



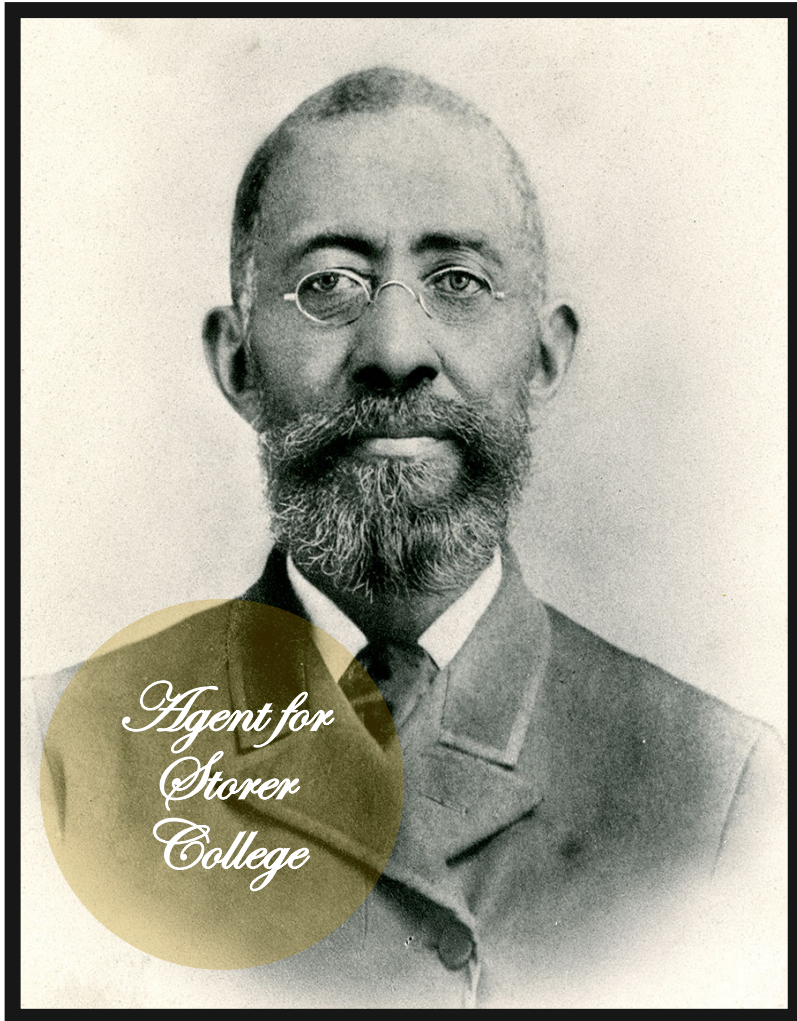
**STORER COLLEGE
(1867- 1955)**

**NOTABLE STUDENTS,
EDUCATORS, AND
GRADUATES.**

*(Storer College Class of 1907 pictured, courtesy of the
West Virginia and Regional History Center)*

