

Important African-Americans during the Reconstruction

Hiram Revels

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Background

Hiram Revels was born on September 27, 1827 in Fayetteville, North Carolina with free parents. Revels was a Senator. The party he was in was Republican. Hiram Revels was a freedman for his whole life. He was the first African American to serve in the U.S. Congress. Hiram Revels traveled to many places, educating African American children in Indiana, Kansas, Tennessee and Illinois.

What he wants

Revels wants all men and women to be treated equal. He gave a speech representing his entire race. He wanted to free enslaved people.



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Josiah Walls was a Representative from Florida. He was a Republican. Walls was born as a slave in Winchester Virginia, on December 30, 1842. He went to school in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Walls stayed in Florida, working on a saw mill on the Suwannee River. By 1868, he was able to save money to buy a 60-acre farm outside of the city he was in. There was only a few educated African-American men in the Reconstruction Era.

What he wants

Josiah Walls wanted to freed the people. But he had to go against his former slave owner Silas L. Niblack. Walls had to battle through so much just so he can be elected. He was almost assassinated by a gunshot.

Jefferson Long

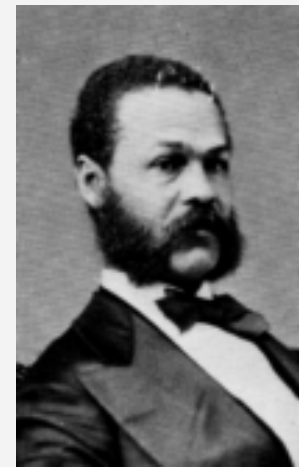
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Jefferson Long was a Representative from Georgia. He was in the Republican Party. Long was born as a slave on March 3, 1836, in Knoxville in Georgia. Jefferson learned how to read and write. He was able to open up a successful business in Georgia. Long was married to Lucinda Carhart, and they had seven children. One of Long's son helped him with his business.

What he wants

Jefferson Long was so determined to fight for the Civil rights of freeing the slaves.



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Background

Robert Delarge was a Representative from South Carolina. He was in the Republican Party. Delarge was born on March 15, 1842, in Aiken, South Carolina. People think Delarge was born as a slave, he was an offspring of free mulatto parents. Delarge went to a school in North Carolina and attended Wood High School in Charleston, South Carolina. Robert won election to the U.S. House of Representatives.

What he wants

What Robert Delarge wanted was, education, schools for African-Americans.