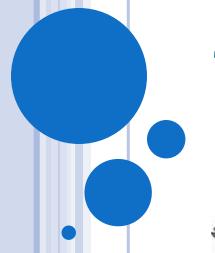
J.R. CLIFFORD: AN AMERICAN HERO



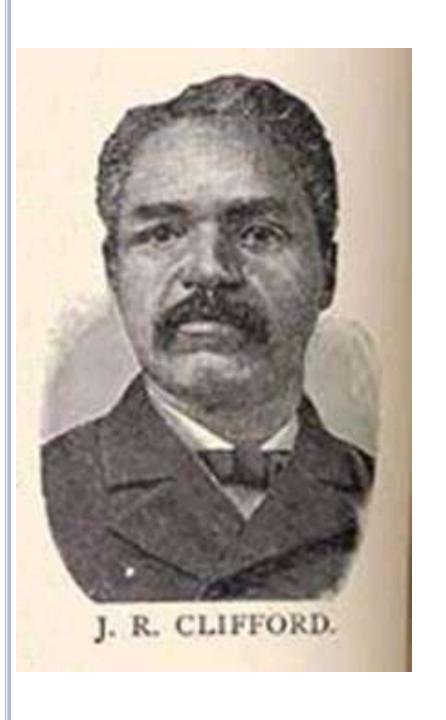
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JOHN ROBERT
"J.R."
CLIFFORD

1848-1933

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J. R. Clifford was born in 1848, in Williamsport, Hardy County, VA, to "Free Blacks" Isaac and Septima Clifford

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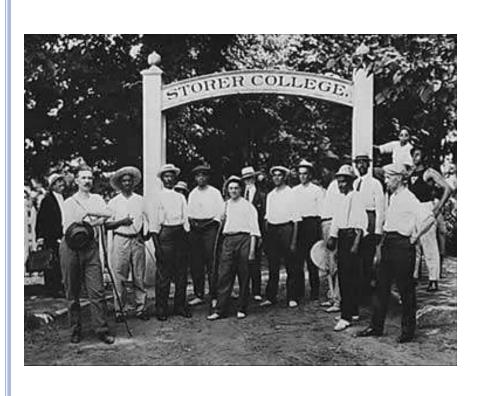


•Enlisted in 1863

•Age 15

Union Army

STORER COLLEGE GRADUATE



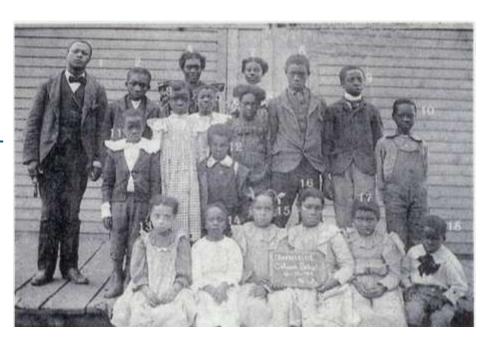
Teaching college

•Graduated 1874

PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER AND PRINCIPAL

•Sumner School

1875-1885



•Martinsburg, WV

NEWSPAPER WRITER, EDITOR, AND PUBLISHER



• The Pioneer Press

•Started in 1882

•Ran for 35 years

Pioneer Press.

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WEST VIRGINIA'S FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN ATTORNEY

•1887 passed bar exam

Worked for social justice



Advocated for African Americans

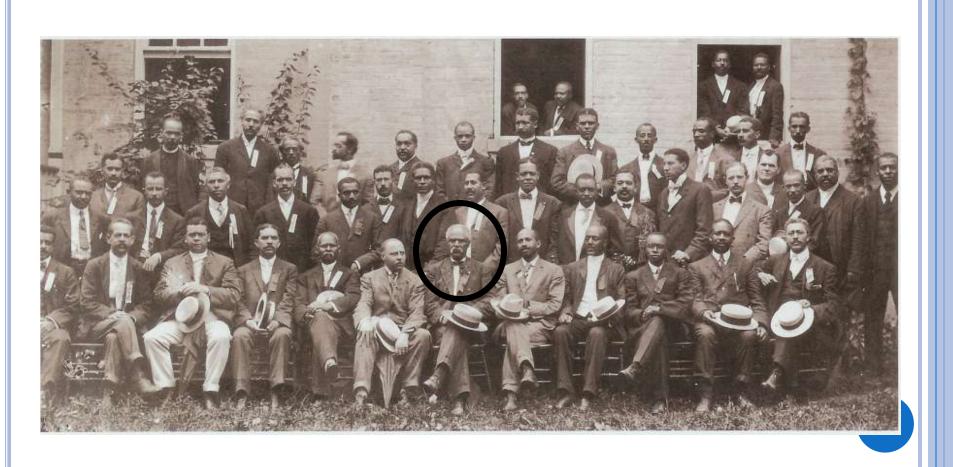
CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST AND NIAGARA MOVEMENT FOUNDER