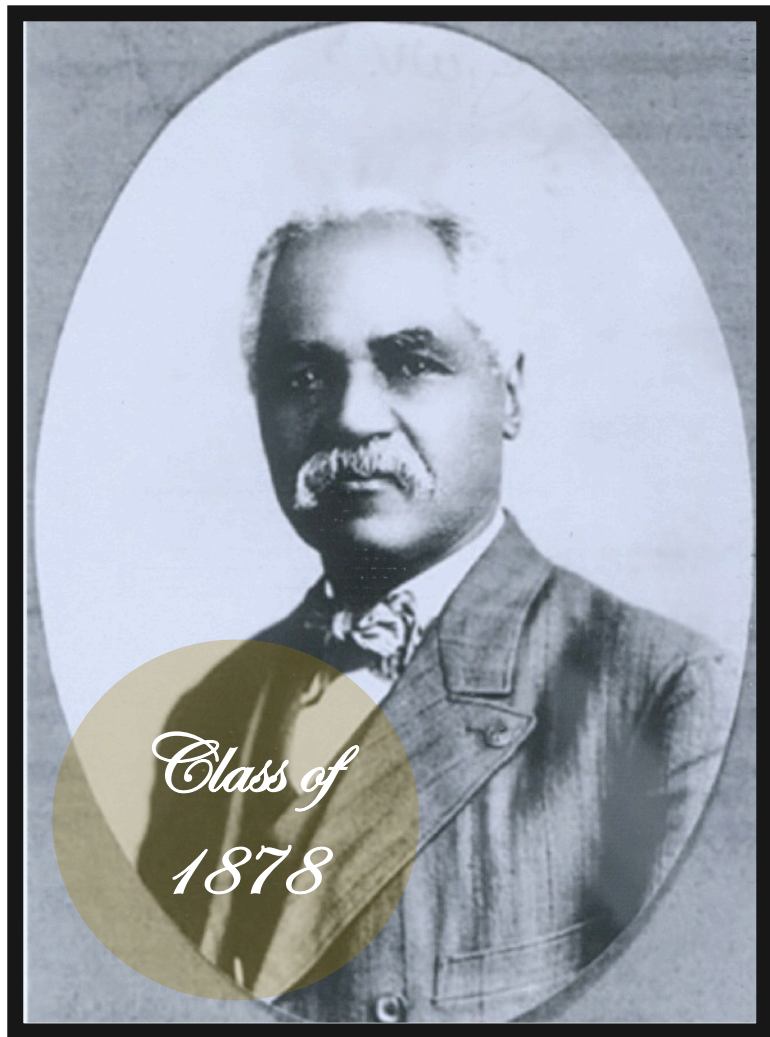
JOHN WILLIAM DUNGEE

A FOUNDING MEMBER OF STORER COLLEGE



JOHN WILLIAM DUNGEE WAS BORN INTO ENSLAVEMENT IN NEW KENT COUNTY, VIRGINIA IN 1833. THERE IS PECULATION HIS FATHER WAS PRESIDENT TYLER, AS DUNGEE'S MOTHER WAS ENSLAVED BY HIM. AROUND 1860, HE TRAVELED THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD TO HAMILTON, CANADA WEST. HE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CIVIL WAR, AND ATTENDED BOTH OBERLIN COLLEGE IN OHIO AND BATES COLLEGE IN MAINE. HE AND PEER HAMILTON KEYES BECAME FOUNDING MEMBERS OF STORER COLLEGE . DUNGEE TRAVELED AROUND THE UNITED STATES, PREACHING AND BUILDING BAPTIST CHURCHES AND ADVOCATING FOR THE EDUCATION OF AFRICAN AMERICANS. HE DIED IN OKLAHOMA CITY IN 1903.

John Dungee, courtesy of charlescity.org.



