W.E.B. DU BOIS

Facts About Du Bois

- First African American to earn a Ph.D. at Harvard University
- Help Found NAACP
- Instigated the Niagara Movement
- Wrote The Souls of Black Folk



Quote

"The United States will either destroy ignorance, or ignorance will destroy the United States." W.E.B. Du Bois.

Places Named After Him

- Mural in Great Barrington
- Boyhood Homesite named after him
- River Garden Park named after him
- Has a middle school in Great Barrington named after him



W.E.B.'s Life

- Born February 23, 1868, in Great Barrington, Ma
- Died in Accra, Ghana, on August 27, 1963, he was
 95 years old when he died

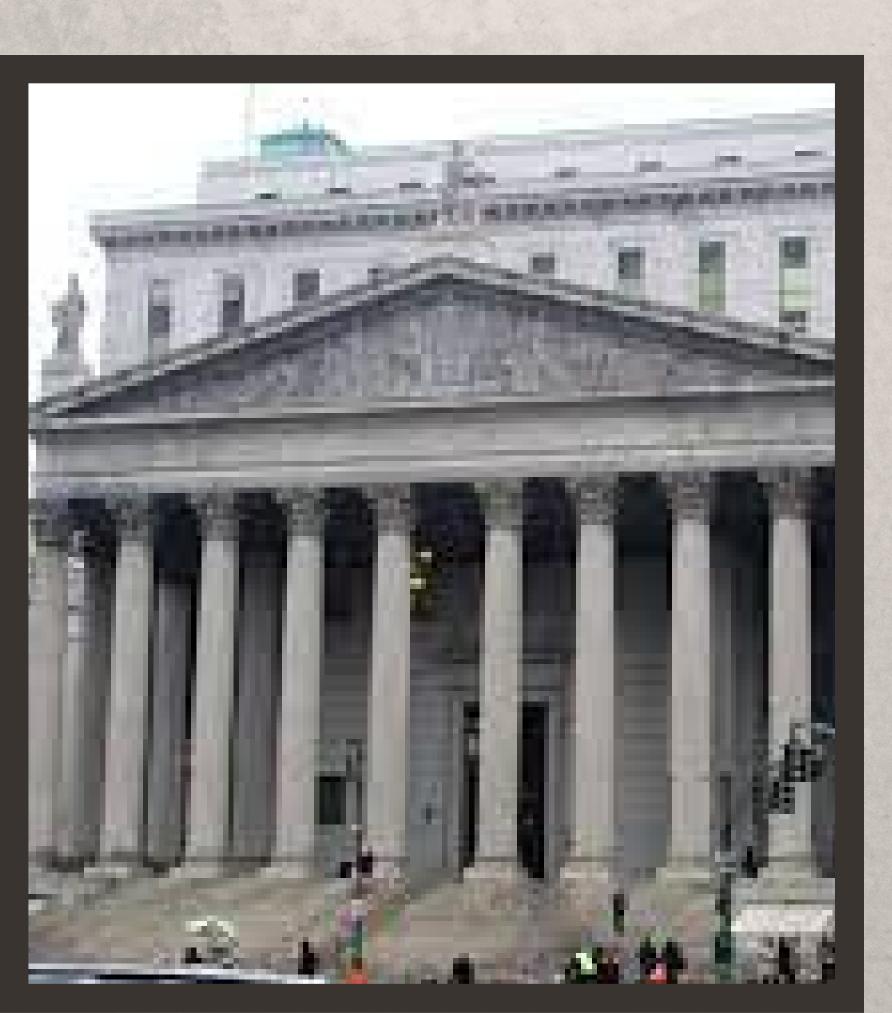
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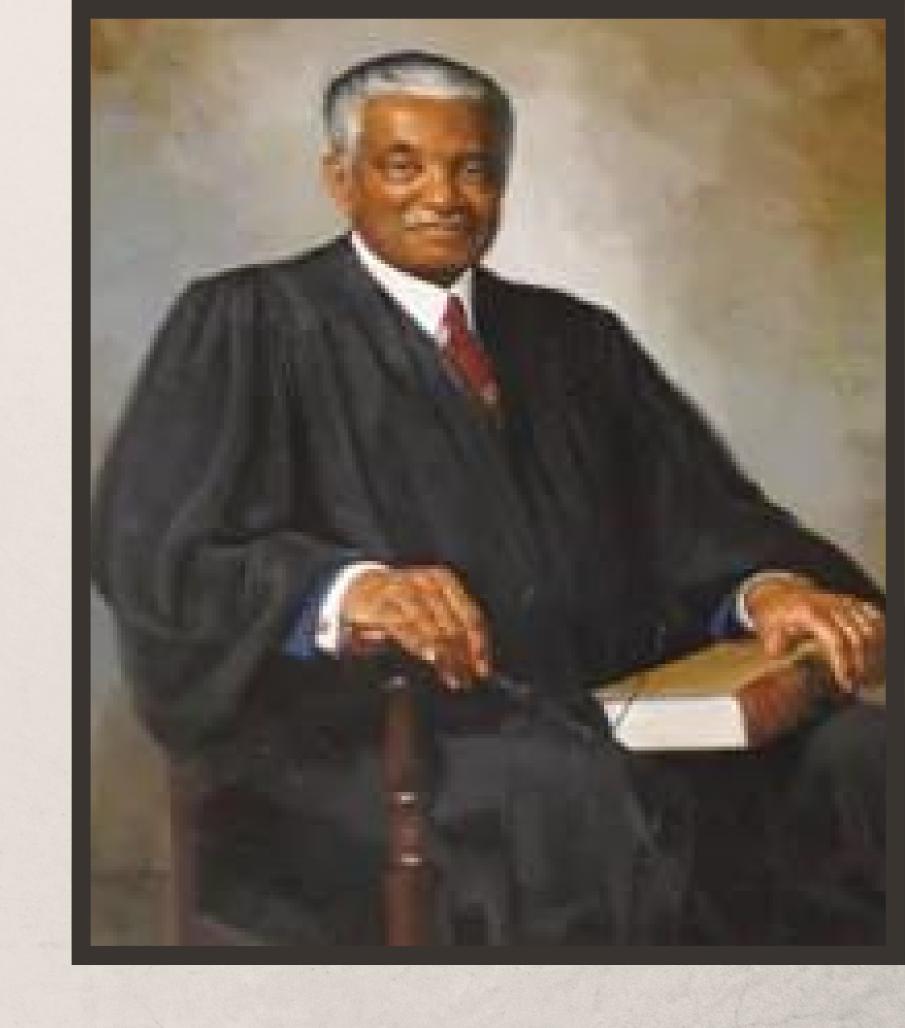
- He had to bury his two kids and wife before he died
- Was a Black man in a racist society
- Struggled for freedom
- Help fight to end racism and scientific racism

