

# Black History Month

## MAJOR BLACK INVENTORS



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**African American Women of Lake Oswego and  
Surrounding Areas**



## Major Black Inventors

Alexander Miles	Elevator & elevator safety Device. Patent #371,207	October 11, 1887
Alice Parker	Heating Furnace	1918
Augustus Jackson	Ice Cream	1832
B.F. Jackson	Gas Burner	1899
Benjamin Banneker	Clock, prints for Washington DC 1st Almanac	1753
C.B. Brook	Street Sweeper	1896
D. McCree	Portable Fire Escape. Patent #440-322	November 11, 1890
Dr. Charles Drew	Invented Blood Banks & Established Them Around The World	1940
Dr. Daniel Hale Williams	Performed First Heart Surgery	1893
Edmond Berger	Spark Plug	Feb. 2, 1939
Elbert R. Robinson	Electric Railway Trolley	1893
Elijah McCoy "The Real McCoy"	Automatic Lubrication System (For Railroad & Heavy Machinery) 1892 - 57 American Patents	July 2, 1872
Frederick Jones	Air Condition. Patent #2475842	12-Jul-49
Frederick Jones	Portable X-Ray Machine	
G.W. Murray	Fertilizer Distributor. Patent #520,889	June 5, 1894
G.W. Murray	Cotton Chopper. Patent #520,888	Elbert R. Robin+A69:C75son
G.T. Sampson	Clothes Drier	1892
Garret A. Morgan	Gas Mask (Saved Many Lives During WWI)	1914
George Toliver	Ship's Propeller. Patent #451,086	1891

George Washington Carver	300 products from peanuts, 118 from sweet potato & 75 from pecan.	1900-1943
Garret A. Morgan	Automatic Traffic Signal	1923
Granville Woods	Telephone (His Telephone Was Far Superior to Alexander Graham Bell's)	Dec. 2, 1884
Granville Woods	Trolley Car	1888
Granville Woods	Multiplex Telegraph System (Allowed Messages to be Sent & Received from Moving Trains)	1887
Granville Woods	Steam Boiler/Radiator	1884
Granville Woods	Third Rail (Subway). Patent #678,098	1901
Henry Sampson	Co-invented the Gamma Electric cell, which converts high radiation energy to electricity	6-Jul-71
J.F. Pickering	Air Ship	1892
J.H. White	Lemon Squeezer	1896
J.L. Love	Pencil Sharpener. Patent #594,114	Nov. 23, 1897
J.S. Smith	Lawn Sprinkler. Patent #581,785	May 4, 1897
James S. Adams	Airplane Propelling	1918
Jan Matzelinger	Automatic Shoe Making Machine	1883
John Burr	Rotary Blade Lawn Mower	1898
John Standard	Refrigerator. Patent #304,552	July 14, 1894
Joseph Gammel	Supercharge System for Internal Combustion Engine	1974
Joseph N. Jackson	Programmable Remote Control	
Kenneth Dunkley	Invented & Patented 3-D Viewing Glasses	1986

Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett	Developed the Moderna mRNA Vaccine for COVID-19	2020
L.C. Bailey	Folding Bed	1899
L.S. Burridge &	Typewriter	1885
N.R. Marsham		
Lewis Howard Latimer	Light Bulb Filament	
Lloyd A. Hall	Chemical compound to preserve meat	1932
Lonnie Johnson	Super Soaker Water Gun	1989
Marie V. Brittan Brown	Security System. Patent #3,482,037	Dec. 2, 1969
Mark Dean	Developed the P.C. Color Monitor; He Holds 3 of IBM's Original 9 P.C. Patents.	
Manley West	Discovered Compound in Cannabis to Cure Glaucoma	1980-1987
Onesimus	Smallpox Inoculation (He brought this method from Africa, where Advanced Medical Practices were in use long before Europeans had any medical knowledge)	1721
Patricia Bath	Discovered & Invented a New Device & Technique for Cataract Surgery known as Laserphaco	1981
Paul E. Williams	Invented and Patented the "First Useful Helicopter" Components.	Nov. 26, 1962
Peter Walker	Machine for Cleaning Seed Cotton. Patent #577,153.	Feb. 16, 1897
Phillip Downing	Letter Drop Mailbox. Patent #462,096.	Oct. 27, 1891
Philip Emeagwali	Designed the Hyperball Computer, which can Forecast Long-term Global Warming Patterns	Apr-96

Philip Emeagwali	Invented the World's Fastest Computer	1989
Robert Flemming, Jr.	Invented the Guitar Called the "Euphonical"	March 3, 1886
Sarah Boone	Ironing Board	April 26, 1892
Shirley Jackson	First Black Woman to Receive a Doctorate from MIT	1973
T. Elkins	Toilet	1897
Thomas Carrington	Range Oven	1876
Thomas J. Martin	Patented the Fire Extinguisher	March 26, 1872
W.A. Lovette	The Advance Printing Press	
W.F. Burr	Railway Switching Device. Patent #636,197	Oct. 31, 1899
W. Johnson	Egg Beater	1884
William Barry	Postmarking & Canceling Machine	1997
William Harwell	Attachment for Shuttle Arm; Device Used to Capture Satellites	1985

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## MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY AND BLACK HISTORY MONTH SUGGESTIONS

***Letter From a Birmingham Jail***, by Dr. Martin Luther King- The most important written document of the Civil Rights era. It helps to understand the Jim Crow Laws and the impact they had on all Americans then and now <https://www.blackpast.org/african-american-history/1963-martin-luther-king-jr-letter-birmingham-jail/>

**Jim Crow Laws- The Laws Dr. King Fought Against** - This site lists the Jim Crow Laws that served to suppress African Americans educationally, economically, politically, socially, and psychologically by reducing them to 4<sup>th</sup> class citizenship - [https://www.nps.gov/malu/learn/education/jim\\_crow\\_laws.htm](https://www.nps.gov/malu/learn/education/jim_crow_laws.htm)

**Major Contributions of African American Inventors and Scientists-** African American & Global African Inventors & Inventions <https://www.blackpast.org/?s=Black+Inventors>

40 Black Inventors Who Changed the World - <https://edgy.app/black-history-month-special>

List of African American inventors and Scientists- <https://en.m.wikipedia.org>

**The Black National Anthem** <https://naacp.org/find-resources/history-explained/lift-every-voice-and-sing>

