

- 3 1908 — Allensworth Township established in California for former slaves.
- 1957 — Congress passed the Civil Rights Act, creating the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.
- 4 1966 — Three civil rights workers reported missing since June, were found buried in Mississippi.
- 5 James H. Cone, writer on Black power and Black theology was born.
- 1965 — President Lyndon Johnson signs the Voting Rights Bill.
- 7 1904 — Dr. Ralph Bunche (1904-1971), United Nations representative and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, in 1950 was born.
- 8 1866 — Matthew A. Henson - first to reach the North Pole.
- Congressman Julian C. Dixon (b. 1934)



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- 10 Congressman George W. Crockett, Jr., (b. 1909).
- 11 1873 — J. Rosamond Johnson (1873-1954), author, actor, and composer (with his brother James Weldon Johnson of "Lift Every Voice and Sing"), born in Jacksonville, Florida.
- 1924 — Carl T. Rowan, journalist, was born.
- 13 1906 — "Brownsville Affair" — Three companies of Blacks dishonorably discharged by President Theodore Roosevelt.
- 1893 — Baltimore Afro-American publishes its first issue.

- 14 1883 — Ernest E. Just, biologist, was born.
- 15 1935 — Vernon E. Jordan, former President of the National Urban League, was born in Atlanta, Georgia.
- 1824 — Freed American slaves established Liberia on the West Coast of America.
- 16 1922 — Louis Lomas, author, first Black TV Newscaster 1959 on station WNEW-TV, New York.
- 17 1887 — Marcus Garvey, founder of the United Negro Improvement Association and the back to Africa movement, was born.
- 20 1619 — First Black slaves brought by the Dutch to the Colony of Jamestown.
- Congressman William Gray, III, (b. 1941).
- 21 1904 — (William) Count Basie, jazz pianist, big band and orchestra leader born.
- 1831 — Nat Turner led a slave revolt at Southampton, Virginia.
- 23 1900 — The National Business League was organized in Boston, Massachusetts.
- 24 1867 — Fisk University formally established in Nashville, Tennessee.
- 1950 — Edith Sampson, first black delegate to United Nations appointed by President Harry S. Truman.
- 25 1908 — National Association of Colored Nurses founded.
- 28 1963 — 250,000 person "March on Washington", organized by Bayard Rustin and led by Martin Luther King, Jr.
- 29 1957 — Congress passed the first Civil Rights Act since 1875.
- 1920 — Charlie "Yardbird" Parker, jazz innovator and composer, was born in Kansas City, Kansas.
- 30 1901 — Roy Wilkins, NAACP National Director, Civil Rights Leader was born.
- 31 Congressman Augustus F. Hawkins, (b. 1907).

SEPTEMBER

- 1 1822 — Hiram R. Revels, U.S. Black Senator, was born.
- 3 Frederick Douglass escaped from slavery, 1838.
- 4 1848 — Lewis H. Latimer, inventor, was born. He studied all phases of electricity and developed an improved incandescent lamp and lamp socket. He supervised installation of electric lights in New York and Philadelphia.
- 5 1877 — Benjamin "Pap" Singleton, an escaped slave, led 400 slaves to Cherokee County, Kansas, where they founded Singleton's county.
- 6 1968 — Independence day for Swaziland - home of the Bantu people.
- 8 1915 — Association For Negro Life and History founded in Chicago by Carter G. Woodson.
- 1884 — Black inventor Granville T. Woods received a patent for stamper boiler furnace.
- 9 Richard Wright (1908-1960), noted author of "Native Son" and "Black Boy", was born.

- 10 1961 — Published: "Black Like Me", documentary account of John H. Griffin (1920-1980), a white man traveled the southern states disguised as a black man.
- 11 1777 — Black soldiers Brazillai Lew and Sanford Talbert participated in the Battle of Brandywine.
- 1959 — Edward (Duke) Ellington, composer-musician. He was awarded a Spingarn Medal on this day by the NAACP in recognition of his outstanding musical achievements.
- 12 1977 — Stephen Biko, black South African activist and anti-apartheid leader, succumbed to injuries inflicted while incarcerated in a South African jail.
- Jesse Owens, Olympic star, (b. 1913).



August 21, 1904. (William) Count Basie, jazz pianist, big band and orchestra leader born.

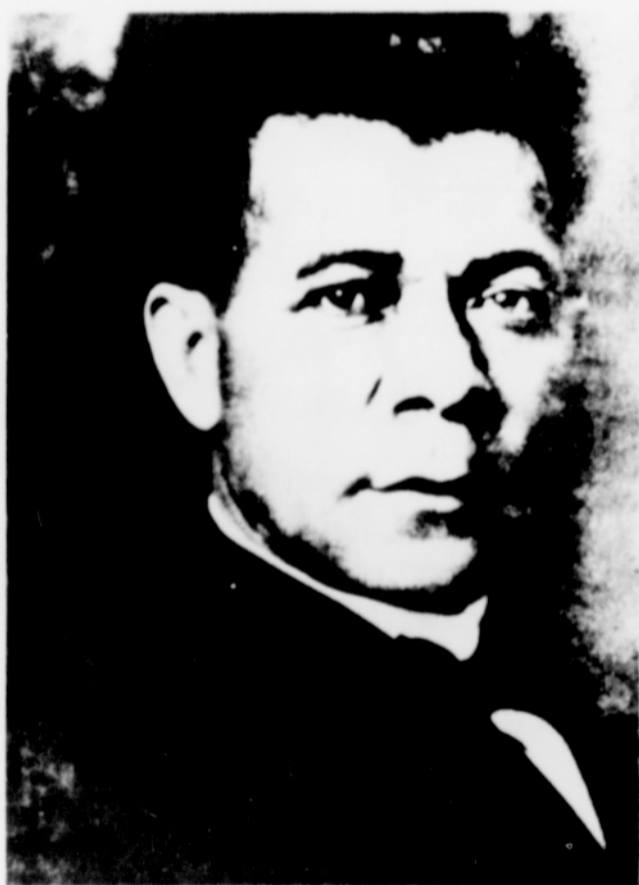
- 13 1850 — In 1850, Black fur trader and explorer James P. Beckwourth, discovered a pass through the Sierra Nevada Mountains leading to the Pacific Ocean. It was later named after him, Beckwourth Pass.
- 14 1940 — President F.D. Roosevelt, signed Selective Service Act, allowing Blacks to enter all branches of the U.S. Military Service.
- 15 1852 — Birth of Edward A. Bouchet, first Black person to earn a Ph.D. in the U.S. and first Black member of Phi Beta Kappa.
- 16 1963 — Four young black girls died in bombing of 16th St. Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama.

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