

African-American ENTREPRENEURS (PART 3)



Hiram Rhodes Revels

Hiram Rhodes Revels was born in 1827 in Fayetteville, North Carolina. He was the first African American man to serve in the United States Senate. He served the state of Mississippi. While in the Senate, Hiram worked to help other African Americans have more rights and to make things fairer for everyone. Before he became a senator, Revels was a minister and a teacher. He helped teach other African Americans how to read and write. Although Hiram only served one year in the Senate, he helped pave the way for future African American politicians and leaders.

1. Why is Hiram Revels important?
2. What state did Hiram Revels represent while in the Senate?
3. Where was Revels born?



Willis Hinton

Willis Hinton was an entrepreneur and businessman from North Carolina born in 1840. At the age of eighteen, Hinton moved to High Point, North Carolina to work for the local railroad company. Little by little, Hinton was able to save enough money to open a café. Five years later, he sold his café to open the Hinton Hotel. It was the first black-owned hotel in High Point. He owned and operated until his death. Even though Hinton could not read or write, he became a successful entrepreneur when African Americans struggled for equality and respect.

1. **What was the first business that Willis Hinton owned?**
2. **What did Willis Hinton buy after selling his first business?**
3. **What can you learn from Hinton's business career?**