

LIST OF KNOWN AFRICAN-AMERICAN INVENTORS 1845-1980

The following pages represent a unique and rare collection of African-American inventors and their inventions dating from 1845-1980. This list originates almost entirely (with some exceptions) from the rare list compiled by Mr. Henry Baker in the late 1800s to early 1900s. Mr. Baker was an African-American who worked for the U.S. Patent Office during these early years.

During this time African-Americans had little to no rights which obviously made entering into contractual and legal agreements very difficult if not impossible. More than enough laws prevented early African-Americans from participating in most legal processes; especially those of contest against white persons concerning ownership, claims, patent infringement, etc. Many African-American inventors lost or never gained legal rights to their inventions and those who were fortunate enough to obtain invention patents for example, were seldom recognized. Many slaves who were inventors automatically lost rights to their inventions to their slave master.

Henry Baker took it upon himself to make sure that African-Americans who were awarded patents by the United States Government would be “unofficially” documented. This was a very unique and important decision since the U. S. Patent office has never recorded culture or racial identity on patent applications. To accomplish this Henry Baker made a mark (only recognizable by him) on the forms of known African-American inventors who had submitted patents to the Patent Office. Using these marked forms he compiled one of the most important records in African-American history. These documents have become known as “The Henry Baker Papers.” Without them we would never have known the magnitude of the African-American contribution to society and the world.

Thank you Mr. Henry Baker.

The list that follows is alphabetized by the inventor’s name.

For more information on African-American inventions and inventors visit us at:
<http://www.Smith-Lenoir.com>

Smith-Lenoir Graphic Creations
615-360-7356
Reggie Smith

LIST OF KNOWN AFRICAN-AMERICAN INVENTORS 1845-1980

INVENTOR	INVENTION	PATENT #	DATE
Abrams, W. B.	Hame Attachment	450550	4/14/1891
Allen, C. W.	Self-Leveling Table	613,436	11/1/1898
Allen, J. B.	Clothes Line Support	551105	12/10/1895
Ashbourne, Alexander P.	Process Preparing Coconut For Domestic Use	163962	6/1/1875
Ashbourne, Alexander P.	Biscuit Cutter	170460	11/30/1875
Ashbourne, Alexander P.	Process of Treating Coconut	194,287	8/21/1877
Ashbourne, Alexander P.	Refining Coconut Oil	230518	7/27/1880
Bailes, Wm.	Ladder Scaffold-Support	218154	8/5/1879
Bailey, L. C.	Combined Truss and Bandage	285545	9/25/1883
Bailey, L. C.	Folding Bed	629286	7/18/1899
Bailiff, C. O.	Shampoo Headrest	612008	10/11/1898
Ballow, W. J.	Combined Hat rack and Table	601422	4/29/1898
Barnes, G. A. E.	Design for Sigh	29193	8/19/1898
Beard, Andrew J.	Rotary Engine	478271	7/5/1892
Beard, Andrew J.	Car Coupler	594059	11/23/1897
Becket, G. E.	Letter Box	483325	10/4/1892
Bell, Landrow	Smoke Stacks for Locomotives	115153	5/23/1871
Bell, Landrow	Dough Kneader	133823	12/10/1872
Benjamin, L. W.	Broom Moisteners and Bridles	497747	5/16/1893
Benjamin, M. E.	Gong and Signal Chairs for Hotels	386286	7/17/1888
Binga, M. W.	Street Sprinkling Apparatus	217843	7/22/1879
Blackburn, A. B.	Railway Signal	376362	1/1/1888
Blackburn, A. B.	Spring Seat for Chairs	380420	4/3/1888
Blackburn, A. B.	Cash Carrier	391577	10/23/1888
Blue, L.	Hand Corn Shelling Device	298937	5/20/1884
Booker, L. F.	Design for Rubber Scraping Knife	30404	3/28/1899
Boone, Sara	Ironing Board	473653	4/26/1892
Bowman, H. A.	Making Flags	469395	2/23/1892
Bradberry, Henrietta	The Bed Rack	2320027	5/25/1943
Brooks, Charles B.	Street Sweepers	556711	3/17/1890
Brooks, Charles B.	Punch	507672	10/31/1893
Brooks, Charles B.	Street Sweepers	560154	5/12/1896
Brooks, Hallstead/Page	Street Sweepers	558719	4/21/1896
Brown, Henry	Desk-top File Box	352036	11/2/1886
Brown, Lincoln F.	Bridle Bit	484994	10/25/1892
Brown, M. V. B.	Home Security System-Television Surveillance	3482037	12/2/1969
Brown, Oscar E.	Horseshoe	481271	8/23/1892
Burr, John Albert	Lawn Mower	624749	5/9/1899
Burr, William F.	Switching Device for Railways	636197	10/31/1899
Burwell, W.	Boot or Shoe	638143	11/28/1899
Butler, R. A.	Train Alarm	584540	6/15/1897
Butts, John W.	Luggage Carrier	634611	10/10/1899
Byrd, T. J.	Improvement in Holders for Reins for Horses	123328	2/6/1872
Byrd, T. J.	Apparatus Detaching Horses from Carriages	124790	3/19/1872
Byrd, T. J.	Improvement in Neck Yokes for Wagons	126181	4/30/1872
Byrd, T. J.	Improvement in Car Couplings	157370	12/1/1874