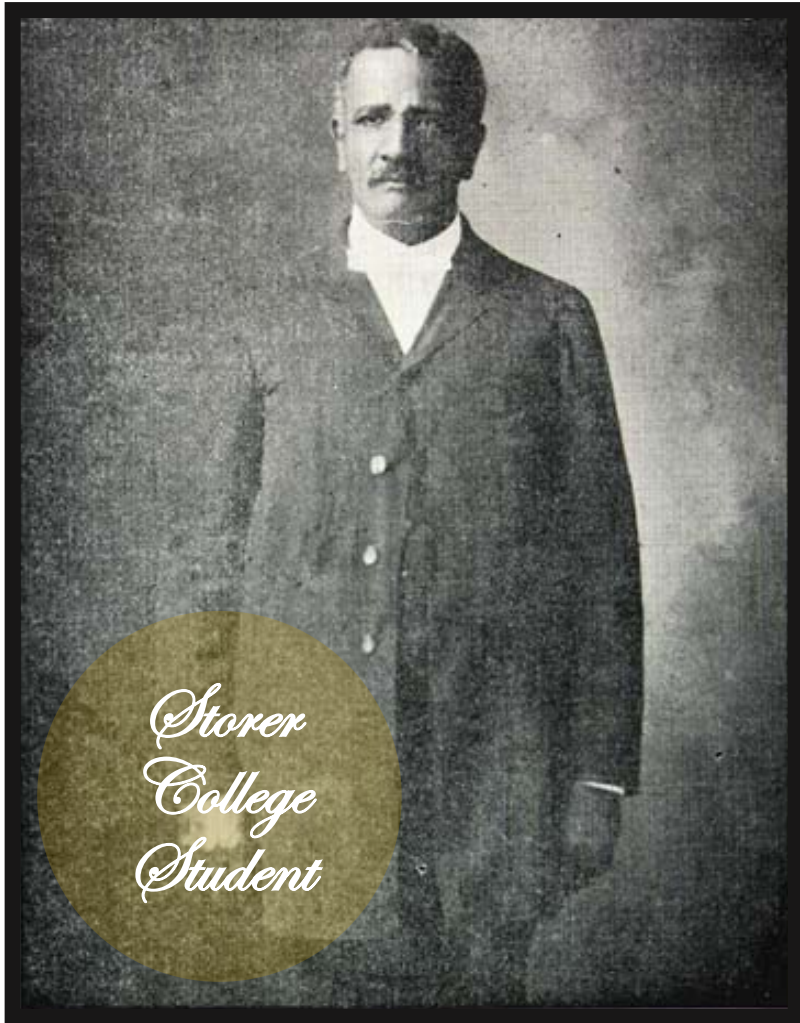
JOHN ROBERT (J.R.) CLIFFORD

WEST VIRGINIA'S FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN ATTORNEY

J.R CLIFFORD WAS BORN IN 1848 TO FREE, PREVIOUSLY ENSLAVED PARENTS IN WILLIAMSPORT, VIRGINIA. CLIFFORD RECEIVED AN EDUCATION IN CHICAGO, AND AT 15, HE ENLISTED IN THE U.S COLORED TROOPS. HERE, HE REACHED THE RANK OF CORPORAL, AND AFTER THE CIVIL WAR, CLIFFORD MOVED AROUND TO RUN WRITING SCHOOLS ON THE EAST COAST. HE ENROLLED IN STORER COLLEGE IN THE EARLY 1870S, AND AFTER GRADUATION, HE STUDIED LAW. HE WAS THE PUBLISHER OF THE NATIONAL "PIONEER PRESS", ELECTED AS DELEGATE AT THE 1884 R.N.C, AND WAS ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE NIAGARA MOVEMENT (LATER KNOWN AS THE NAACP), AMONG BEING INVOLVED IN COUNTLESS IMPORTANT COURT CASES IN WEST VIRGINIA. CLIFFORD DIED IN MARTINSBURG, WV, IN 1933.

JARED MAURICE ARTER

EDUCATOR, ACTIVIST, AND PASTOR



JARED MAURICE ARTER WAS BORN IN JEFFERSON COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN JANUARY, 1850 TO ENSLAVED PARENTS. AFTER BEING FREED IN 1864, HE BEGAN HIS EDUCATION AT PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN WASHINGTON, D.C AND NEW YORK, AND EVENTUALLY ATTENDED STORER COLLEGE. HE THEN RECEIVED A PhD FROM PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE, AND A BD AT HILLSIDE COLLEGE. IN 1887, HE WAS ORDAINED TO THE GOSPEL MINISTRY, AND WAS GIVEN WORK AT CURTIS FREE BAPTIST CHURCH. THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE HE WORKED AS AN EDUCATOR AND A PASTOR, AND DIED IN 1930.

Jared Arter, courtesy of docsouth.unc.edu.



HAMILTON HATTER

FIRST PRESIDENT OF BLUEFIELD COLORED
INSTITUTE

HAMILTON HATTER WAS BORN IN JEFFERSON COUNTY, VIRGINIA IN 1856 TO ENSLAVED PARENTS. HE GRADUATED FROM STORER COLLEGE IN 1878, AND CONTINUED HIS EDUCATION AT BATES COLLEGE UNTIL 1888. AFTER GRADUATION FROM BATES, HATTER RETURNED TO STORER COLLEGE WHERE HE TAUGHT GREEK, LATIN, AND MATHEMATICS AT AND SERVED ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES UNTIL 1906. HE WAS INVOLVED IN POLITICS, AND LATER SERVED AS THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF BLUEFIELD COLORED INSTITUTE. HE SERVED AS PRESIDENT UNTIL 1906, AND CONTINUED TO EDUCATE FOR THE REST OF HIS LIFE. HAMILTON HATTER DIED IN 1942 .