John Garrett Penn

BY: COLLIN NORTON

- "No one was above the law"
- Was a black lawyer who fought for and helped other African Americans





- Born in 1932 Pittsfield and died in 2007
- Spent three years trying to rule in favor of a lawsuit filed by African Americans
- James Carter appointed Penn to the federal court
- While a federal Judge he looked over many criminal trials
- Many of the criminal trials involved big political figures

Ulysses Frank Grant

By: Ethan O'Donnell





Played 17
seasons
batting 316

Born August 1, 1865 Died May 27, 1937

Made the baseball Hall of Fame.

Made the Buffalo Bison Hall of Fame.

"Were it not for the fact that he is a colored man, he would without a doubt be at the top-notch of the records among the finest teams in the country." - anonymous

Honored with a plaque that is displayed in the Buffalo Bison stadium.

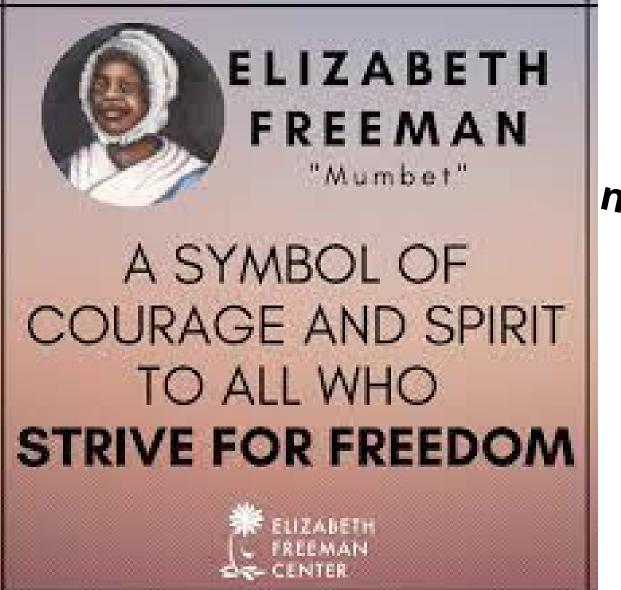
Elizabeth (Mum Bet) Freeman





(unknown)1744-December 28, 1829

Elizabeth Freeman was the first African-American woman in Massachusetts to successfully sue for freedom



Elizabeth Freeman lived the last 21 years of her life in her own home with her own family.

She was treated so badly as a slave that she said "Any time, any time while I was a slave, if one minute's freedom had been offered to me, and I had been told I must die at the end of that minute, I would have taken it—just to stand one minute on god's airth a free woman—I would."