

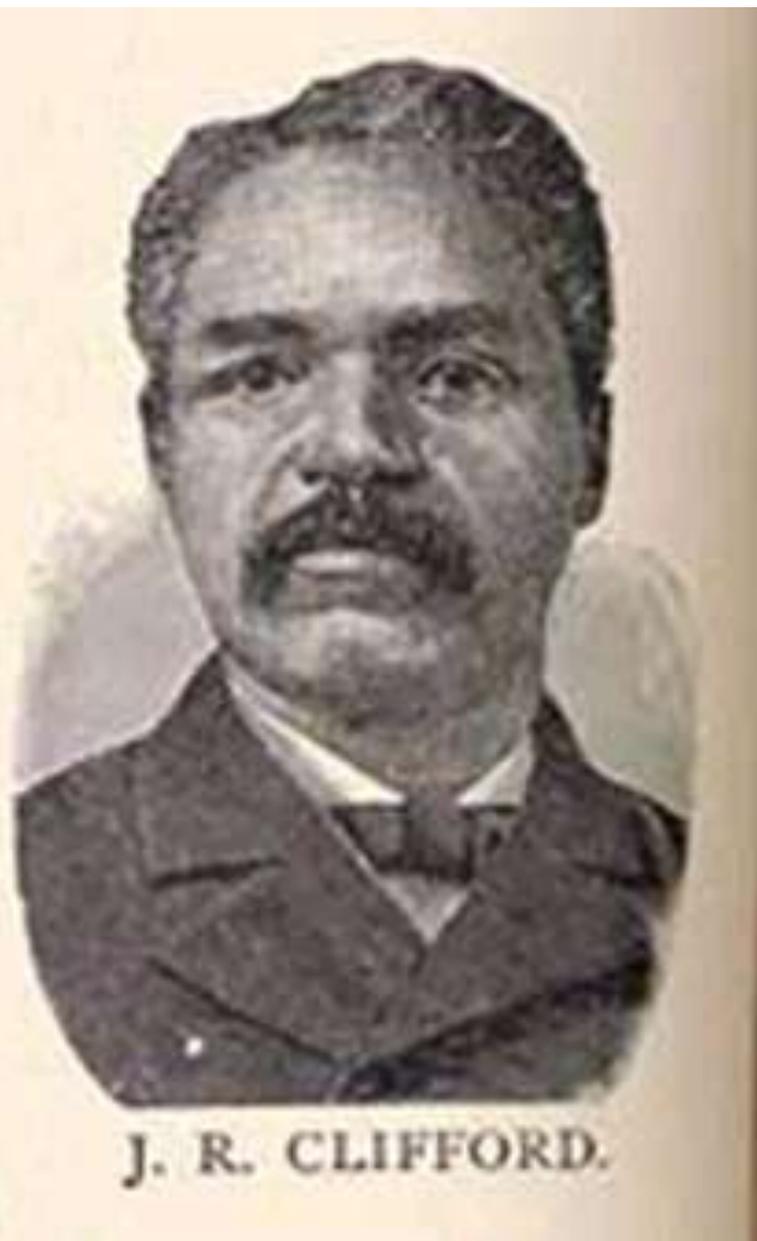
# J.R. CLIFFORD: AN AMERICAN HERO

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**JOHN ROBERT  
“J.R.”  
CLIFFORD**

**1848-1933**

**A WEST VIRGINIA  
HERO – AN  
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# J. R. Clifford was born in 1848, in Williamsport, Hardy County, VA, to "Free Blacks" Isaac and Septima Clifford

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REGULAR I.—Inhabitants in Northampton Township, in the County of West Virginia, enumerated by me on the 12 day of July, 1870.

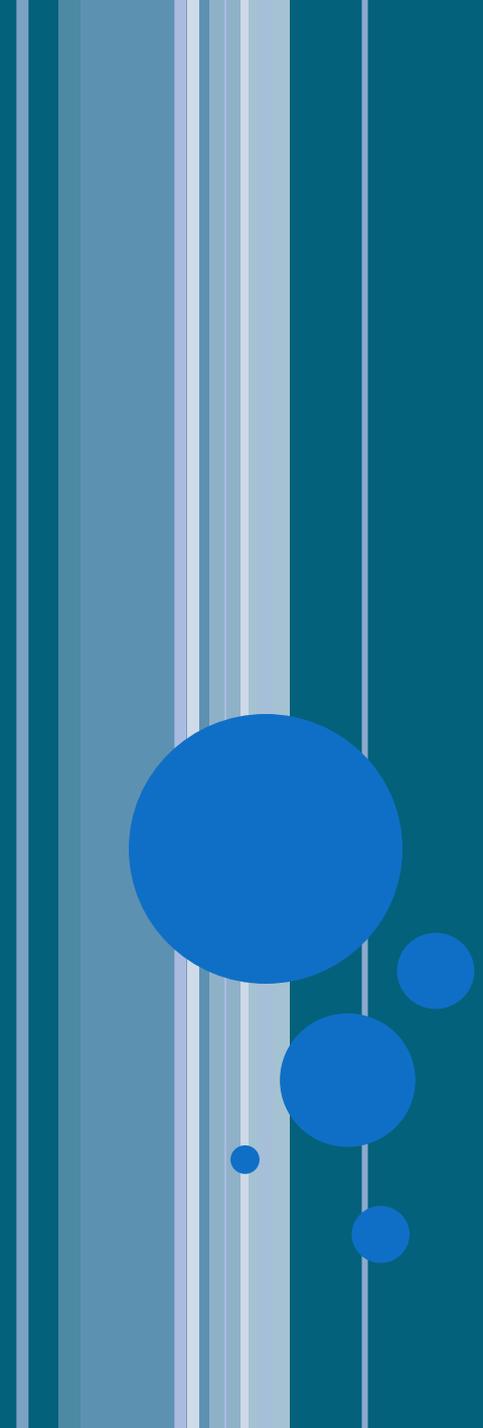
at Office: Northampton

Name	Sex	Age	Description			Value of Real Estate		Place of Birth, naming State or Territory of U. S., or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Married within the year	Whether deaf, dumb, blind, idiotic, pauper, or convict.
			Color	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male or female.	Value of Real Estate	Value of Personal Estate				
Mary Jane	F	4	W	Home			Virginia			
William	M	15	W	Home			Virginia			
John Williams	M	29	W	Farmer	1500	500	Virginia			
Emily	F	25	W	Home Keeper			Virginia			
William	M	30	W	Farmer	1500	1500	Virginia			
Mary	F	7	W	Home			Virginia			
John	M	6	W	Home			Virginia			
Ann	F	7	W	Home			Virginia			
Lucy	F	3	W	Home			Virginia			
John	M	25	W	Farmer			Virginia			
Lucy	F	22	W	Home			Virginia			
John	M	24	W	Home			Virginia			
John	M	42	W	Farmer	3000	1500	Virginia			
William	M	41	W	Farmer			Virginia			
Elizabeth	F	38	W	Home			Virginia			
Betty	F	35	W	Home			Virginia			
John	M	21	W	Home			Virginia			
Emma	F	19	W	Home			Virginia			
William	M	17	W	Home			Virginia			
Mary	F	14	W	Home			Virginia			
John	M	12	W	Home			Virginia			

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by me, on the 12th day of July, 1870. John J. Clifford

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5	M	W						
6	M	W						
7	M	W						
8	M	W						
9	M	W						
10	M	W						
11	M	W						



WHO WAS  
J.R.  
CLIFFORD?

