

MARCH

## MONITOR



## Historic Dates in Black History

- 1 — 1738-Cudjoe, leader of the Maroons, brought Jamaican government to terms.  
1841 —Blanche K. Bruce of Miss., first Black man to serve full 6-year term in U.S. Senate, born.  
1896 —Abyssinians (Ethiopians), led by Menelik, defeated Italians.  
1914 —Ralph Ellison, writer, born.  
1927 —Harry Belafonte, singer, born.
- 2 — 1867-Howard U. chartered by Act of Congress.  
1867-Reconstruction Bill passed.  
1917-Janet Collins, first Black prima ballerina for the Metropolitan Opera in NYC.  
1921-Black Swan Record Company; first Black-owned and operated record company, organized.
- 3 — 1834-Bishop Lane, CME leader, born.  
1836-Rep. Jefferson F. Long (R-Ga.), born.  
1865-Freedmen's Bureau established.
- 4 — 1842-James Forten, Black abolitionist, died.  
1877-Garrett Morgan, inventor of gas mask, born.  
1932-Miriam Makeba, internationally known South African singer, born.  
1939-Barbara McNair, singer and actress, born.
- 5 — 1770-Crispus Attucks, first to fall in "Boston Massacre", killed.  
1968-Equatorial Guinea became independent.
- 6 — 1957-Ghana won independence from Britain.  
S.C.L.C. organized in New Orleans, La.
- 7 — 1539-Estervanico, set out to explore the Southwestern part of U.S. and discovered "Seven Cities of Cibola."  
1965-1st Selma-to-Montgomery March led by Martin Luther King, Jr. halted by Alabama state troopers.
- 8 — 1971-Joe Frazier wins 15-round decision over Muhammad Ali in the richest single sports event in history.  
1770-Public burial services held for heroes of "Boston Massacre"; bodies buried in one tomb.  
1900-Marcus B. Christian, author and poet, born.  
1945-Phyllis Mae Dailey, first Black nurse sworn into U.S. Navy Nurses Corps.
- 9 — 1841-Joseph Cinque, African prince and 38 slaves freed by U.S. Supreme Court and allowed to return to Africa after their successful mutiny on Spanish slave ship Armistad.  
1922-Floyd McKissick, civil rights activist, born.  
1961-Clifton R. Wharton sworn in as U.S. Ambassador to Norway.
- 10 — 1913-Harriet Tubman, leader of Underground Railroad, died.  
1910-Bayard Rustin, civil rights activist, born.
- 11 — 1926-Rev. Ralph Abernathy, President of SCLC, born.  
1922-Vinnette Carroll, actress, playwright and director, born.  
1971-Whitney M. Young, Jr., Executive Director of National Urban League, died in Lagos, Nigeria.  
1959-"Raisin in the Sun" by Lorraine Hansberry, opened on Broadway and won N.Y. Drama Critics Circle Award.
- 12 — 1791-Benjamin Banneker and L'Enfant appointed to lay out Washington, D.C.  
1864-Col. Charles Young, highest ranking Black officer in World War I, born.  
1932-Andrew Young, mayor of Atlanta, Georgia, born.  
1968-Mauritius, Africa gained independence from Great Britain.
- 13 — 1773-Jean Baptiste Pointe du Sable, Black pioneer, founded Chicago, Illinois.  
1862-Union armies forbidden to return fugitive slaves.
- 14 — 1889-Menelik became ruler of Abyssinia (Ethiopia).  
1930-Richard A. "Blue" Mitchell, jazz trumpeteer, born.  
1933-Quincy Jones, composer and musician, born.
- 15 — 1842-Rep. Robert C. DeLarge congressman from South Carolina, born.  
1947-John Lee, first Black commissioned officer in U.S. Navy, assigned duty.  
1977-Fannie Lou Hamer, heroine of the civil rights movement, died.
- 16 — 1827-Freedom's Journal, first Black newspaper published in New York by John Russwurm and Samuel Cornish.  
1831-Nat Turner led slave revolt in Southampton County, Virginia.
- 17 — 1806-Norbert Rillieux, inventor of sugar refining process, born.  
1825-Benjamin S. Turner, businessman and congressman from Alabama, born.  
1912-Bayard Rustin, chairman of A. Philip Randolph Institute and civil rights activist, born.  
1919-Nat "King" Cole, singer and jazz pianist, born.
- 18 — 1822-Phoenix Society, a literary and educational group, founded by New York Blacks.  
1938-Charley Pride, country and western singer, born.
- 19 — 1941-99th Pursuit Squadron, first Black air unit, activated at Tuskegee.
- 20 — 1781-New York authorized enlistment of Blacks in the American Revolution.  
1883-Jan Matzeliger patented shoe lasting machine.  
1926-Andrew Billingsley, educator and author, born.
- 21 — 1965-Historic Selma-to-Montgomery March led by Martin Luther King, Jr. and other civil rights leaders, began.
- 22 — 1492-Alonzo Pietro, Black explorer, set sail with Christopher Columbus.  
1943-George Benson, jazz musician, born.  
1959-Stephanie Mills, singer, born.
- 23 — 1873-Slavery abolished in Puerto Rico.  
1916-Marcus Garvey arrived in U.S. from Jamaica.  
1938-Maynard Jackson, former mayor of Atlanta, Georgia, born.  
1955-Moses Malone, basketball player, born.  
1971-Walter E. Fauntroy became first non-voting congressional representative from Washington, D.C. since Reconstruction.
- 24 — 1837-Canada gave Black men the right to vote.  
1865-Black troops drafted into Confederate (Southern) Army.
- 25 — 1931-"Scottsboro Boys" arrested at Point Rock, Alabama.  
1931-Ida B. Wells Barnett, a founder of the NAACP, died.
- 1942-Aretha Franklin, singer, born.
- 26 — 1760-Richard Allen, founder of AME Church, born.  
1937-William Hastie became first Black federal judge (U.S. Virgin Islands).  
1944-Diana Ross, actress, singer and entertainer, born.  
1962-Augusta Savage, sculptress, died.
- 27 — 1924-Sarah Vaughn, singer, born.  
1934-Arthur Mitchell, dancer and choreographer, born.
- 28 — 1799-New York State Legislature abolished slavery.  
1965-Crystal Bird Fauset, first Black woman elected to a state legislature, died.
- 29 — 1918-Pearl Bailey, singer, born.  
1955-Earl Campbell, football player, born.
- 30 — 1870-15th Amendment giving freedmen right to vote ratified. "Black Suffrage Day."  
1963-Air Force Capt. Edward J. Dwight, Jr. became first Black candidate for astronaut training.
- 31 — 1878-Jack Johnson, first Black heavyweight boxing champion, born.  
1960-Laurian Rugambwa of Tanzania became first Black Roman Catholic cardinal.  
1981-Jesse Owens, hero of 1936 Olympics, died.