•Movement formed in 1905

•Co-founded with W.E.B. DuBois

1906 NIAGARA MOVEMENT MEETING IN HARPERS FERRY



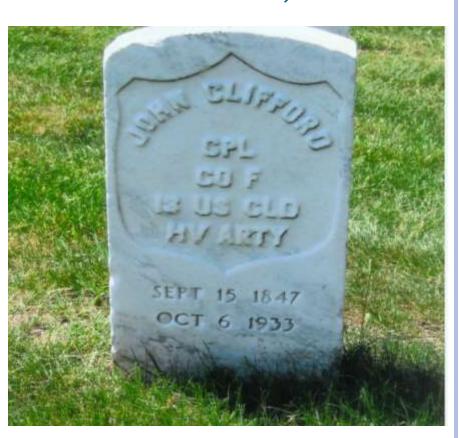
J.R. CLIFFORD AND W.E.B. DUBOIS



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Mary Franklin





J.R. Clifford



J.R. CLIFFORD WAS...

- •Soldier
- •Teacher
- •Writer

- •College Graduate
 - Principal

- •Editor
- Movement Founder
- •Publisher

Attorney

And in doing all of these things he was an

ACTIVIST

CARRIE WILLIAMS VS. TUCKER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

1898

J.R. CLIFFORD'S MOST FAMOUS CASE

•Came from the Blackwater Canyon region of Tucker County

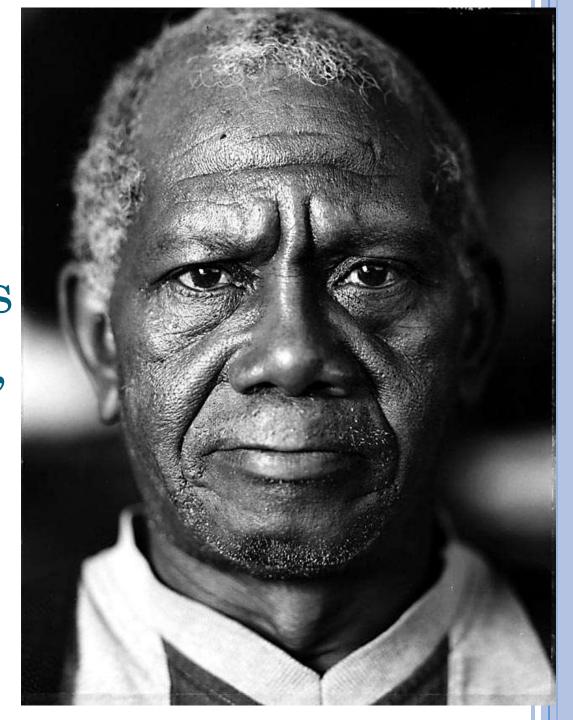
•Decided by the West Virginia Supreme Court Area developed for coal mining right after Civil War





There were thousands of coke ovens at the head of the Blackwater Canyon in Coketon

Many people came to Coketon to work in mines and sawmills, including hundreds of African Americans



West Virginia's 1872 Constitution required segregated schools, which did not change until Brown v. Board of Education was decided by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1954



Colored school term cut by county; Carrie Williams continued to teach anyway

hereby certify that Carrie M. Williams, the teacher of said school, has taught the school month reported herein, according to "Law" contract; being the 7th month of the school. Respectfully,

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MONTHLY SUMMARY.

Teachers' Monthly Summary

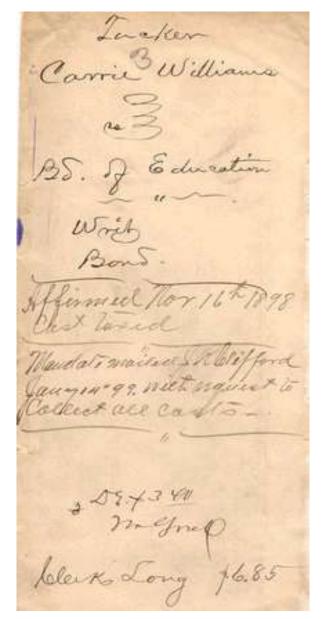
To the Board of Education of Fairfax District, Turker County.