# CIVIL WAR VETERAN



- Enlisted in 1863
- Age 15
- Union Army



# STORER COLLEGE GRADUATE



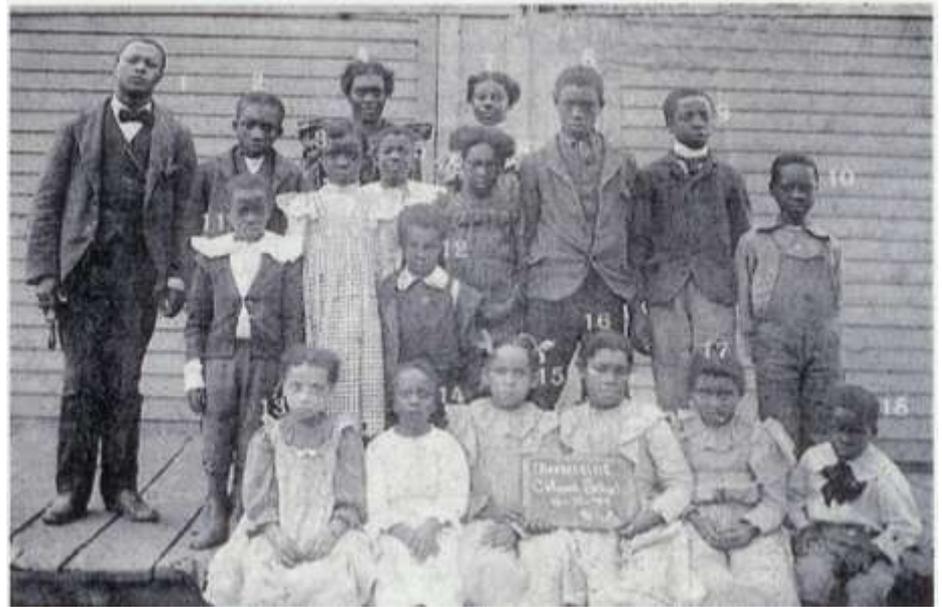
- Teaching college
- Graduated 1874



# PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER AND PRINCIPAL

- Sumner School

- 1875-1885



- Martinsburg, WV



# NEWSPAPER WRITER, EDITOR, AND PUBLISHER



- *The Pioneer Press*
- Started in 1882
- Ran for 35 years





# WEST VIRGINIA'S FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN ATTORNEY

- 1887 passed bar exam
- Worked for social justice
- Advocated for African Americans



# CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST AND NIAGARA MOVEMENT FOUNDER



- Movement formed in 1905
- Co-founded with W.E.B. DuBois



# 1906 NIAGARA MOVEMENT MEETING IN HARPERS FERRY



# J.R. CLIFFORD AND W.E.B. DuBOIS



# BURIED AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY IN WASHINGTON, DC

Mary Franklin



J.R. Clifford



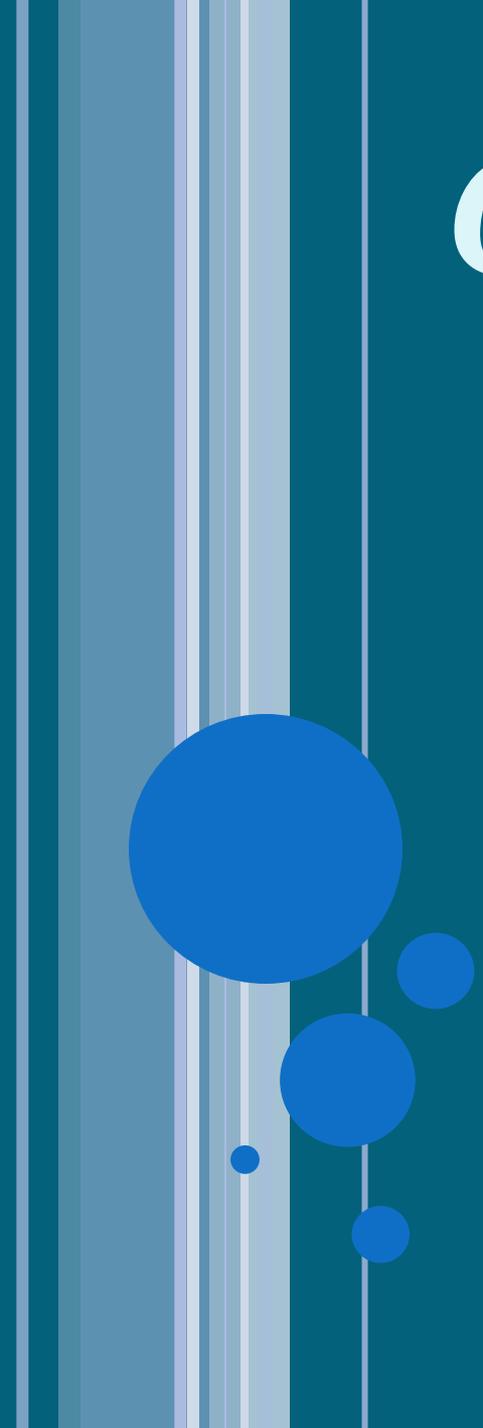
# J.R. CLIFFORD WAS...