LIST OF KNOWN AFRICAN-AMERICAN INVENTORS 1845-1980

INVENTOR	INVENTION	PATENT #	DATE
Campbell, W. S.	Self-Setting Animal Trap	246369	8/30/1881
Cargill, B. F.	Invalid Cot	629658	7/25/1899
Carrington, T. A.	Range	180323	7/25/1876
Carter, W. C.	Umbrella Stand	323397	8/4/1885
Carver, George Washington	Cosmetics and Producing the Same	1522176	1/6/1925
Carver, George Washington	Paint and Stain and Producing the Same	1541478	6/9/1925
Carver, George Washington	Producing Paint and Stains	1632365	6/14/1927
Certain, Jerry M.	Parcel Carrier for Bicycles	639708	12/26/1899
Cherry, M. A.	Velocipede	382351	5/8/1888
Cherry, M. A.	Street Car Fender	531908	1/1/1895
Church, T. S.	Carpet Beating Machine	302237	7/29/1884
Clare, O. B.	Trestle	390753	10/9/1888
Coates, Robert	Overboot for Horses	473295	4/19/1892
Cook, George	Automatic Fishing Device	625829	5/30/1899
Coolidge, J. S.	Harness Attachment	392908	11/13/1888
Cooper, A. R.	Shoemaker's Jack	631519	8/22/1899
Cooper, J.	Shutter and Fastening	276563	5/1/1883
Cooper, J.	Elevator Device	536605	4/2/1895
Cooper, J.	Elevator Device	590257	9/21/1897
Cornwell, P. W.	Draft Regulator	390284	10/2/1888
Cornwell, P. W.	Draft Regulator	491082	2/7/1893
Cosgrove, W. F.	Automatic Stop Plug for Gas Oil Pipes	313993	3/17/1885
Cralle, Alfred L.	Ice-Cream Mold and Dish	576395	2/2/1897
Creamer, H.	Steam Trap Feeder	394463	12/11/1888
Creamer, H.	Steam Feed Water Trap	313854	3/17/1895
Darkins, J. T.	Ventilation Aid	534322	2/19/1895
Davis, I. D.	Tonic	351829	11/2/1886
Davis, W. R., Jr.	Library Table	208378	9/24/1878
Davis, William D.	Riding Saddles	568939	10/6/1896
Deitz, W. A.	Shoe	64205	4/30/1867
Dickinson, Joseph H.	Player Piano	1028996	6/11/1912
Dickinson, Joseph H.	Arm for Recording Machine	1262411	1/8/1918
Dorsey, O.	Door-Holding Device	210764	12/10/1878
Dorticus, Clatonia Joaquin	Applicator for Coloring Liquids-Soles and Heels	535820	3/19/1895
Dorticus, Clatonia Joaquin	Machine for Embossing Photo	537442	4/16/1895
Dorticus, Clatonia Joaquin	Photographic Print Wash	537968	4/23/1895
Dorticus, Clatonia Joaquin	Hose Leak Stop	629315	7/18/1899
Downing, Gertrude E.	Corner Cleaner Attachment	3715772	2/13/1973
Downing, Phillip B.	Electric Switch for Railroad	430118	6/17/1890
Downing, Phillip B.	Letter Box	462093	10/27/1891
Drew, Charles R. MD	Apparatus for Preserving Blood	2301710	11/10/1942
Dunnington, J. H.	Horse Detachers	578979	3/16/1897
Edmonds, T. H.	Separating Screens	586724	7/20/1897
Elkins, T.	Dining, Ironing Table and Quilting Frame	100020	2/22/1870
Elkins, T.	Chamber Commode	122518	1/9/1872
Elkins, T.	Refrigerating Apparatus	221222	11/4/1879