I beg leave to submit the following Summary Monthly report, of the Free School in sub-district No. known as the colonel Coketon School of Fairfax District, for the month beginning the 29th day of May, 1893, and enling the 23rd day of June, 1893.

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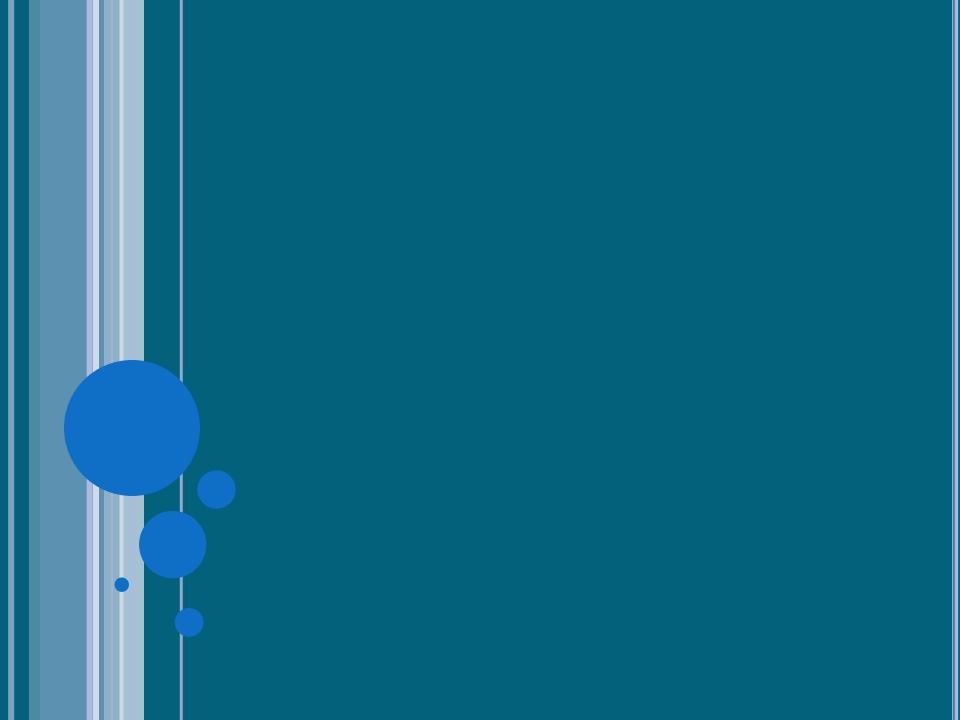
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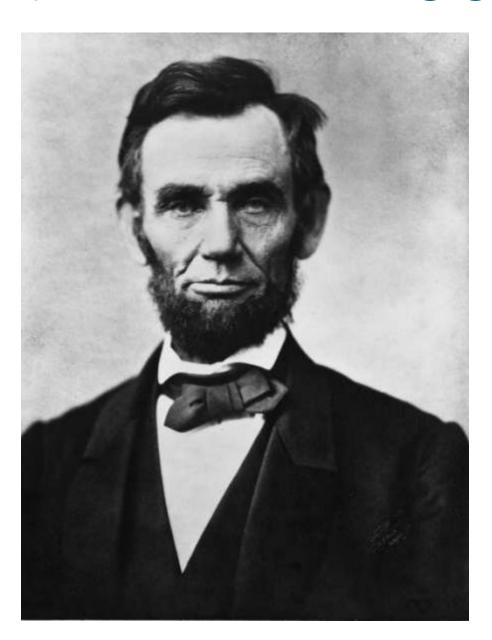
•Entitled to pay for the extra months worked, Carrie Williams sued

•J.R. Clifford represented Carrie Williams

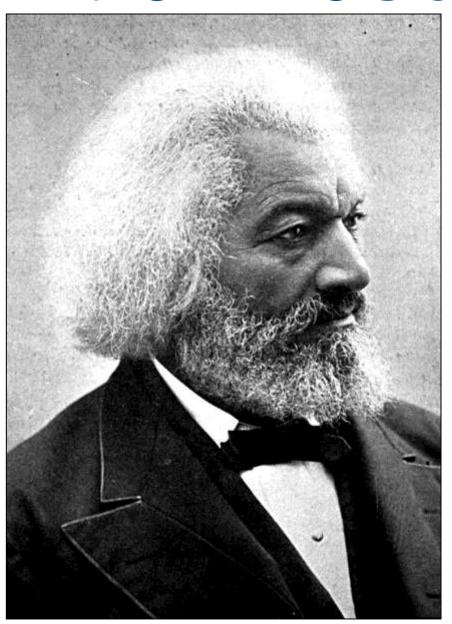
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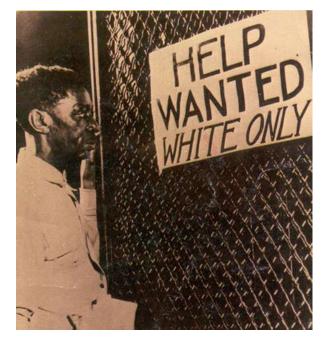
U.S. CONSTITUTION

"All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."