CORALIE FRANKLIN COOK

**FIRST MONTICELLO SLAVE DESCENDENT TO ATTEND
COLLEGE**

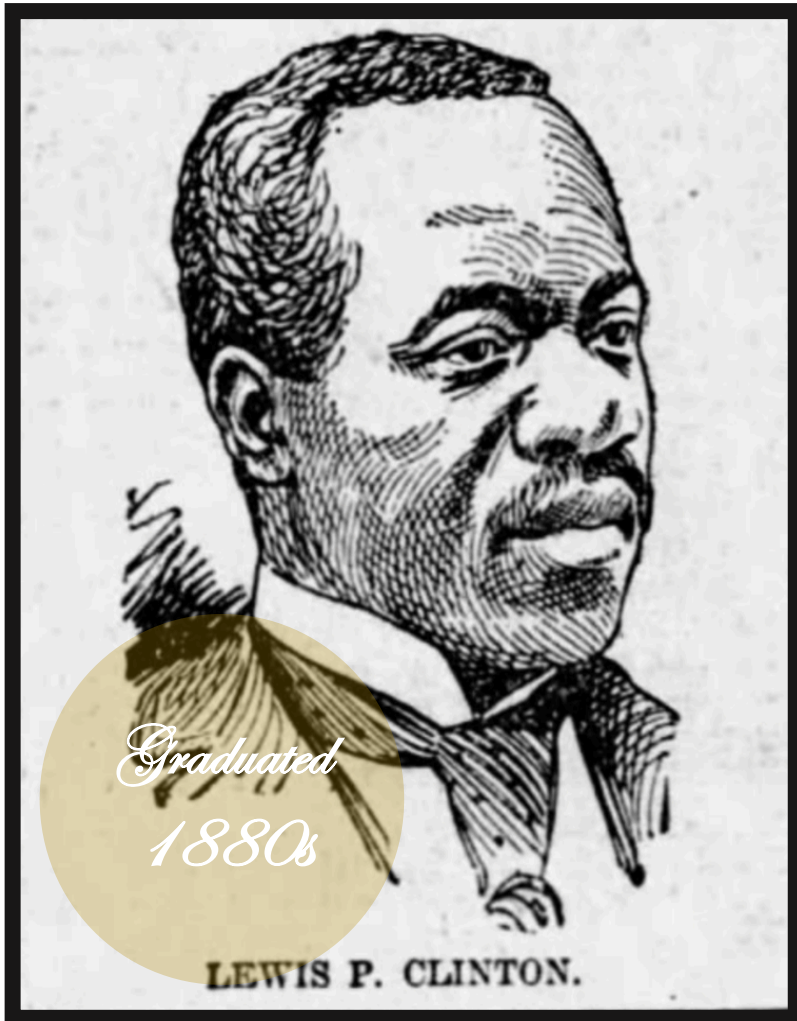


CORALINE FRANKLIN COOK WAS BORN IN MARCH OF 1861 TO ENSLAVED PARENTS IN LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA. AFTER BEING SENT TO STORER PRIMARY SCHOOL IN 1870, SHE CONTINUED HER EDUCATION AT THE SCHOOL THROUGH STORER'S TRANSITION TO A HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTE. SHE GRADUATED STORER COLLEGE IN 1880, AN ALUM OF THE DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, VARIOUS LITERATURE AND HUMANITIES CLUBS, AND THE NAACP. COOK SPENT HER LIFE AS AN AVID PROPONENT OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE IN WEST VIRGINIA AND WASHINGTON D.C. SHE WAS A WELL RESPECTED SPEAKER AND EDUCATOR THOROUGH THE FIRST HALF OF THE 20TH CENTURY. SHE DIED IN WASHINGTON D.C IN 1942, AND IS BURIED AT MONTICELLO.

Coralie Franklin Cook, courtesy of WVRHC.

LEWIS PENICK CLINTON

AFRICAN PRINCE, MISSIONARY, AND
LECTURER



LEWIS PENICK CLINTON WAS BORN AS "PRINCE SOMAYOU ZEA CLAYOU" IN GRAND BASSA, WEST AFRICA AROUND 1865. AFTER HIS KING FATHER'S DEATH IN 1878, AND RISING TENSIONS WITH HIS UNCLE WHO ALSO LAID CLAIM TO THE THRONE OF GRAND BASSA, CLINTON FLED AND BEGAN TO STUDY ENGLISH. IN 1884, HE TRAVELED TO THE U.S, AND SPENT FIVE YEARS AT STORER COLLEGE DURING THE 1880s. AFTERWARDS, HE CONTINUED HIS EDUCATION AT VARIOUS SCHOOLS, EVENTUALLY ACQUIRING 8 LANGUAGES. IN 1898, HE BECAME A FREE WILL BAPTIST MINISTER, AND RETURNED TO AFRICA. HERE, HE FOUNDED A MISSION NEAR FORTSVILLE IN GRAND BASSA, LIBERIA HELPING TO EDUCATE LOCAL PEOPLE. HIS DATE OF DEATH IS UNKNOWN, ALTHOUGH HE DID RETURN TO THE U.S IN 1910 TO LECTURE ABOUT HIS MISSION EXPERIENCES AT VARIOUS COLLEGES.

Lewis Clinton, courtesy of the Boston Globe.