- Soldier
- College Graduate
- Teacher
- Principal
- Writer
- Editor
- Movement Founder
- Publisher
- Attorney

And in doing all of these  
things he was an

# ACTIVIST





*CARRIE WILLIAMS*

*VS.*

*TUCKER COUNTY*

*BOARD OF*

*EDUCATION*

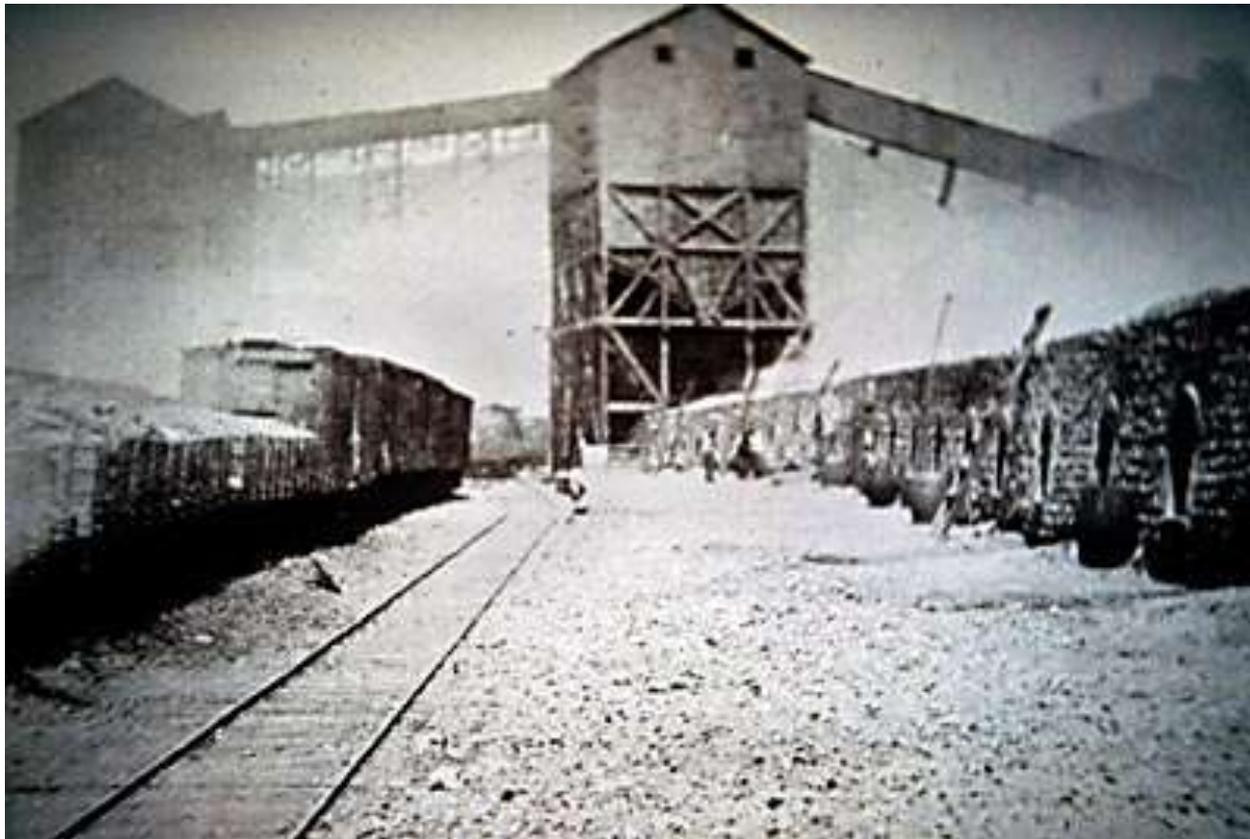
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# J.R. CLIFFORD'S MOST FAMOUS CASE

- Came from the Blackwater Canyon region of Tucker County
- Decided by the West Virginia Supreme Court

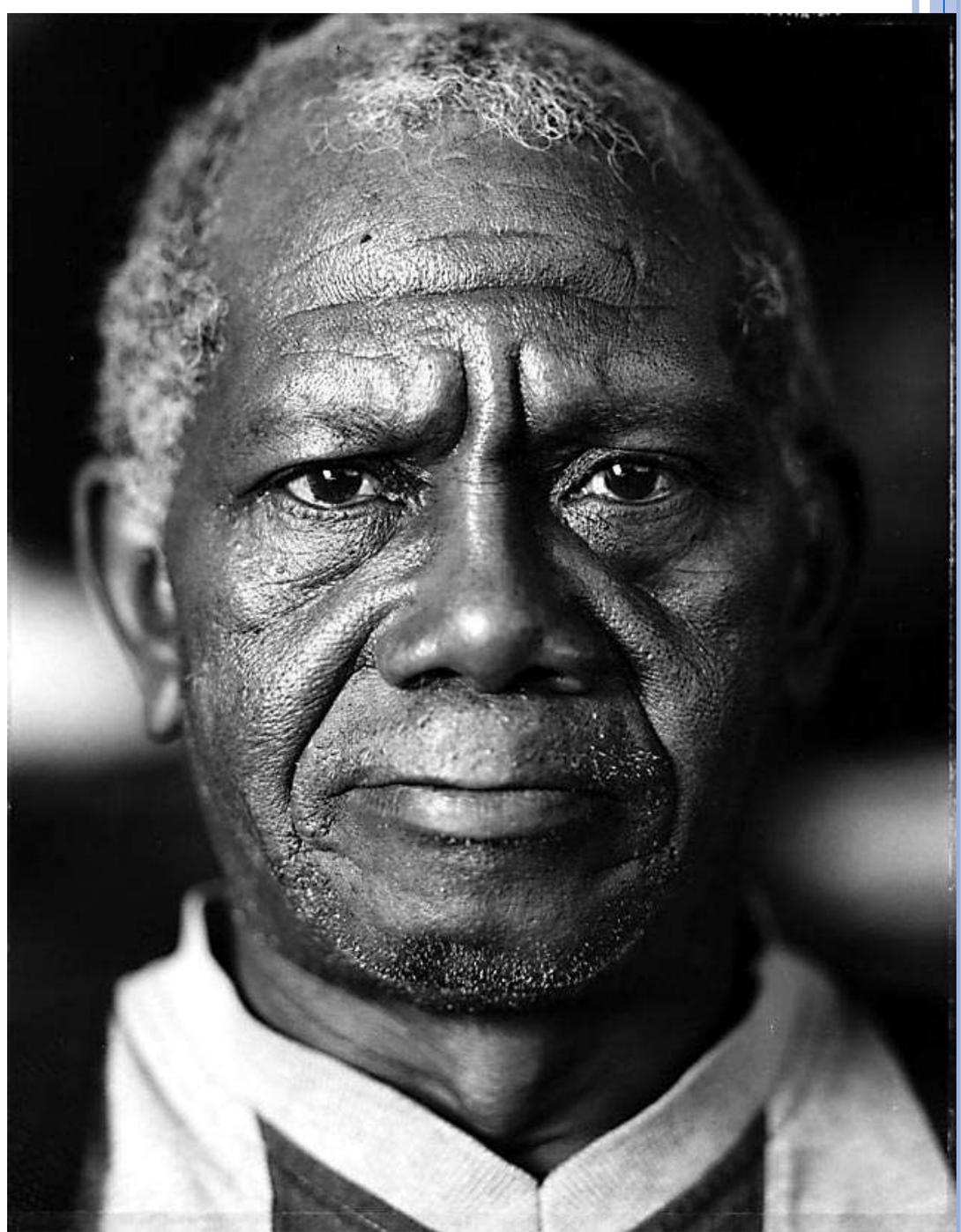






There were thousands of coke ovens at the head of the Blackwater Canyon in Coketon ●