"Jim" Crow" Laws







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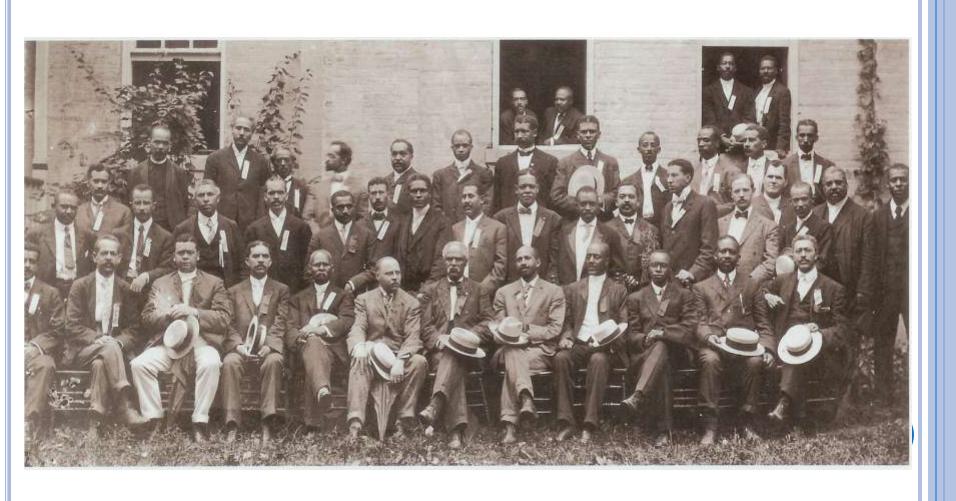
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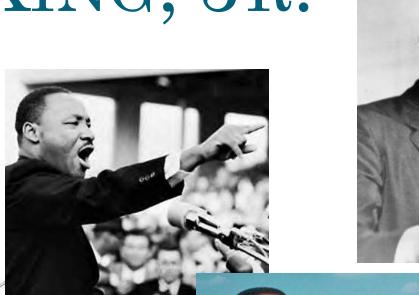


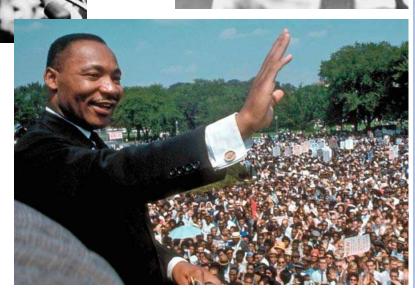
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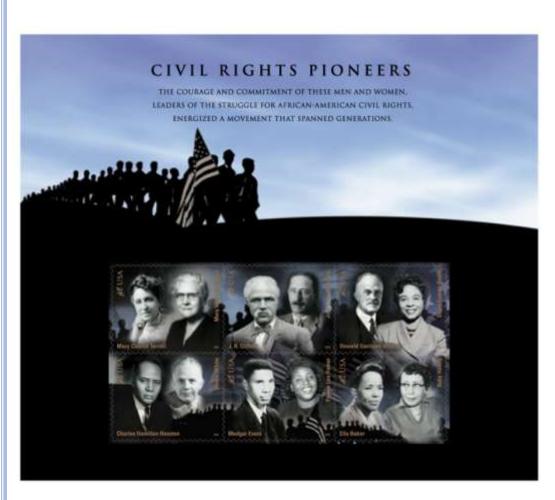


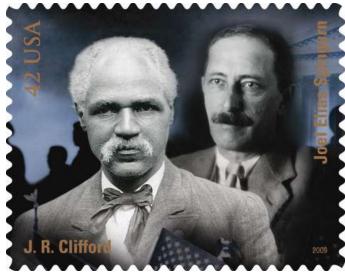




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QUESTIONS

• Why are our lives different because of what happened in this case, and in J.R. Clifford's time?

•What can we learn today from this case?

• Why did the jury and Supreme Court find in favor of Carrie Williams?