LIST OF KNOWN AFRICAN-AMERICAN INVENTORS 1845-1980

INVENTOR	INVENTION	PATENT #	DATE
Evans, J. H.	Convertible Settees	591095	10/5/1897
Faulkner, H.	Ventilated Shoe	426495	4/29/1890
Ferrell, F. J.	Steam Trap	420993	2/11/1890
Ferrell, F. J.	Apparatus for Melting Snow	428670	5/27/1890
Fisher, David A., Jr.	Joiner's Clamp	162281	4/20/1875
Fisher, David A., Jr.	Furniture Castor	174791	3/11/1876
Flemmings, R. F., Jr.	Guitar	338727	3/3/1886
Goode, Sarah E.	Cabinet Bed	322,177	7/14/1885
Gourdine, Meredith C.	Electrostatic method and apparatus	3449667	6/10/1969
Grant, George F.	Curtain Rod Support	565075	8/4/1896
Grant, George F.	Golf Tee	638920	12/12/1899
Gray, R. H.	Bailing Press	525203	8/28/1894
Gray, R. H.	Cistern Cleaners	537151	4/9/1895
Gregory, J.	Motor	361937	4/26/1887
Grenon, H.	Razor Stropping Device	554867	2/18/1896
Griffen, F. W.	Pool Table Attachment	626902	6/13/1899
Gunn, S. W.	Boot or Shoe	641642	1/16/1900
Haines, J. H.	Portable Basin	590,833	9/28/1897
Hammonds, Julia Terry	Apparatus for Holding Yarn Skeins	572985	12/15/1896
Harding, F. H.	Extension Banquet Table	614468	11/22/1898
Harney, M. C.	Lantern or Lamp	303844	8/19/1884
Hawkins, Joseph	Gridiron	3973	3/26/1845
Hawkins, R.	Harness Attachment	370943	10/4/1887
Headen, M.	Foot Power Hammer	350363	10/5/1886
Hearness, R.	Sealing Attachment for Bottles	598929	2/15/1898
Hearness, R.	Detachable Car Fender	628003	7/4/1899
Hilyer, A. F.	Water Evaporator Attachment Hot Air Registers	435095	8/26/1890
Hilyer, A. F.	Registers	438159	10/14/1890
Holmes, E. H.	Gage	549513	11/12/1895
Holmes, Lydia M.	The Knockdown Weeled Toy	2529692	11/14/1950
Hunter, John W.	Portable Weighing Scales	570553	11/3/1896
Hyde, R. N.	Composition for Cleaning & Preserving Carpets	392205	11/6/1888
Jackson, B. F.	Heating Apparatus	599985	3/1/1898
Jackson, B. F.	Matrix Drying Apparatus	603879	5/10/1898
Jackson, B. F.	Gas Burner	622482	4/4/1899
Jackson, H. A.	Kitchen Table	596135	10/6/1896
Jackson, W. H.	Railway Switch	578641	3/9/1897
Jackson, W. H.	Railway Switch	593665	3/16/1897
Jackson, W. H.	Automatic Locking Switch	609436	8/23/1898
Johnson, D.	Rotary Dining Table	396089	1/15/1888
Johnson, D.	Lawn Mower Attachment	410836	9/10/1889
Johnson, D.	Grass Receivers for Lawn Mowers	429629	6/10/1890
Johnson, Issac R.	Bicycle Frame	634823	10/10/1899
Johnson, Payton	Swinging Chairs	249530	11/15/1881
Johnson, Powell	Eye Protector	234039	11/2/1880
Johnson, W. H.	Overcoming Dead Centers	554223	2/4/1896