Many people  
came to  
Coketon to  
work in mines  
and sawmills,  
including  
hundreds of  
African  
Americans



West Virginia's 1872 *Constitution* required segregated schools, which did not change until *Brown v. Board of Education* was decided by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1954



# Colored school term cut by county; Carrie Williams continued to teach anyway

hereby certify that Carrie M. Williams, the teacher of said school, has taught the school month reported herein, according to "Law" contract; being the 7th month of the school.

Respectfully,

Trustees.

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## MONTHLY SUMMARY.

### Teachers' Monthly Summary

To the Board of Education of Fairfax District, Tucker County.

I beg leave to submit the following Summary Monthly report, of the Free School in sub-district No. \_\_\_\_\_ known as the colored Coketon School of Fairfax District, for the month beginning the 29th day of May, 1893, and ending the 23rd day of June, 1893.

NO.	ITEMS TO BE REPORTED.	BOYS.	GIRLS.	TOTAL.
1.	Total enumeration last made in sub-district.	14	12	26.
2.	Total No. Pupils enrolled in the school this month.	15	17	32.
3.	Whole No. days present between 6 and 16.	100	240	340.
4.	Whole No. days present between 16 and 21.	0	0	0.
5.	Whole No. days absent.	0	0	0.
6.	Whole No. days non-membar.	120	100	220.
7.	Total days present and absent.	100	240	340.
8.	Average daily attendance between 6 and 16.	5	12	20.
9.	Average daily attendance between 16 and 21.	0	0	0.
10.	Average daily absence.	0	0	0.
11.	Per cent. of daily attendance.	100	100	100.

12.	Per cent of daily absence.	0	0	0
13.	Total Percentage.	100	100	100
14.	No. pupils enrolled 16 years of age or more.	2	0	2
15.	No. pupils enrolled first time.	3	0	3
16.	No. pupils enrolled from other schools.	0	0	0
17.	No. cases of tardiness.	0	0	0
18.	No. cases of truancy.	1	0	1
19.	No. cases suspension and dismissal from school.	0	0	0
20.	No. cases corporal punishment.	3	0	3
21.	No. pupils neither absent nor tardy.	7	12	19
22.	Average age.	10	11	21
23.	No. days school was taught this month.			15.
24.	No. holidays in this month.			1
25.	No. days school was in session this month.			15.
26.	No. days teacher was absent.			0
27.	No. days teacher was tardy.			2
28.	No. visits by County Superintendent.			0
29.	No. visits by Members Board of Education.			0
30.	No. visits by Trustees.			0
31.	No. visits by parents and guardians.			2
32.	No. visits to parents.			6
33.	No. other visitors.			3
34.	No. visits by County Superintendent.			0
NO. PUPILS ENGAGED IN THE STUDY OF				
35.	Orthography.			26
36.	Reading.			21
37.	Pennmanship.			31
38.	Arithmetic.			11
39.	Grammar.			3
40.	History.			0

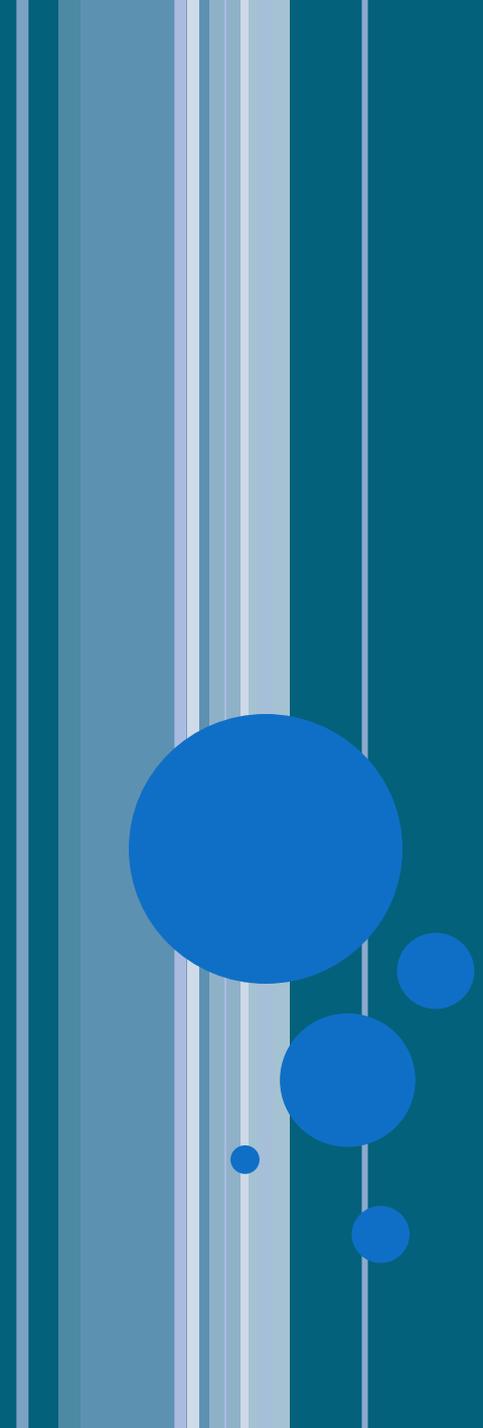
# CARRIE WILLIAMS SUED

Tucker  
Carrie<sup>3</sup> Williams  
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3  
B.S. of Education  
" "  
With  
Bonds.  
Affirmed Nov 16<sup>th</sup> 1898  
Chas. L. Wood  
Mandate issued to J.R. Clifford  
Jan 10-99. with request to  
Collect all costs.  
" "  
\$ 59.73 4/11  
M. J. Long  
Alex. K. Long 16.85

