

Bethel A.M.E. Church has been awarded a grant by the Oregon Bicentennial Committee to publish a book consisting of the stories of Black people who lived in Oregon during the early years and to build an oral library of tape recordings of the memories of older residents.

Blacks have been an integral part of Oregon history, having been among the early explorers and the early settlers and have contributed to every state of the area development.

The history of Blacks in Oregon has been one of exclusion from the social, political, economic and educational life of the community. First the exclusion was through law and then through custom.

No history has yet been written on the contribution of Blacks in Oregon. The Oregon Black History Project will be the first step toward that goal.

A. Lee Henderson, pastor of Bethel A.M.E. Church, announced the Board of Directors for the project as follows:

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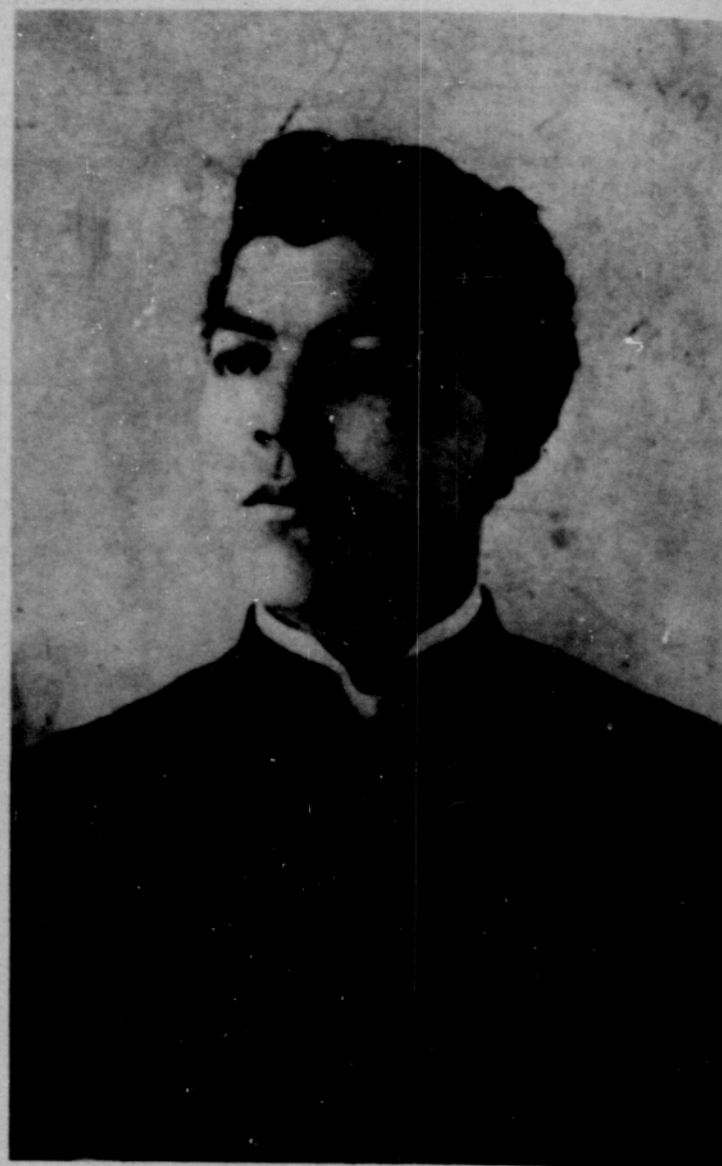
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