

Observe Black History Month February 1977



TUES. 1 On this day in 1865 President Lincoln signed the joint resolution adopted by the Senate and House of Representatives proposing the 13th amendment.

THURS. 3 The first Black detective novel, *The Conjure-Man Dies* was published by Rudolph Fisher in 1932.

SAT. 5 The Manumission Society was founded in 1816 by a group of North Carolina Quakers, organized for the purpose of freeing the slaves

WED. 2 John S. Rock was the first Black to practice before the U. S. Supreme Court. 1865

FRI. 4 Two Blacks, A. Philip Randolph and Willard S. Townsend, were elected vice-presidents of the AFL-CIO in 1955

SUN. 6 The first Black quarterback in the American Football League was Marlin Briscoe. He played with the Denver Broncos in 1968.

MON. 7 President Truman appointed Irwin C. Mollison a judge of the U. S. Customs Court in 1945.

TUES. 8 In 1964 Malcolm X organized the Organization for Afro-American Unity.

WED. 9 In 1964 Black tennis star Arthur Ashe, Jr. became the first Black member of the American Davis Cup Team.

THURS. 10 The first Black person to serve on the Federal Reserve Board was Andrew Brimmer. 1966

FRI. 11 Vermont was the first state to abolish slavery. 1777

SAT. 12 On this date in 1865 Black clergyman Henry Highland Garnet delivered a sermon in the Capitol on the abolition of slavery.

SUN. 13 In 1923 a Black basketball team known as The Renaissance Team was organized.

MON. 14 Date commemorated as birthday of abolitionist leader Frederick Douglass. 1817

TUES. 15 The Canada Mission was organized in Canada in 1838 to aid the growing number of slaves that had fled there.

WED. 16 The 99th Pursuit Squadron was the first all Black air combat unit. It was formed at Tuskegee Institute in 1941.

THURS. 17 Between 1889 and 1922 there were 3,436 recorded lynchings of Blacks in the U.S.

FRI. 18 Benjamin Montgomery, slave of Jefferson Davis, invented a boat propeller. U.S. laws prevented slaves from receiving patents so Montgomery was never able to patent his invention.

SAT. 19 From 1790 until the end of the slave period Virginia had the largest Black population.

SUN. 20 The first Black Greek letter society, Alpha Phi Alpha, was organized in 1906.

MON. 21 Assassination of Malcolm X (El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz) in New York City. 1965

TUES. 22 In 1925 A. Phillip Randolph organized the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, a Black union organization.

WED. 23 Birth of W. E. B. DuBois, historian and civil rights advocate, in Great Barrington, Mass. 1868

THURS. 24 Sadie T. M. Alexander was the first Black woman admitted to the bar in Pennsylvania. 1927

FRI. 25 On this day in 1870 Hiram Revels began serving his term as Senator from Mississippi in the United States Senate. He was the first Black person to serve in the U. S. Senate.

SAT. 26 The importation of slaves was prohibited in Pennsylvania in 1780.

SUN. 27 Richard Allen organized the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Philadelphia in 1794.

MON. 28 Ex-slave Amos Fortune founded the Jaffrey Social Library in Jaffrey, New Hampshire in 1795.

Establishment of the Black Church. 1794

In 1794, Richard Allen established in Philadelphia the first Black meeting house and called it Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church. It was the beginning of the Black Church in America—an enduring force and training ground for Black leadership. The site on which the rebuilt church stands is the oldest property owned continuously by Blacks in America.



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