LIST OF KNOWN AFRICAN-AMERICAN INVENTORS 1845-1980

INVENTOR	INVENTION	PATENT #	DATE
Johnson, W. H.	Overcoming Dead Centers	612345	10/11/1898
Johnson, Willis	Egg Beater	292821	2/5/1884
Johnson, Willis	Paint Vehicle	393763	12/4/1888
Johnson, Willis	Velocipede	627335	6/20/1899
Jones, Frederick M.	Ticket Dispensing Machine	2163754	6/27/1939
Jones, Frederick M.	Design for Air Conditioning Unit	132182	4/28/1942
Jones, Frederick M.	Automatically Stopping & Starting Gas Engines	2337164	12/21/1943
Jones, Frederick M.	Two-Cycle Gas Engine	2376968	5/29/1945
Jones, Frederick M.	Two-Cycle Gas Engine	2417253	3/11/1947
Jones, Frederick M.	Air Conditioning Unit	2475841	7/12/1949
Jones, Frederick M.	Starter Generator	2475842	7/12/1949
Jones, Frederick M.	Thermostatically Operating Gas Engines	2477377	7/26/1949
Jones, Frederick M.	Rotary Compressor	2504841	4/18/1950
Jones, Frederick M.	Controlling Operation of Refrigeration Units	2509099	5/23/1950
Jones, Frederick M.	Design for Air Conditioning Unit	159209	7/4/1950
Jones, Frederick M.	Heating or Cooling Atmosphere in Enclosures	2526874	10/24/1950
Jones, Frederick M.	Two-Cycle Gasoline Engine	2523273	11/28/1950
Jones, Frederick M.	Prefabricated Refrigerator Construction	2535682	12/26/1950
Jones, Frederick M.	Refrigeration Control Device	2581956	1/8/1952
Jones, Frederick M.	Means of Defrosting a Cold Diffuser	2666298	1/19/1954
Jones, Frederick M.	Method for Air Conditioning	2696086	12/7/1954
Jones, Frederick M.	Method for Preserving Perishables	2780923	2/12/1957
Jones, Frederick M.	Control Device for Internal Combustion Engine	2850001	9/2/1958
Jones, Frederick M.	Thermostat and Temperature Control System	2926005	2/23/1960
Joyce, J. A.	Ore Bucket	603143	4/26/1898
Kelley, George W.	Steam Table	592591	10/26/1897
Latimer & Brown	Water Closets for Railway Cars	147363	2/10/1874
Latimer, Lewis H.	Manufacturing Carbons	252386	6/17/1882
Latimer, Lewis H.	Apparatus for Cooling and Disinfecting	334078	1/12/1886
Latimer, Lewis H.	Locking Racks for Coats, Hats, and Umbrellas	557076	3/24/1896
Latimer, Lewis-Nichols, Joseph	Electric Lamp	247097	9/13/1881
Lavalette, W. A.	Printing Press	208184	9/17/1878
Lee, H.	Animal Trap	61941	2/12/1867
Lee, Joseph	Kneading Machine	524042	8/7/1894
Lee, Joseph	Bread Crumbing Machine	540553	6/4/1895
Leslie, F. W.	Envelope Seal	590325	9/21/1897
Lewis, A. L.	Window Cleaner	483359	9/27/1892
Lewis, E. R.	Spring Gun	362096	5/3/1887
Linden, H.	Piano Truck	459365	9/8/1891
Little, E.	Bridle-Bit	254666	3/7/1882
Long, A. E. and Jones, A. A.	caps for Bottles	610715	9/13/1898
Loudin, F. J.	Sash Fastener	510432	12/12/1892
Loudin, F. J.	Key Fastener	512308	1/9/1894
Love, J. L.	Plasterers' Hawk	542419	7/9/1895
Love, J. L.	Pencil Sharpener	594114	11/23/1897
Marshall, W.	Grain Binder	341599	5/11/1886

