

Martin Robinson Delany

May 6, 1812: Born in Charles Town, Virginia (now West Virginia) to Patti and Samuel

1818: Taught to read and write by mother Patti (against law)

1822: Family forced to move because their literacy is discovered

1823-1836: Gained education through the Methodist Church, Jefferson College

1836: Became physician's assistant

1830's: Became involved in several racial improvement groups and becomes secretary to the Philanthropic Society which helped rescue and transport slaves

March 15, 1843: Married Catherine A. Richards and starts a family of eleven

1840's: Studied medicine and became a physician; starts the *Mystery*, a newspaper, that helped the public become aware of the grievances the blacks were enduring

Late 1840's: Started another newspaper, the *North Star* to further the blacks' cause

1850's: Tried to start the immigration of blacks back to Africa after becoming frustrated with what little progress he was making in America

February 27, 1865: Became the first black line field officer for the U.S. Army

May 1880: Gave up dream of returning to Africa in order to help his family

January 24, 1885: Died of Consumption