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Historic Dates in Black History

1— 1930-Geoffrey Holder, actor and choreographer, born.
1960-Benin (Dahomey) in West Africa became independent.
1977-Roy Wilkins retired as director of the NAACP.

2— 1917-Leo Pinckney became first Black draftee of World War I.
1924-James Baldwin, writer, born.

3— 1832-Edward W. Blyden, scholar and diplomat, born.
1908-Allensworth Township established in California for former slaves.
1957-Civil Rights Act passed creating U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.
1960-Republic of Niger in West Africa became independent.

4— 1810-Robert Purvis, Black abolitionist, born.

5— 1938-James H. Cone, educator and writer, born.

6— 1766-James Forten, Black abolitionist and businessman, born.
1962-Jamaica, West Indies became independent.
1965-Voting Rights Act signed into law.

1904-Ralph J. Bunche, winner of Nobel Peace Prize and former United Nations Undersecretary, born.
1960-Republic of Ivory Coast in West Africa became independent.

8— 1866-Matthew A. Henson, a Black man, first to reach North Pole, born.
1934-Rep. Julian C. Dixon (D-Calif.), born.
1960-Upper Volta in West Africa became independent.

9— 1905-Former Rep. Robert N.C. Nix, (D-Pa.), born.
1936-Jesse Owens won four gold medals at Berlin Olympics.

10— 1880-Clarence C. White, composer and violinist, born.
1909-Rep. George W. Crockett, Jr., (D-Mich.), born.
1918-Arnett Cobb, jazz musician, born.
1932-James C. Hall, educator and author, born.

11— 1873-J. Rosamond Johnson, author,



actor and co-composer (with brother James Weldon Johnson) of "Lift Every Voice and Sing," born.
1921-Alex Haley, author of *Roots*, born.
1924-Carl T. Rowan, journalist, born.
1960-Republic of Chad in West Central Africa became independent.

12— 1890-Mme. Lillian Evanti, opera singer, born.
1922-Home of Frederick Douglass dedicated as national shrine.

13— 1893-Baltimore Afro-American newspaper published first issue.
1960-Central African Republic in West Central Africa became independent.

14— 1883-Ernest E. Just, biologist, born.
1909-Hezekiah ("Stuff") Smith, violinist, born.
1959-Earvin "Magic" Johnson, basketball player, born.

15— 1822-Liberia in West Africa founded by freed Black slaves from the U.S.
1875-Samuel Coleridge Taylor, composer, born.
1935-Vernon Jordan, former president of National Urban League, born.
1960-People's Republic of the Congo in West Central Africa became in-

dependent.

16— 1816-Peter Salem, Revolutionary War hero, died.
1922-Louis Lomax, author and journalist, born.

17— 1849-Archibald Henry Grimke, lawyer and journalist, born.
1887-Marcus Garvey, founder of United Negro Improvement Association, born.
1960-Gabon in West Central Africa became independent.

18— 1934-Roberto Clemente, baseball star, born.
1935-Rafer Johnson, Olympic track star, born.

20— 1619-First 20 Africans land at Jamestown, Virginia.
1830-First National Negro Convention met.
1904-Rep. William H. Gray, III (D-Pa.), born.

21— 1831-Nat Turner's Insurrection, largest slave revolt in American history, took place in Virginia.
1904-Count Basie, composer and musician, born.
1932-Philippa Schuyler, pianist, born.

1936-Wilt Chamberlain, basketball star, born.

23— 1892-O.E. Brown, inventor, patented the horseshoe.
1900-National Business League organized in Boston, Massachusetts.
1951-William L. Rowe appointed first Black deputy police commissioner of New York City.

24— 1867-Fisk University formally established in Nashville, Tennessee.
1950-Edith Sampson became first Black delegate to the United Nations.
1973-Louis B. Russell became longest surviving heart transplant patient in the world.

25— 1908-National Association of Colored Nurses founded.
1925-A. Philip Randolph organized Union of Sleeping Car Porters.
1927-Althea Gibson, tennis star and first Black to win at Wimbledon, born.

26— 1867-Robert R. Moton, second president of Tuskegee Institute, born.
1946-Valerie Simpson Ashford, composer, singer and producer, born.

27— 1908-Frederick O'Neal, actor, born.
1918-Simeon S. Booker, journalist, born.
1963-W.E.B. DuBois died in Accra, Ghana in West Africa.

28— 1963-Historic March on Washington and King's "I Have a Dream" speech.
1983-20th Anniversary Civil Rights March for Jobs and Freedom, Washington, D.C.

29— 1920-Charlie "Yardbird" ("Bird") Parker, jazz innovator and composer, born.
1924-Dinah Washington, singer, born.
1957-Congress passed first Civil Rights Act since 1875.

30— 1901-Roy Wilkins, former executive director of the NAACP, born.
1948-Fred Hampton, Black Panther leader, born.

31— 1907-Augustus F. Hawkins (D-Calif.), born.
1935-Frank Robinson, major league baseball's first Black manager, born.
1962-Republic of Trinidad & Tobago, West Indies became independent.