LIST OF KNOWN AFRICAN-AMERICAN INVENTORS 1845-1980

INVENTOR	INVENTION	PATENT #	DATE
Marshman, Newman R.	Type Writing Machine	315366	4/7/1885
Martin, Thomas J.	Fire Extinguisher	125063	5/26/1872
Martin, W. A.	Lock	407738	7/23/1889
Martin, W. A.	Lock	443945	12/30/1890
Matzeliger, Jan E.	Shoe Lasting Machine	274207	3/20/1883
Matzeliger, Jan E.	Tack Separating Mechanism	423937	3/25/1890
Matzeliger, Jan E.	Lasting Machine	459899	9/22/1891
Matzeliger, Jan E.	Nailing Machine	421954	2/25/1896
Matzeliger, Jan E.	Mechanism for Distributing Tacks	415726	11/26/1899
McCoy, Elijah J.	Lubricator for Steam Engines	129843	7/2/1872
McCoy, Elijah J.	Lubricator for Steam Engines	130305	8/6/1872
McCoy, Elijah J.	Lubricator	139407	5/27/1873
McCoy, Elijah J.	Steam Lubricator	146697	1/20/1874
McCoy, Elijah J.	Ironing Table	150876	5/12/1874
McCoy, Elijah J.	Steam Cylinder Lubricator	173032	2/1/1876
McCoy, Elijah J.	Steam Cylinder Lubricator	179585	7/4/1876
McCoy, Elijah J.	Lubricator	255443	3/28/1882
McCoy, Elijah J.	Lubricator	261166	7/18/1882
McCoy, Elijah J.	Lubricator	320379	6/16/1885
McCoy, Elijah J.	Steam Dome	320354	6/16/1885
McCoy, Elijah J.	Lubricator	357491	2/8/1887
McCoy, Elijah J.	Lubricator Attachment	361435	4/19/1887
McCoy, Elijah J.	Lubricator for Safety Valves	363529	5/24/1887
McCoy, Elijah J.	Lubricator	383745	5/29/1888
McCoy, Elijah J.	Lubricator	383746	5/29/1888
McCoy, Elijah J.	Drip Cup	460215	9/29/1891
McCoy, Elijah J.	Lubricator	465875	12/29/1891
McCoy, Elijah J.	Lubricator	472066	4/5/1892
McCoy, Elijah J.	Lubricator	610634	9/13/1898
McCoy, Elijah J.	Lubricator	611,759	10/4/1898
McCoy, Elijah J.	Oil Cup	615307	11/15/1898
McCoy, Elijah J.	Lubricator	627623	6/27/1899
McCoy, Elijah J.	Lawn Sprinkler Design	631549	9/26/1899
McCoy & Hodges	Lubricator	418139	12/24/1889
McCree, D.	Portable Fire Escape	440322	11/11/1890
Mendenhall, A.	Holder for Driving Reins	637811	11/28/1899
Miles, Alexander	Elevator	371207	10/11/1867
Mitchell, C. L.	Phneterisin	291071	1/1/1884
Mitchell, J. M.	Cheek Row Corn Planter	641462	1/16/1900
Moody, W. U.	Game Board Design	27046	5/11/1897
Morehead, K.	Reel Carrier	568916	10/6/1896
Morgan, Garrett A.	Breathing Device	1113675	10/13/1914
Morgan, Garrett A.	Traffic Signal	1475024	11/20/1923
Murray, G. W.	Combined Furrow Opener and Stalk-Knocker	517960	4/10/1894
Murray, G. W.	Cultivator and Marker	517961	4/10/1894
Murray, G. W.	Combined Cotton Seed	520891	6/5/1894

