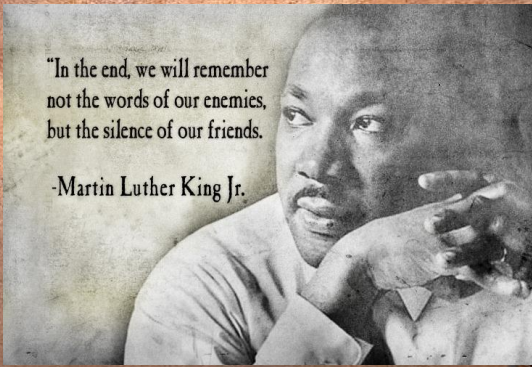


"In the end, we will remember  
not the words of our enemies,  
but the silence of our friends.

-Martin Luther King Jr.



## Jan Ernst Matzeliger

Jan Ernst Matzeliger (1852–1889) invented a shoemaking machine that increased shoemaking speed by 900%!

**Fast Fact:** In 1992, the U.S. made a postage stamp in honor of Matzeliger.

## Dr. Patricia E. Bath

Dr. Patricia E. Bath (1949–) invented a method of eye surgery that has helped many blind people to see.

**Fast Fact:** Dr. Bath has been nominated to the National Inventors Hall of Fame.

## Otis Boykin

Otis Boykin (1920–1982) invented the electronic control devices for guided missiles, IBM computers, and the pacemaker.

**Fast Fact:** Boykin invented 28 different electronic devices.

## Lewis Latimer

Lewis Latimer (1848–1928) invented an important part of the light bulb — the carbon filament.

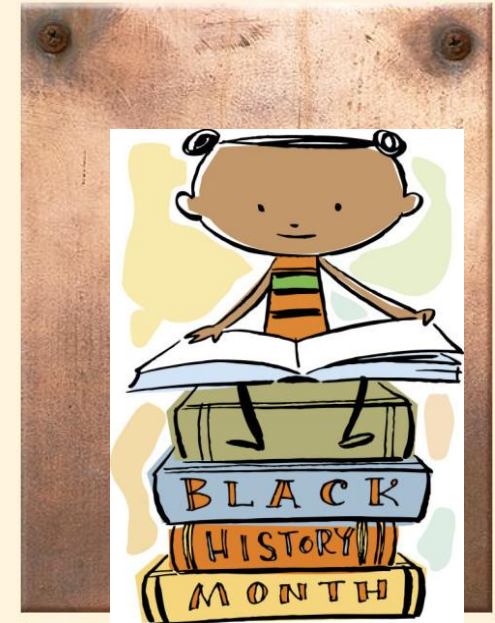
**Fast Fact:** Latimer worked in the laboratories of both Thomas Edison and Alexander Graham Bell.

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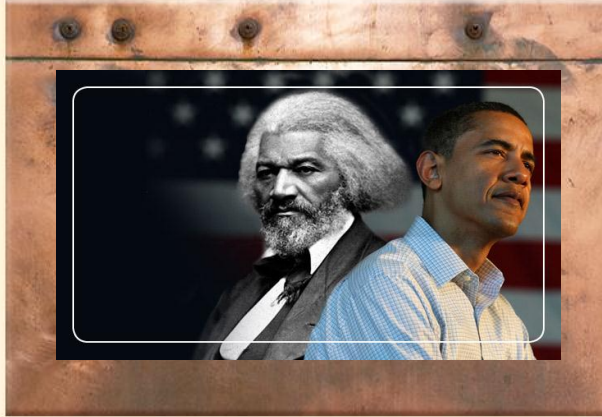
## Black History Facts



## Elijah McCoy

Elijah McCoy (1843–1929) invented an oil-dripping cup for trains.

**Fast Fact:** Other inventors tried to copy McCoy's oil-dripping cup. But none of the other cups worked as well as his, so customers started asking for "the real McCoy." That's where the expression comes from.



## Thomas L. Jennings

was the first African-American to receive a patent in 1821. It was for a dry-cleaning process in 1821. He used the money earned from the patent to purchase relatives out of slavery and support abolitionist causes.



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*"Change does not roll in on the wheels of inevitability, but comes through continuous struggle. And so we must straighten our backs and work for our freedom. A man can't ride you unless your back is bent."*

*Martin Luther King, Jr.*

