

CHEYNEY UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA



Exploring a
National Treasure
Part 4



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Faculty and Administration

Charles L. Reason

- Professor; 1849 became first African-American to hold professorship at a predominantly white American college (Free Mission College/ New York Central College)
- 1852-55, First principal of Institute of Colored Youth.
- Reason increased student enrollment, expanded the library holdings and exposed the students to outstanding African American intellectuals and leaders of that time.



Ebenezer Bassett

- Bassett was offered the chance to teach at a progressive new all-black high school in Philadelphia.
- Becoming principal after one year.
- The first native born black man to be appointed as Ambassador (Minister Resident) to a foreign country by a United States President
 - Haiti and the Dominican Republic



Frances (Fanny) Marion Jackson Coppin

- ◆ The first African American woman to become a school principal.
- ◆ In her 37 years at the Institute for Colored Youth, she was responsible for vast educational improvements in Philadelphia.



The Legacy of Fanny Jackson Coppin

- In 1865, Fanny Jackson accepted a position at the **Institute for Colored Youth**
- She served as the principal of the Ladies Department and taught Greek, Latin, and Mathematics.
- In 1869, Fanny Jackson was appointed as the principal of the Institute after the departure of Ebenezer Bassett, becoming the first African American woman to become a school principal.

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- In her 37 years at the Institute, Fanny Jackson was responsible for vast educational improvements in Philadelphia.
- Transformed the institution at each level (grammar, high school, and normal), expanding and modernizing the curriculum and improving outreach and fund-raising.
- It was Coppin who hired many of the distinguished faculty members that gave the Institute its character.

Hugh Brown

- Under his care the school was firmly established as a reputable institution for the training of teachers.
- Normal School –Teachers College
- Summer School-During the summer teachers from North and South met and learned about one another.
- In-Service Training-Teachers learned modern methods along with subjects that they were weak in during summer school.

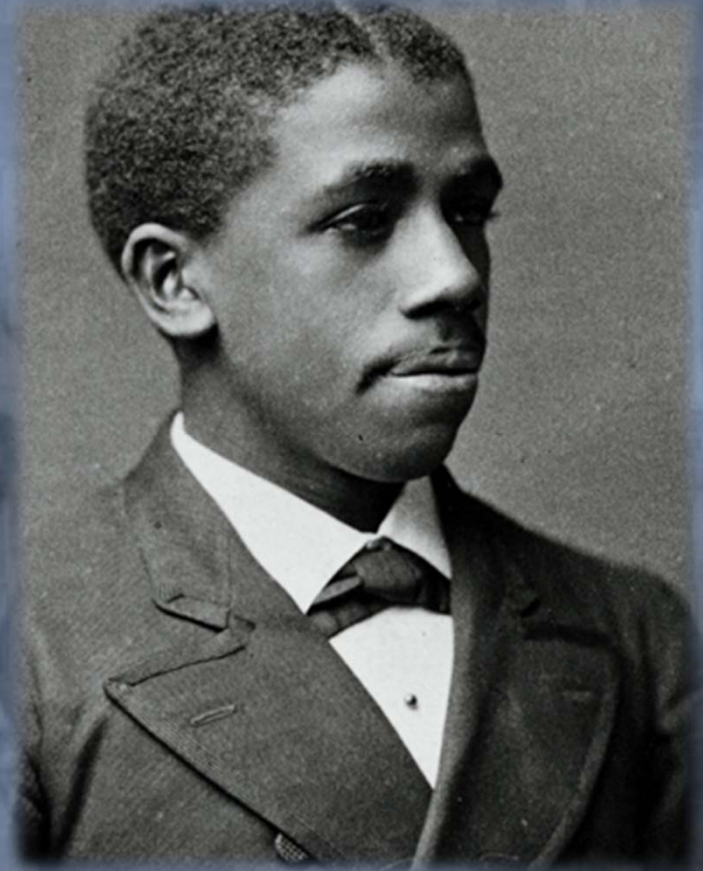
Richard T. Greener

- Recognized in the history books for being the first black graduate of Harvard University.
- After graduation, Greener became principal of the Male Department at Philadelphia's Institute for Colored Youth.
- An accomplished professor of philosophy, a foreign diplomat and a law school dean, writer and editor.
- Born Jan. 30, 1844 in Philadelphia.



Edward A. Bouchet

- Edward Alexander Bouchet entered Yale College in 1870 and graduated summa cum laude and sixth in his class in 1874.
- Sixth American to earn a Ph.D. in physics and the first African American to receive a Ph.D. in any field from an American university.
- Dr. Bouchet taught chemistry and physics for twenty-six years at ICY.



Leslie Pinckney Hill

- An educator, author, poet, dramatist, and community leader.
- Under his administration, the school grew from 20 students to nearly 500 students and became an accredited state college.
- In 1913 Hill began his thirty-eight-year administration of the Institute for Colored Youth, which, through his leadership, became Cheyney Training School for Teachers (1914), State Normal School (1920), and Cheyney State Teachers College (1951).



Hall of Fame Basketball Coaches

