

## **This Month in Black History**

### **July**

- July 1, 1889 - Frederick Douglass named U.S. Minister to Haiti.
- July 2, 1872 - Elijah McCoy patents his first self-lubricating locomotive engine. The quality of his inventions helped coin the phrase "The Real McCoy".
- July 4, 1900 - Trumpeter Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong, jazz pioneer, born.
- July 5, 1892 - Andrew J. Beard patents rotary engine.
- July 7, 1948 - Cleveland Indians sign pitcher Leroy "Satchel" Paige.
- July 9, 1893 - Dr. Daniel Hale Williams performs first successful open-heart operation.
- July 10, 1875 - Educator Mary McLeod Bethune, founder of Bethune-Cookman college, born.
- July 11, 1905 - W.E.B. Dubois and William Monroe Trotter organize the Niagara Movement, which demanded abolition of all race distinctions.
- July 12, 1949 - Frederick M. Jones patents air-conditioning unit used in food transportation vehicles.
- July 13, 1965 - Thurgood Marshall becomes first African American appointed U.S. Solicitor General.
- July 15, 1867 - Maggie Lena Walker, first woman and first African American to become president of a bank.
- July 16, 1862 - Anti-lynching activist Ida B. Wells Barnett born.
- July 22, 1939 - Jane M. Bolin of New York City, appointed first African American female judge.
- July 23, 1778 - More than 700 Blacks participate in Battle of Monmouth (NJ).
- July 25, 1916 - Garrett Morgan, inventor of the gas mask, rescues six people from gas-filled tunnel in Cleveland, Ohio.
- July 27, 1880 - Alexander P. Ashbourne patents process for refining coconut oil.
- July 28, 1868 - 14th Amendment granting Blacks full citizenship rights, becomes part of the Constitution.
- July 31, 1874 - Patrick Francis Healy inaugurated as president of Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.