JOHN FRANCIS (J.F) WHEATON

FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN IN THE MINNESOTA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



J.F WHEATON WAS BORN IN HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND IN 1866. HIS FATHER WAS THIS FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN TO VOTE IN MARYLAND. TO FURTHER HIS EDUCATION AFTER PRIMARY SCHOOL, WHEATON ATTENDED STORER COLLEGE IN LIEU OF A HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION. AFTER GRADUATING IN 1882, WHEATON DOVE INTO THE WORLD OF POLITICS, BECOMING AN ACTIVE MEMBER IN THE REPUBLICAN PARTY. AFTER PASSING THE MARYLAND BAR EXAM IN 1892, WHEATON MOVED TO MINNESOTA, WHERE HE WAS THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN GRADUATE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA LAW SCHOOL. IN NOVEMBER OF 1898, HE WAS ELECTED TO THE MINNESOTA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. FROM HERE, HE STAYED INVOLVED IN THE POLITICAL CLIMATES OF MINNESOTA, CHICAGO, AND NEW YORK CITY. AFTER FINANCIAL RUIN IN 1922, WHEATON COMMITTED SUICIDE AT HIS HOME IN NEW YORK CITY.

J.F Wheaton, courtesy of the WVRHC.



FANNIE COBB CARTER

AMERICAN EDUCATOR, ACTIVIST, AND SEGREGATIONIST

FANNIE COBB CARTER WAS BORN IN CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA IN SEPTEMBER OF 1872. SHE GRADUATED FROM STORER COLLEGE IN 1891 WITH A TEACHING DEGREE. WHILE TEACHING IN KANAWHA COUNTY, CARTER WAS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE CHARLESTON WOMAN'S IMPROVEMENT LEAGUE IN 1898. IN THE 1920s, CARTER WAS KNOWN AS THE FIRST BLACK WOMAN TO WORK IN NEWSPAPERS IN WEST VIRGINIA, AND USED HER VOICE TO FIGHT AGAINST ILLITERACY AND SEGREGATION. AFTER HOLDING VARIOUS HIGH RANKING POSITIONS IN THE KANAWHA COUNTY EDUCATION SYSTEM, CARTER BECAME THE DEAN AT THE NATIONAL TRADE AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS IN WASHINGTON, D.C. IN 1945, AND EVENTUALLY SERVED AS THE SCHOOL'S ACTING PRESIDENT AT AGE 89. IN 1962, SHE RETURNED TO CHARLESTON WHERE SHE REMAINED ACTIVE IN THE FIGHT FOR EDUCATION AND SEGREGATION IN WEST VIRGINIA. SHE DIED IN CHARLESTON IN MARCH, 1973.

STELLA JAMES SIMS

PROFESSOR OF SCIENCE AND BIOLOGY



STELLA JAMES SIMS WAS BORN IN FEBRUARY, 1875 IN WASHINGTON, D.C. SHE GRADUATED FROM STORER COLLEGE IN 1893, AND CONTINUED HER EDUCATION AT BATES COLLEGE IN MAINE. SHE WAS THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMAN TO GRADUATE FROM THE SCHOOL. SHE THEN TAUGHT AT VIRGINIA SEMINARY IN VIRGINIA, AND STORER COLLEGE UNTIL 1906. WHEN SHE MOVED TO BLUEFIELD, WEST VIRGINIA. HERE, SIMS TAUGHT BIOLOGY AND SCIENCE AT BLUEFIELD STATE COLLEGE FOR NEARLY 30 YEARS. SHE WAS DEPARTMENT CHAIR FOR YEARS, AND EVENTUALLY RETIRED TO A FARM IN PENNSYLVANIA. SHE DIED HERE AT AN UNKNOWN DATE.

Stella Sims, courtesy of bates.edu.



ELLA NORA PHILLIPS STEWART

**FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN FEMALE
PHARMACISTS IN PENNSYLVANIA**

ELLA NORA PHILLIPS STEWART WAS BORN IN MARCH, 1893 IN STRINGTOWN, VIRGINIA. DUE TO HER OUTSTANDING SUCCESS IN SCHOOL, SHE WAS GRANTED SCHOLARSHIPS TO ATTENDED STORER COLLEGE AT AGE 12. SHE MOVED TO PITTSBURGH, WHERE SHE WORKED AS A BOOK KEEPER AT A PHARMACY, AFTER HER INFANT DAUGHTER DIED AND SHE DIVORCED HER HUSBAND. IN 1914, SHE GAINED ACCEPTANCE INTO UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH'S SCHOOL OF PHARMACY. IN 1916, SHE BECAME THE FIRST BLACK WOMAN TO GRADUATE FROM PITT'S PHARMACY PROGRAM . LATER THAT YEAR, SHE BECAME THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN FEMALE PHARMACIST IN PENNSYLVANIA, AND ONE OF THE FIRST IN THE COUNTRY. SHE DIED IN NOVEMBER OF 1987.

