

BLACK HISTORY MONTH · FEBRUARY 1990

1790 - 1860

The AMERICAN Revolution and the COTTON Revolution

<p>1793 Negroes helped Dr. Rush give medicine to yellow fever victims in Philadelphia.</p> <p>* the COTTON GIN INVENTED -- A machine that speeded the process of separating cotton from seed, a new industry in the South was born -- and the demand for slave labor increased.</p> <p>1794 St. Thomas Negro Episcopal Church founded in Philadelphia.</p> <p>1796 Zion Methodist Church founded in New York City.</p>	<p>1797 North Carolina asked for return of Negroes freed by Quakers. Congress said "NO."</p> <p>* SOJOURNER TRUTH born, lecturer, abolitionist, heroine.</p> <p>1800 There were over 1 million Negroes -- 20% of the population.</p> <p>* GABRIEL PROSSER led a thousand in an unsuccessful revolt; hanged. Others were imprisoned or hanged.</p>	<p>1800 John Brown born, in 1856-59 fought for abolition.</p> <p>* NAT TURNER born, led a revolt 1831, 99 blacks and 66 whites killed. TURNER was hanged.</p> <p>1804 Ohio passed law prohibiting the restricting of movements of Negroes.</p> <p>1807 IRA F. ALDRIDGE born, one of the greatest Shakespearean actors of his time.</p> <p>1808 Congress prohibited further importing of slaves.</p>	<p>1810 CASSIUS M. CLAY born, emancipationist.</p> <p>1812 MARTIN DELANY born, Army major, newspaper editor, author, physician.</p> <p>* JOHN JOHNSON died, Navy hero in war of 1812.</p> <p>1813 Henry W. Beecher born, promoter of equal rights.</p> <p>1816 Andrew Jackson attacked a Florida fort held by 1,000 slaves and sent them back to slavery.</p>	<p>1820 HARRIET TUBMAN born, an ex-slave, became "conductor" on Underground Railroad.</p> <p>* Missouri Compromise -- states north of Missouri free -- south, slave.</p> <p>1821 Colony of freed slaves started in Liberia.</p> <p>1827 Slavery abolished in New York State.</p> <p>1827 First Negro newspaper, FREEDOM'S JOURNAL.</p> <p>1830 Census showed 3,777 blacks owned slaves.</p>	<p>1834 Slavery abolished in British Empire.</p> <p>* In Cincinnati, blacks set up school for themselves.</p> <p>1835 Second Seminole War -- 500 slaves recaptured.</p> <p>1837 Elijah Lovejoy killed by mob for publishing anti-slavery material.</p> <p>1839 John Quincy Adams defended successfully before U.S. Supreme Court slave revolt on slave ship Amistead.</p>	<p>1841 BLANCHE K. BRUCE born, first Negro elected to a full term in U.S. Senate.</p> <p>* JAMES TOWNSEND born, legislator.</p> <p>1842 HIRAM R. REVELS born, Senator.</p> <p>1845 Scientific attack on racism by FREDERICK DOUGLASS, publisher, abolitionist.</p> <p>* NORBERT RILLIEUX'S vacuum pan revolutionized sugar refining.</p>	<p>1847 WILLIAM LEIDESDORFF, hotel builder in San Francisco.</p> <p>1848 LEWIS TEMPLE invented harpoon.</p> <p>1849 "Separate but equal" doctrine established when suit for school integration is rejected in Boston.</p> <p>1850 Fugitive Slave Law established bounty on returned slaves.</p> <p>1852 Uncle Tom's Cabin published by Harriet B. Stowe.</p>	<p>1853 First Negro YMCA in Washington, D.C.</p> <p>* First novel by U.S. Negro -- Clotel by WILLIAM WELLS BROWN.</p> <p>1854 Republican Party formed by Whigs, ex-Democrats, and Free Soilers who opposed slavery.</p> <p>1854 Kansas-Nebraska Act repealed the Missouri Compromise. If new states wanted slavery they could have it.</p> <p>AUGUSTUS TOLON born, first black American Catholic priest.</p>	<p>1856 Wilberforce University founded by Methodist Episcopal Church.</p> <p>BOOKER T. WASHINGTON born, moderate leader, founder of Tuskegee Institute.</p> <p>GRANVILLE T. WOODS born, inventor.</p> <p>1857 Dred Scott Decision opened new territory to slavery and denied citizenship to blacks.</p> <p>1858 CHARLES W. CHESTNUTT born, novelist.</p>
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