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AFRICAN AMERICANS
FROM
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Sergeant Harrison Bradford 1842-1867

- San Pedro Springs Mutiny
  San Antonio, Texas
  April 9, 1867

- Company E, 9th Cavalry

- Lt. Edward Heyl hung soldiers up by thumbs and wrists.

- Sgt. Bradford confronted Lt. Heyl and was shot. That was it, the fight was on!
Horsemen were sometimes boys as young as 9 years old, all earning a living training and caring for racehorses. Not all of their names are known. The work was hard, and it could be dangerous work. Many were injured or died.
Negro Chautauqua

Georgetown was one of the very few cities in Kentucky to have a Negro Chautauqua. In 1912 the event was held for eight days and was described as a “great educational feast.”

- Owensboro Negro Chautauqua (1906-1930)
- Georgetown Negro Chautauqua (1912 -)
- Madison County Colored Chautauqua (1915-)
Robert A. Fowler  
1875-1930

• Founder and organizer of the Colored Railway Employees’ Beneficial Association of America (1909).

• Born in Georgetown, KY, son of William and Luella Burden Fowler.

• Buried in Georgetown.

• Pullman Porter, employed by Pullman Car Company in Cincinnati, OH.

Exterior of Southern Railway dining car number 3618 with group of African American staff and railroad officials in foreground. Image from Louis Edward Nollau F Series Photographic Print Collection in Explore UK.

Robert A. Fowler’s association predated the more prominent Brotherhood of Sleep Car Porters (1925-1978) established by J. Philip Randolph.
Eugenia M. Murrell Strode Capers
1913-2017

- Born in Georgetown, grew up in Cleveland, OH
- Teacher. Police Prosecutor. Cleveland City Council Member. Cleveland Municipal Court Judge.
- Oldest practicing member of the National Bar Association
Lillian Nareen White Washington  
Born 1956 in Georgetown, KY

- 1st African American woman basketball player @ University of Kentucky (1975)

- Invited to tryouts @Women’s U.S. Olympics Basketball Team (1976)

- High School Track star. Undefeated in 800 meter run. Holds Scott County High School record at 2:23.5.

- Military Veteran