Ella Nora Pihillips Stewart, courtesy of spirtofjefferson.com.



DON REDMAN

FAMOUS JAZZ MUSICIAN

DON REDMAN WAS BORN IN JULY, 1900 IN PIEDMONT, WV. AFTER GRADUATING FROM STORER COLLEGE IN 1920, REDMAN ATTENDED THE BOSTON CONSERVATORY. HE BEGAN HIS JAZZ CAREER IN 1923, PLAYING AND ARRANGING WITH THE FLETCHER HENDERSON ORCHESTRA. THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE, HE PERFORMED WITH JAZZ GREATS JIMMY DORSEY, COUNT BASIE AND HARRY JAMES. HE ACHIEVED GREAT SUCCESS IN NEW YORK CITY WITH BOTH HIS ORCHESTRA AND AS A SOLO ARTIST. DON REDMAN DIED OF UNKNOWN CAUSES IN NEW YORK CITY IN NOVEMBER, 1964.

Don Redman, courtesy of WVRHC.



MADISON SPENCER BRISCOE

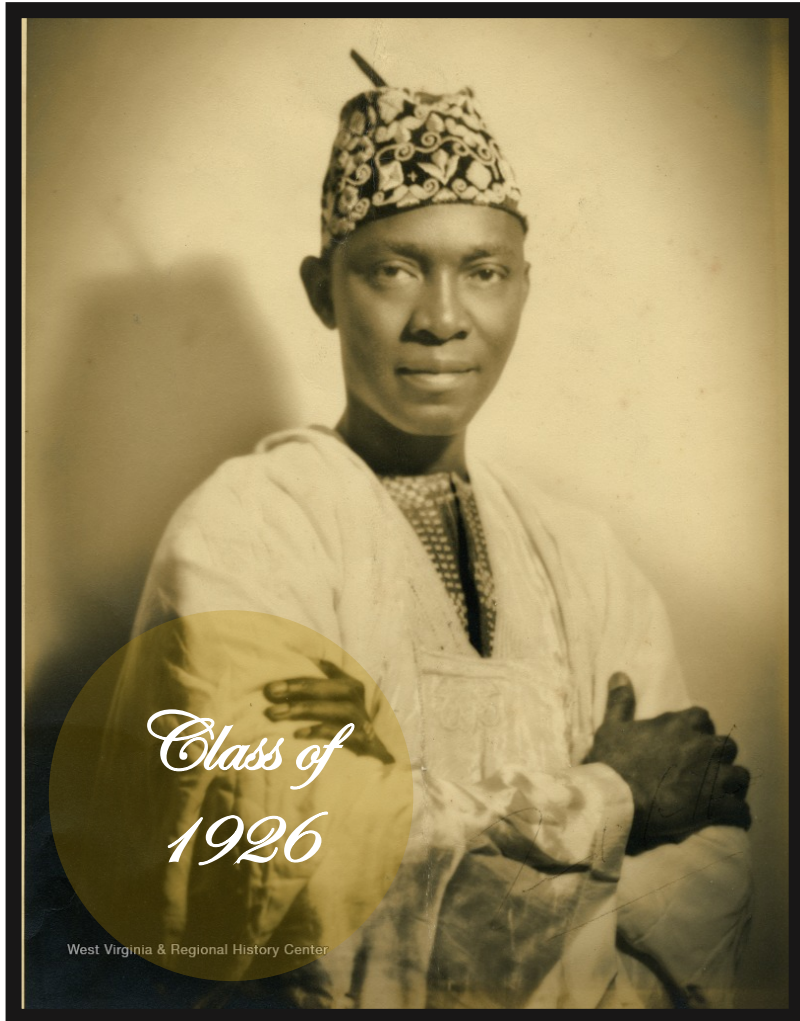
LEADING PARASITOLOGIST OF THE 20TH CENTURY

MADISON SPENCER BRISCOE WAS BORN IN MARCH, 1904 IN WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA. HE ATTENDED STORER COLLEGE, AND GRADUATED WITH A PREPARATORY DEGREE IN 1924. AFTER FURTHER EDUCATION AT LINCOLN UNIVERSITY AND COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, HE RETURNED TO STORER TO TEACH BOTH HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE COURSES. BRISCOE TAUGHT A VARIETY OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE COURSES AT STORER, AND BECAME THE FIRST AFRICAN- AMERICAN MEMBER OF THE WEST VIRGINIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES. HE COMPLETED HIS PHD IN PARASITOLOGY IN 1950, AND BOUGHT A HOUSE IN HARPERS FERRY IN 1951. BRISCOE DIED IN 1995.