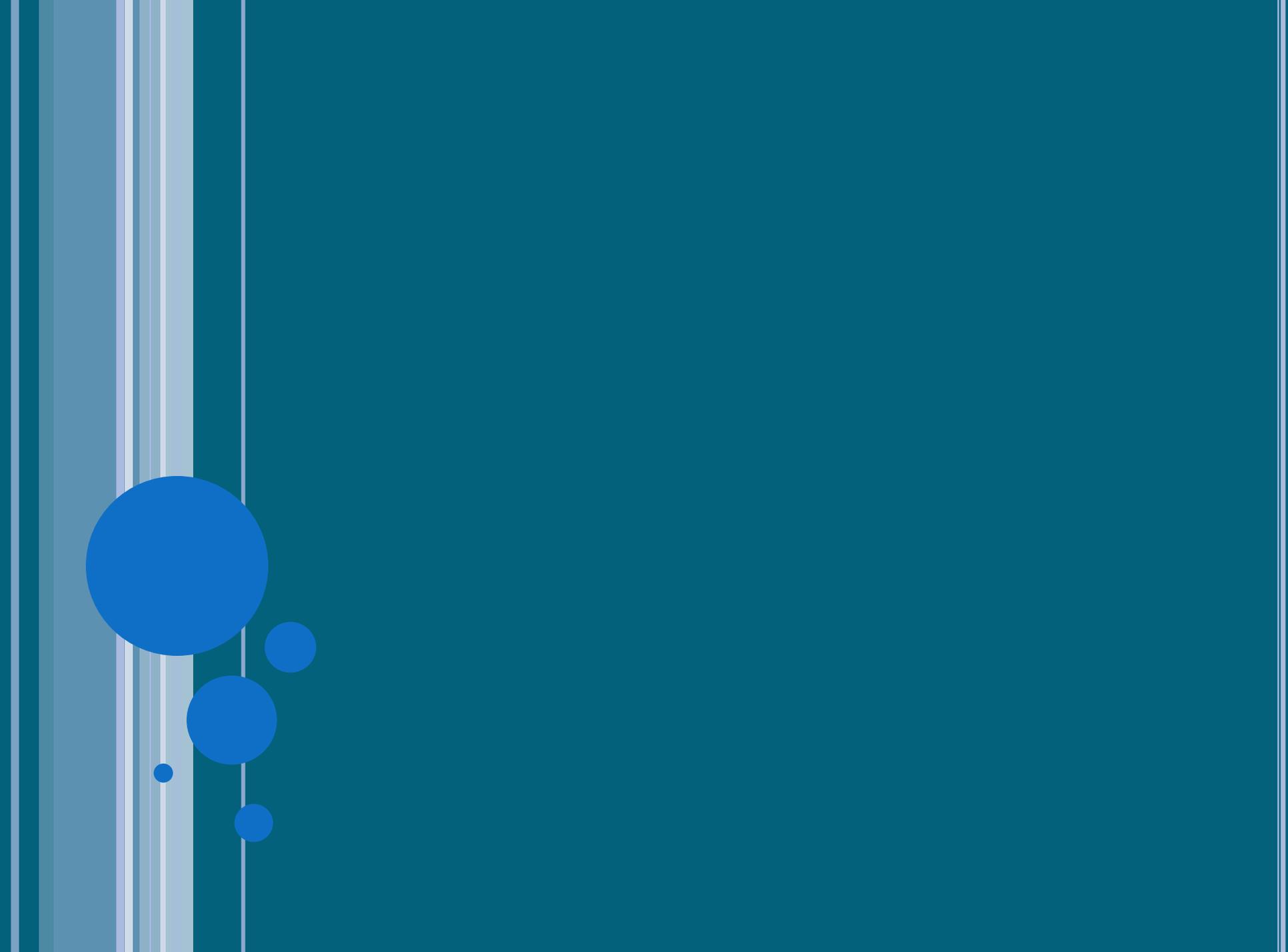
- Entitled to pay for the extra months worked, Carrie Williams sued