LIST OF KNOWN AFRICAN-AMERICAN INVENTORS 1845-1980

INVENTOR	INVENTION	PATENT #	DATE
Murray, G. W.	Cotton Chopper	520888	6/5/1894
Murray, G. W.	Fertilizer Distributor	520889	6/5/1894
Murray, G. W.	Planter	520887	6/5/1894
Murray, G. W.	Planter	520890	6/5/1894
Murray, G. W.	Planter and Fertilizer Distributor Reaper	520892	6/5/1894
Murray, W.	Attachment for Bicycles	445452	1/27/1891
Nance, L.	Game Apparatus	464035	12/1/1891
Nash, H. H.	Life Preserving Stool	168519	10/5/1875
Newman, Lyda D.	Improvement on the Hair Brush	614335	11/15/1898
Newsom, S.	Oil Heater or Cooker	520188	5/22/1894
Nickerson, W. J.	Mandolin and Guitar Attachment for Pianos	627739	6/27/1899
O'Connor & Turner	Alarm for Boilers	566612	8/25/1896
O'Connor & Turner	Steam Gage	566613	8/25/1896
O'Connor & Turner	Alarm for Coasts Containing Vessels	598572	2/8/1898
Outlaw, J. W.	Horseshoes	614273	11/15/1898
Parker, Alice H.	Improvement on the Heating Furnace	1325905	12/23/1919
Perryman, F. R.	Caterers' Tray Table	468038	2/2/1892
Peterson, H.	Attachment for Lawn Mowers	402189	4/30/1889
Phelps, W. H.	Apparatus for Washing Vehicles	579242	3/23/1897
Pickering, J. F.	Air Ship	643975	2/20/1900
Pickett, H.	Scaffold	152511	6/30/1874
Pinn, T. B.	File Holder	231355	8/17/1880
Polk, A. J.	Bicycle Support	558103	4/14/1896
Pugsley, A.	Blind Stop	433306	7/29/1890
Purdy & Peters	Design for Spoons	24228	4/23/1895
Purdy & Sadgwar	Folding Chair	405117	6/11/1889
Purdy, W.	Device for Sharpening Edged Tools	570337	10/27/1896
Purdy, W.	Design for Sharpening Edged Tools	609367	3/16/1898
Purdy, W.	Device for Sharpening Edged Tools	630106	8/1/1899
Purvis, William B.	Bag Fastener	256856	4/25/1882
Purvis, William B.	Hand Stamp	273149	2/27/1885
Purvis, William B.	Fountain Pen	419065	1/7/1890
Purvis, William B.	Electric Railway	519291	5/1/1894
Purvis, William B.	Magnetic Car Balancing Device	539542	5/21/1895
Purvis, William B.	Electric Railway Switch	588176	8/17/1897
Queen, W.	Guard for Companion Ways and Hatches	458131	8/18/1891
Ray, Lloyd P.	Dust Pan	587607	8/3/1887
Ray, Lloyd P.	Chair Supporting Device	620078	2/21/1899
Reed, Judy W.	Improvements in the Doug Kneader and Roller	305474	9/20/1884
Reynolds, Humphrey H.	Window Ventilator for Railroad Cars	275271	4/3/1883
Reynolds, Humphrey H.	Safety Gate for Bridges	437937	10/7/1890
Reynolds, Mary Jane	Hoisting and Loading Mechanism	1337667	4/20/1920
Reynolds, R. R.	Non-Refillable Bottle	624092	5/2/1899
Rhodes, J. B.	The Water Closet	639290	12/19/1899
Richardson, Albert C.	Hame Fastener	255022	3/14/1882
Richardson, Albert C.	Churn	446470	2/17/1891