Madison Briscoe, courtesy of WVRHC.

NNAMDI AZIKIWE

FIRST PRESIDENT OF NIGERIA



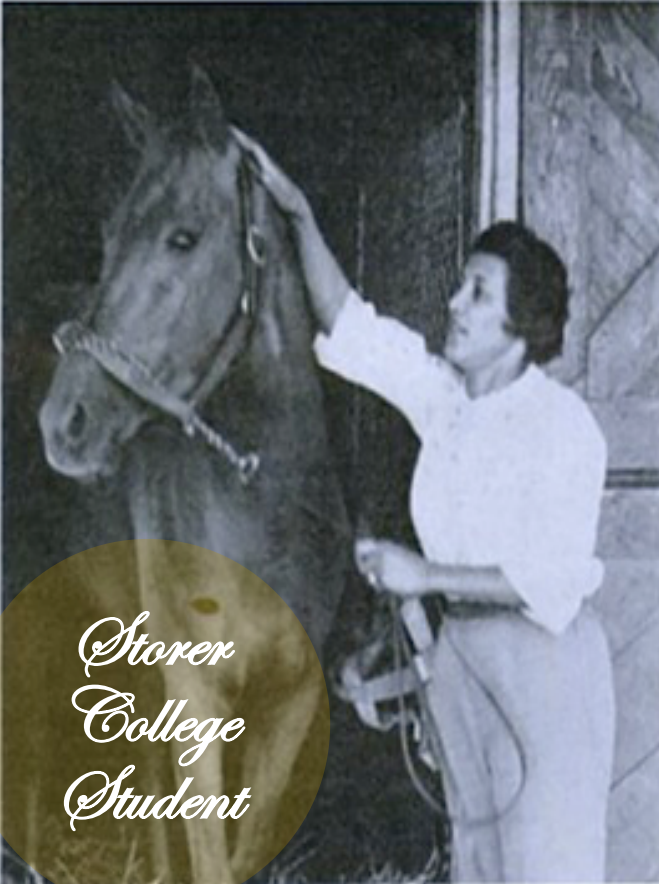
NNAMDI BENJAMIN AZIKIWE WAS BORN IN NOVEMBER, 1904 IN NORTHERN NIGERIA. IN 1924, HE CAME TO THE UNITED STATES TO ATTENDED STORER COLLEGE, AND GRADUATED IN 1926. HE CONTINUED HIS EDUCATION AT LINCOLN UNIVERSITY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA. AFTER MUCH SUCCESS IN THE ACADEMIC WORLD OF UNITED STATES COLLEGES, HE RETURNED TO NIGERIA IN 1934. A NEWSPAPER CAREER LED HIM INTO A LIFE IN POLITICS THAT INCLUDED APPOINTMENT BY QUEEN ELIZABETH II TO THE PRIVY COUNCIL OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, HEAD OF STATE, GOVERNOR-GENERAL, AND ULTIMATELY THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF NIGERIA IN 1963. AFTER A MILITARY COUP IN 1966, HE RETURNED TO THE UNIVERSITY WORLD, AND DIED IN MAY 1996.

Nnamdi Azikiwe, courtesy of WVRHC.

SYLVIA BISHOP

**FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMAN LICENSED TO
TRAIN THOROUGHBREDS IN THE U.S**

SYLVIA BISHOP WAS BORN IN 1921, AND BEGAN EXERCISING AND GROOMING HORSES AT AGE 17 WHILE ATTENDING STORER COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL. AS A TRAINER, HER HORSES RACED AT TO THE CHARLES TOWN RACE TRACK AND TRACKS IN MARYLAND. BISHOP OWNED AND TRAINED THOROUGHBRED RACING HORSES FOR MORE THAN 60 YEARS BEFORE SEVERE ARTHRITIS FORCED HER TO RETIRE IN 2000. SHE DIED IN DECEMBER, 2005.



*Storer
College
Student*

Sylvia Bishop, curtsy of WVRHC.