- J.R. Clifford represented Carrie Williams

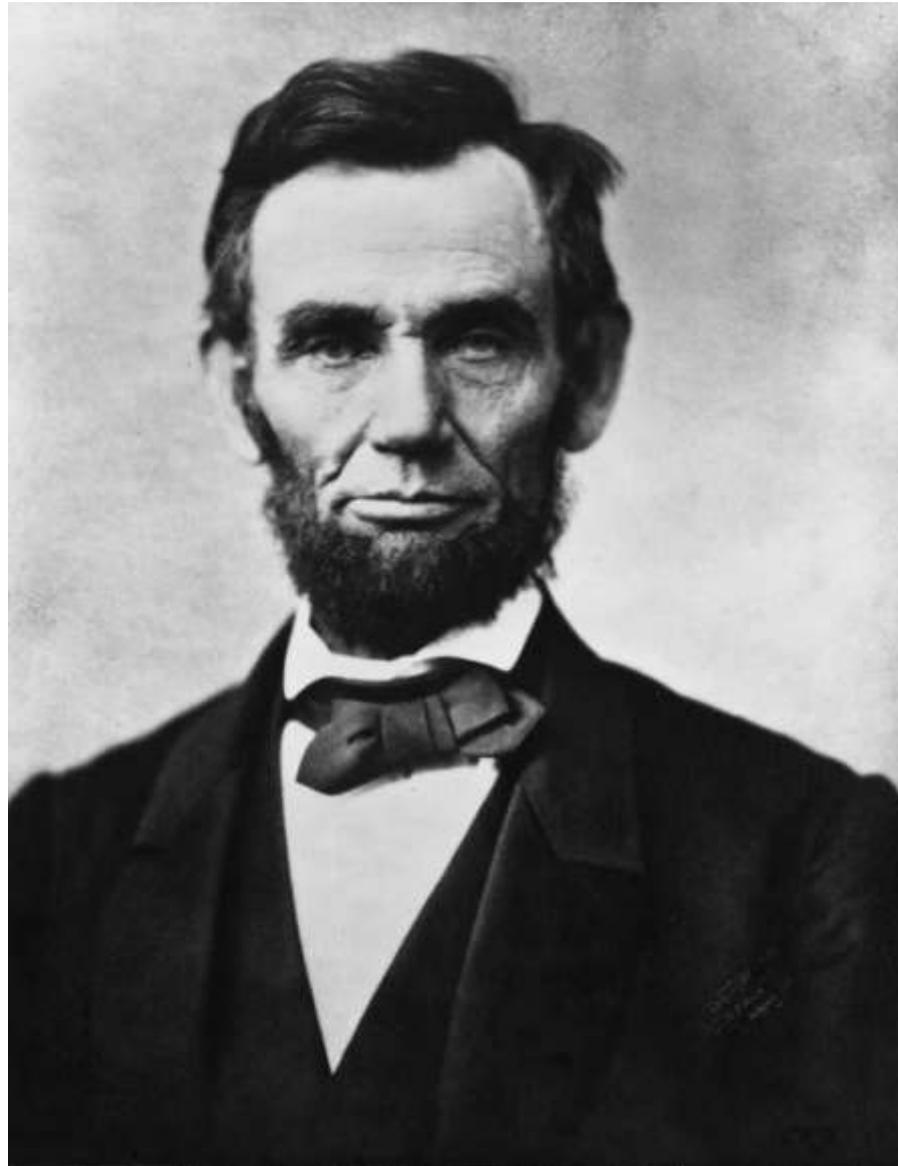




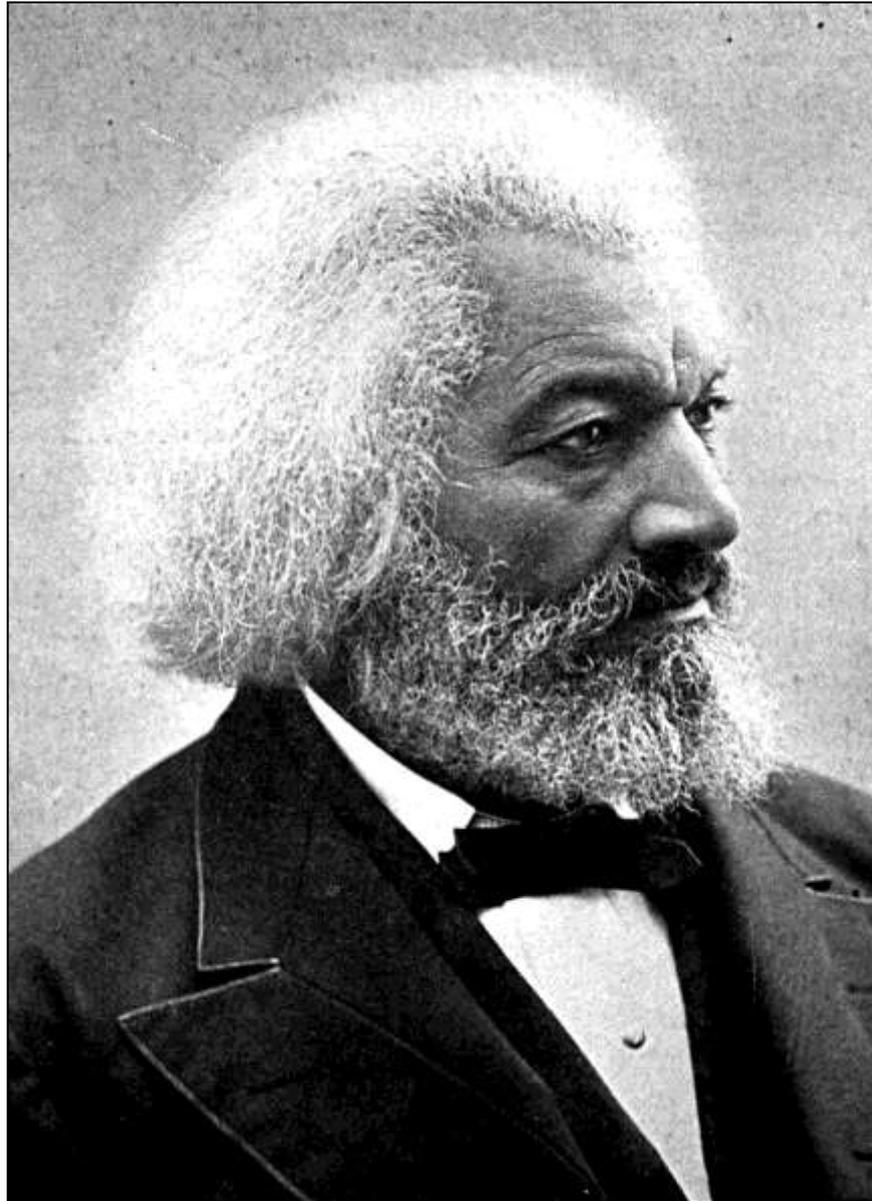
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# ABRAHAM LINCOLN



# FREDERICK DOUGLASS



# HARRIET TUBMAN



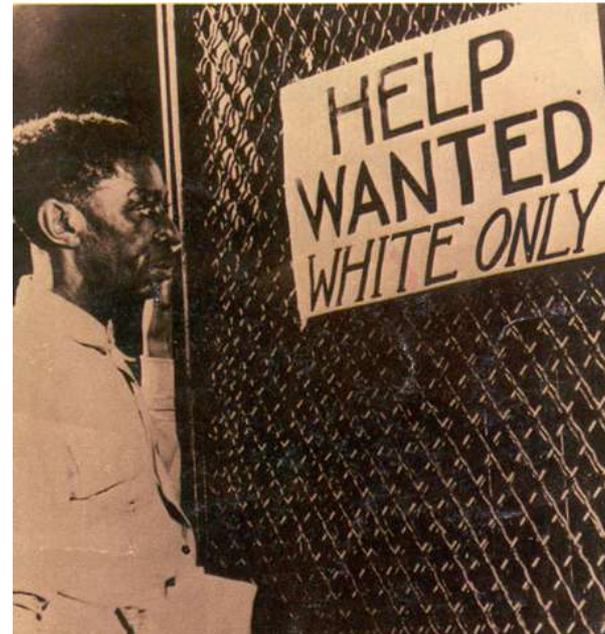
# FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT

## U.S. CONSTITUTION

“All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.”



