**

*We need to tell their stories*



*Thank you for  
your time today*

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