LIST OF KNOWN AFRICAN-AMERICAN INVENTORS 1845-1980

INVENTOR	INVENTION	PATENT #	DATE
Richardson, Albert C.	Casket Lowering Device	529311	11/13/1894
Richardson, Albert C.	Insect Destroyer	620362	2/28/1899
Richardson, Albert C.	Bottle	638811	12/12/1899
Richardson, William H.	Cotton Chopper	343140	6/1/1886
Richardson, William H.	Child's Carriage	405599	6/18/1889
Richardson, William H.	Child's Carriage	405600	6/18/1889
Richey, C. V.	Car Coupling	584650	6/15/1897
Richey, C. V.	Railroad Switch	587657	8/3/1897
Richey, C. V.	Railroad Switch	592448	10/26/1897
Richey, C. V.	Fire Escape Bracket	596427	12/28/1897
Richey, C. V.	Combined Hammock and Stretcher	615907	12/13/1898
Rickman, A. L.	Overshoe	598816	2/8/1898
Ricks, J.	Horseshoe	338781	3/30/1886
Ricks, J.	Overshoes for Horses	626245	6/6/1899
Rillieux, Norbert	Sugar Refiner (Evaporating Pan)	4,879	12/10/1846
Robinson, E. R.	Electric Railway Trolley	505370	9/19/1893
Robinson, Elbert R.	Casting Composite	594286	11/23/1897
Robinson, J.	Dinner Pail	356852	2/1/1887
Robinson, J. H.	Life Saving Guards for Locomotives	621143	3/14/1899
Robinson, J. H.	Life Saving Guards for Street Cars	623929	4/25/1899
Romain, A.	Passenger Register	402035	4/23/1889
Ross, A. L.	Runner for Stops	565301	8/4/1896
Ross, A. L.	Bag Closure	605343	6/7/1898
Ross, A. L.	Trousers Support	638068	11/28/1899
Ross, J.	Bailing Press	632539	9/5/1899
Roster, D. N.	Feather Curler	556166	3/10/1896
Ruffin, S.	Vessels for Liquids and Manner of Sealing	737,603	11/20/1899
Russell, Lewis A.	Guard Attachment for Beds	544381	8/13/1895
Sammons, W. H.	The Comb	1362823	12/21/1920
Sampson, George T.	Sled Propeller	312388	2/17/1885
Sampson, George T.	Clothes Drier	476416	6/7/1892
Scott, R. P.	Corn Silker	524223	8/7/1894
Scottron, S. R.	Adjustable Window Cornice	224732	2/17/1880
Scottron, S. R.	Cornice	270851	1/16/1883
Scottron, S. R.	Pole Tip	349525	9/30/1886
Scottron, S. R.	Curtain Rod	481720	8/30/1892
Scottron, S. R.	Supporting Bracket	505008	9/12/1893
Shanks, S. C.	Sleeping Car Berth Register	587165	7/21/1897
Shorter, D. W.	Feed Rack	363089	5/17/1887
Smith, J. H.	Lawn Sprinkler	601065	3/22/1898
Smith, J. H.	Improvement in Games	647887	4/17/1900
Smith, Joseph H.	Lawn Sprinkler	581785	5/4/1897
Smith, Mildred E.	Family Relationships Card Game	4230321	10/28/1980
Smith, P. D.	Potato Digger	445206	1/21/1891
Smith, P. D.	Grain Binder	469279	2/23/1892
Snow & Johns	Liniment	437728	10/7/1890