# “Jim Crow” Laws



# SEGREGATED SCHOOL



# W.E.B. DuBois



# CARTER G. WOODSON



# MEMPHIS TENNESSEE

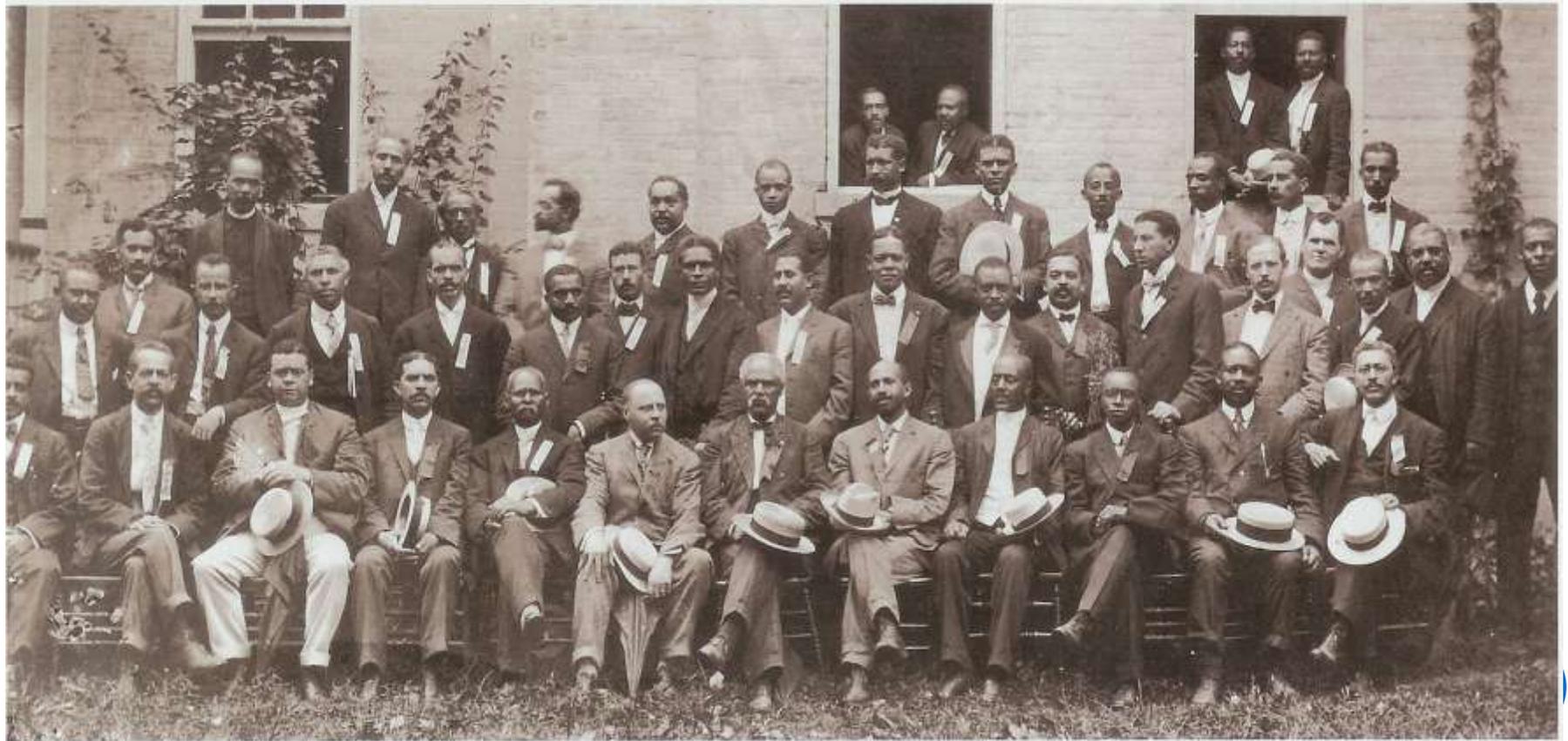
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# A. PHILIP RANDOLPH



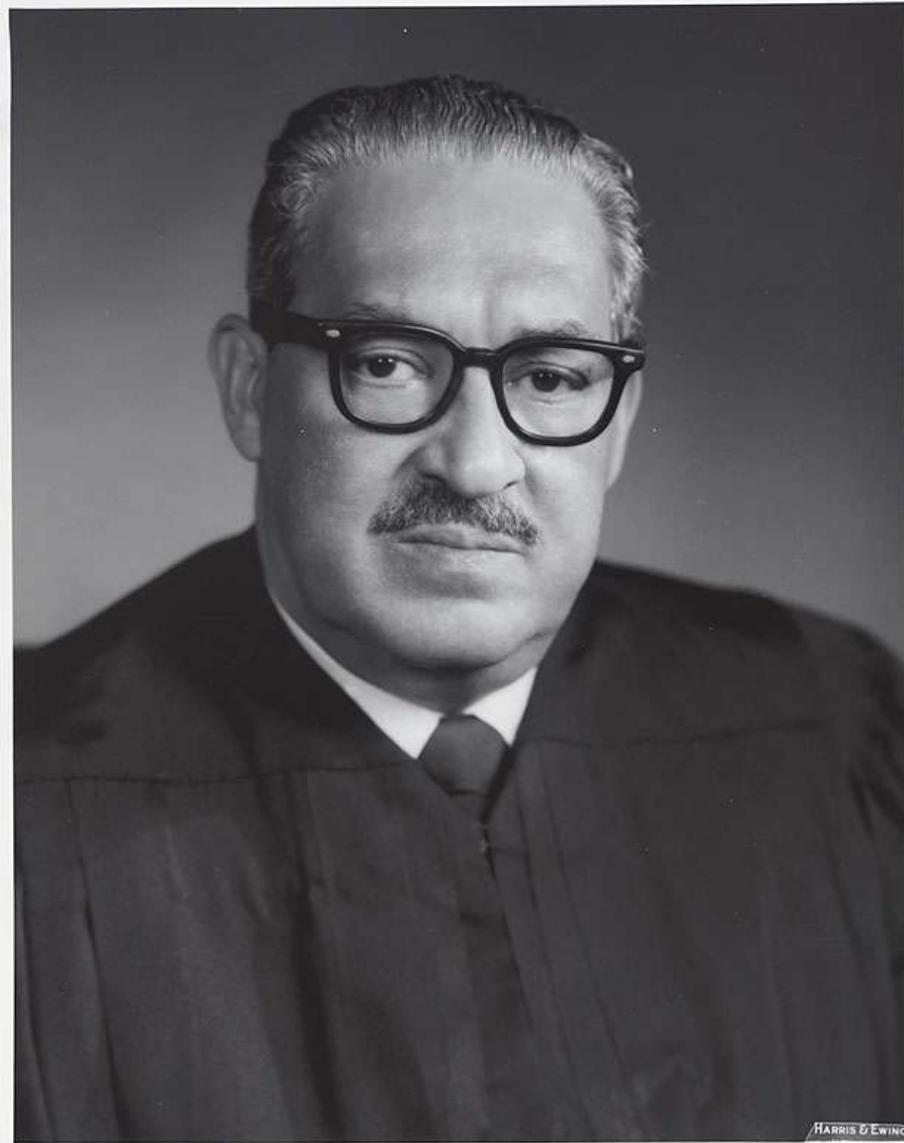
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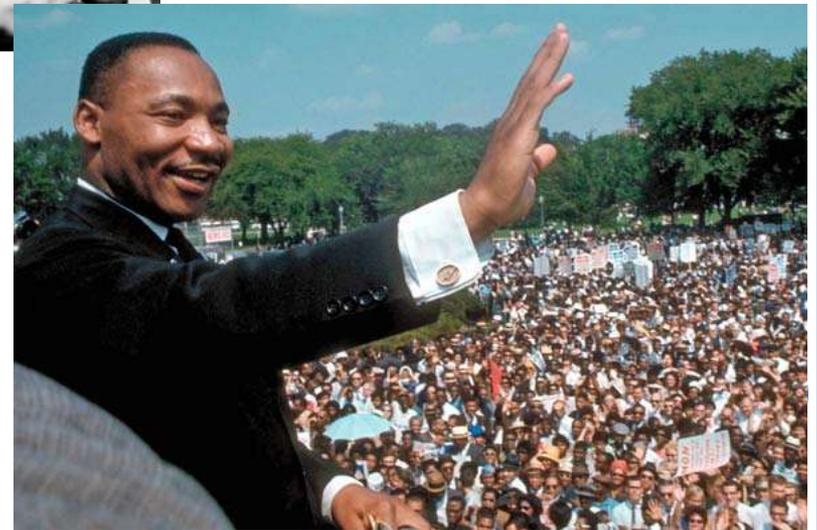
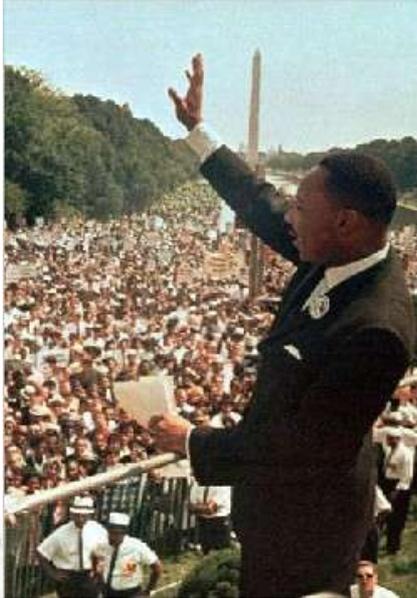
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# ROSA PARKS



# DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.



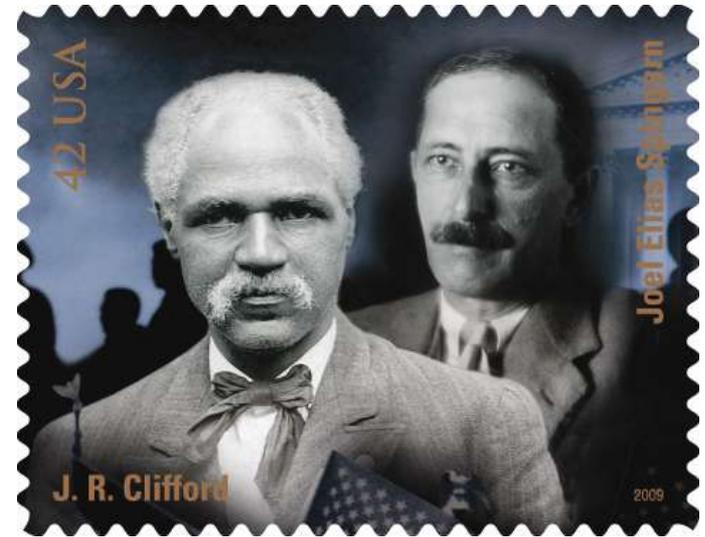
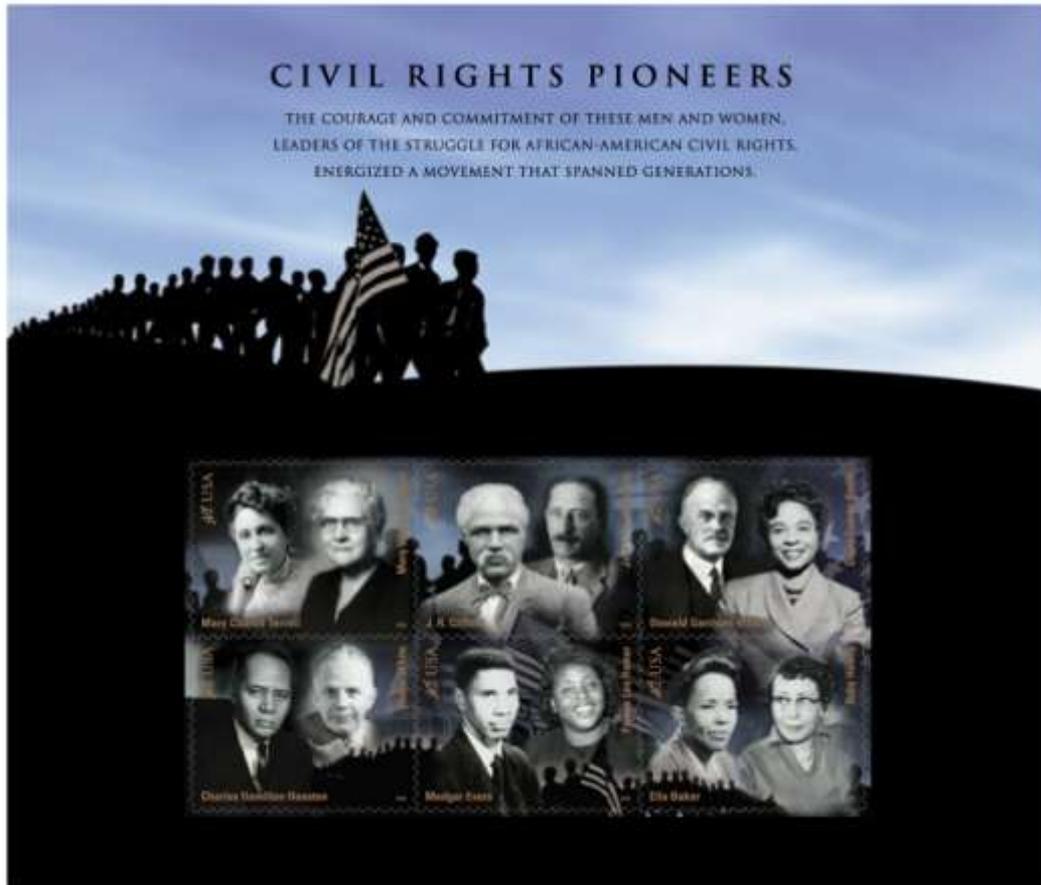
# PRESIDENT BARACK

# OBAMA



Civil Rights Progress in America

# J.R. CLIFFORD POSTAGE STAMP



2009



# QUESTIONS

- Why are our lives different because of what happened in this case, and in J.R. Clifford's time?
- What can we learn today from this case?
- Why did the jury and Supreme Court find in favor of Carrie Williams?