KATHRYN PEDDREW

NASA MATHEMATICIAN

KATHRYN PEDDREW WAS BORN IN MARTINSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA IN 1922. PEDDREW GRADUATED FROM STORER COLLEGE WITH A CHEMISTRY DEGREE IN 1943, AND WAS HIRED BY NASA THE SAME YEAR. SHE SPENT HER ENTIRE CAREER THERE, AND RETIRED IN 1986. SHE LEFT BEHIND 43 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN BOTH AERONAUTICAL AND AEROSPACE RESEARCH. SHE ALSO STUDIED BALANCE IN THE INSTRUMENT RESEARCH DIVISION.

Kathryn Peddrew, courtesy of Storer Alumni Association.

MARY PEYTON DYSON: EDUCATOR

MARY PEYTON DYSON WAS BORN IN 1883. MARY ATTENDED STORER COLLEGE IN 1906 AND GRADUATED FROM THE NORMAL DEPARTMENT IN 1908. SHE WAS INVOLVED IN STORER COLLEGE, INCLUDING SERVING AS ITS NATIONAL ORGANIZER OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS, TREASURER OF THE WOMEN'S COMMISSION, AND PRESIDENT OF STORER'S WASHINGTON ALUMNI CHAPTER. SHE WAS ELECTED A TRUSTEE OF THE COLLEGE IN 1937, AND SERVED AS THE CHAIR OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE DURING THE 1940s.

*Class of
1908*

EVELYN WATKINS JEMISON: SCIENTIST

EVELYN WATKINS JEMISON WAS BORN 1921 IN ALABAMA. SHE GRADUATED FROM TALLADEGA COLLEGE IN 1942, AND RECEIVED A MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN EMBRYOLOGY FROM HOWARD UNIVERSITY IN 1946. THAT SAME YEAR, SHE BECAME CHAIR OF THE BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT AT STORER COLLEGE. IN 1950, SHE BEGAN A LONG CAREER AT VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERISY. SHE WAS DIRECTOR OF THE VSU SICKLE CELL PROGRAM, THE ONLY WOMAN IN THE SCHOOL'S HISTORY TO RECEIVE THE RANK OF FULL PROFESSOR WITHOUT A PH.D.

*Biology
Dept.
Chair*

JOSEPH JEFFREY WALTERS : AUTHOR

J.J WALTERS WAS BORN IN THE 1860s IN LIBERIA. IN THE EARLY 1880s, HE JOINED THE CAPE MOUNT MISSION, WHICH BROUGHT HIM TO WEST VIRGINIA TO ATTEND STORER COLLEGE. AFTER ATTENDING COLLEGE IN OHIO, HE PUBLISHED *GUANYA PAU: A STORY OF AN AFRICAN PRINCESS* IN 1891. WALTERS WORK IS THE EARLIEST SURVIVING ENGLISH NOVEL PUBLISHED BY A BLACK AFRICAN .

*Storer
College
Student*

ALLEN COLE: PHOTOGRAPHER

*Class of
1905*

ALLEN COLE WAS BORN IN 1883 IN KEARNEYSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA. COLE GRADUATED FROM STORER COLLEGE IN 1905, EVENTUALLY FINDING HIS WAY TO CLEVELAND, OHIO. HERE, HE FOUND A PASSION FOR PHOTOGRAPHY. OVER THE YEARS, HIS WORK EARNED PRIZES AT STATE AND LOCAL EXHIBITIONS. COLE ALSO WAS A FOUNDER AND TREASURER OF THE PROGRESSIVE BUSINESS LEAGUE IN CLEVELAND. HE WAS THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN MEMBER OF THE CLEVELAND SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHERS. HE DIED IN FEBRUARY, 1970.

HENRY CURTIS BROOKS: PSYCHOLOGIST

*Class of
1950*

HENRY CURTIS BROOKS WAS BORN ON AN UNKNOWN DATE IN ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA. HE AND HIS BROTHER LEFT HOME IN 1946 TO ATTEND STORER COLLEGE. AFTER GRADUATING IN 1950, HENRY EARNED BOTH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN DIVINITY AND A MASTERS' DEGREE IN SACRED THEOLOGY FROM ANDOVER NEWTON THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL. HE CONTINUED HIS EDUCATION AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY, GRADUATING WITH A DOCTORATE IN PSYCHOLOGY AND COUNSELING. FROM THIS BACKGROUND HE DEVELOPED A COURSE OF STUDY THAT IS TODAY RECOGNIZED AS THE FORERUNNER OF SPIRITUAL-BASED FAMILY AND CRISIS INTERVENTION.