LIST OF KNOWN AFRICAN-AMERICAN INVENTORS 1845-1980

INVENTOR	INVENTION	PATENT #	DATE
Spears, H.	Portable Shield for Infantry	110599	12/27/1870
Spikes, R. B.	Combination Milk Bottle Opener & Bottle Cover	1590557	6/29/1926
Spikes, R. B.	Obtaining Samples & Temp. of Liquids	1828753	10/27/1931
Spikes, R. B.	Automatic Gear Shift	1889814	12/6/1932
Spikes, R. B.	Transmission and Shifting Thereof	1936996	11/28/1933
Standard, John	Oil Stove	413689	10/29/1889
Standard, John	Refrigerator	455891	7/14/1891
Stewart, E. W.	Machine for Forming Vehicle Sear Bars	373698	3/22/1887
Stewart, E. W.	Punching Machine	362190	5/3/1887
Stewart & Johnson	Metal Bending Machine	375512	12/27/1887
Stewart, Thomas W.	Mop	499,402	6/13/1893
Stewart, Thomas W.	Station Indicator	499895	6/20/1893
Sutton, E. H.	Cotton Cultivator	149543	4/7/1874
Sweeting, J. A.	Device for Rolling Cigarettes	594501	11/30/1897
Sweeting, J. A.	Combined Knife and Scoop	605209	6/7/1898
Taylor, B. H.	Rotary Engine	202888	4/23/1878
Taylor, B. H.	Slide Valve	585798	7/6/1897
Thomas, S. E.	Waste Trap	286746	10/16/1883
Thomas, S. E.	Waste Trap for Basins, Closets, Etc.	371107	10/4/1887
Thomas, S. E.	Casting	386941	7/31/1888
Thomas, S. E.	Pipe Connection	390821	10/9/1888
Toliver, G.	Propeller for Vessels	451086	4/28/1891
Tregoning & Latimer	Globe Supporter for Electric Lamps	255212	3/21/1882
Turner, M. Turner	The Fruit Press	1180959	4/25/1916
Virgle M. Ammons	Fireplace Damper Actuating Tool	3908633	9/30/1975
Walker, P.	Machine for Cleaning Seed Cotton	577153	2/16/1897
Walker, P.	Bait Holder	600241	3/8/1898
Waller, J. N.	Shoemaker's Cabinet or Bench	224253	2/3/1880
Washington, W.	Corn Husking Machine	283173	8/14/1883
Watkins, Isaac	Scrubbing Frame	437849	10/7/1890
Watts, J. R.	Bracket for Miners' Lamp	493137	3/7/1893
West, E. H.	Weather Shield	632385	9/5/1899
West, John W.	Running Gear (Wagon)	108419	10/18/1870
White, D. L.	Extension Steps for Cars	574969	1/12/1897
White, J. T.	Lemon Squeezer	572849	12/8/1896
Williams, C.	Canopy Frame	468280	2/2/1892
Williams, J. P.	Pillow Sham Holder	634784	10/10/1899
Winn, Frank	Direct Acting Steam Engine	394047	12/4/1888
Winters, Joseph R.	Fire Escape Ladders	203517	5/7/1878
Winters, Joseph R.	Fire Escape Ladder	214224	4/8/1879
Wood, J. F.	Potato Digger	537953	4/23/1895
Woods, Granville T.	Steam Boiler Furnace	299894	6/3/1884
Woods, Granville T.	Telephone Transmitter	308876	12/2/1884
Woods, Granville T.	App. for Transmission of Messages by Electricity	315368	4/7/1885
Woods, Granville T.	Relay Instrument	364619	6/7/1887
Woods, Granville T.	Polarized Relay	366192	7/5/1887

LIST OF KNOWN AFRICAN-AMERICAN INVENTORS 1845-1980

INVENTOR	INVENTION	PATENT #	DATE
Woods, Granville T.	Electromechanical Brake	368265	8/16/1887
Woods, Granville T.	Telephone System and Apparatus	371241	10/11/1887
Woods, Granville T.	Electromagnetic Brake Apparatus	371655	10/18/1887
Woods, Granville T.	Railway Telegraphy	373383	11/15/1887
Woods, Granville T.	Induction Telegraph System	373915	11/29/1887
Woods, Granville T.	Overhead Conducting System for Electric Railway	383844	5/29/1888
Woods, Granville T.	Electromotive Railway System	385034	6/26/1888
Woods, Granville T.	Tunnel Construction for Electric Railway	386282	7/17/1888
Woods, Granville T.	Galvanic Battery	387839	8/14/1888
Woods, Granville T.	Railway Telegraphy	388803	8/28/1888
Woods, Granville T.	Automatic Cut-off Switch	395533	1/1/1889
Woods, Granville T.	Electric Railway System	463020	11/10/1891
Woods, Granville T.	Electric Railway Conduit	509065	11/21/1893
Woods, Granville T.	System of Electrical Distribution	569443	10/13/1896
Woods, Granville T.	Amusement Apparatus	639692	12/19/1899
Woods, Granville T.	Electric Railway	667110	1/29/1901
Woods, Granville T.	Electric Railway System	678086	7/9/1901
Woods, Granville T.	Regulating/Controlling Elec. Translating Devices	681768	9/3/1901
Woods, Granville T.	Electric Railway	687098	11/19/1901
Woods, Granville T.	Automatic Air Brake	701981	6/10/1902
Woods, Granville T.	Electric Railway System	718183	1/13/1903
Woods, Granville T.	Electric Railway	729481	5/26/1903
Wormley, J.	Life Saving Apparatus	242091	5/24/1881