African American Inventors Patent List

Note: This list is not comprehensive in terms of African American inventors or the patents for each inventor. This is meant to serve as a resource for educators who wish to include patents in their lessons on African American inventors. Patents located through Google Patents at www.google.com/patents.

1. **Granville T. Woods (1856–1910)**
   a. See supplemental materials for several of Woods’ patents
   b. List of patents issued to Granville T. Woods: [https://webfiles.uci.edu/mcbrown/display/gwpatents.html](https://webfiles.uci.edu/mcbrown/display/gwpatents.html)

2. **Lewis Latimer (1848–1928)**

4. **Elijah McCoy (1844–1929)**

5. **Jan Ernst Matzeliger (1852–1889)**

   a. Note: Carver did not file patents for the vast majority of his inventions.


8. **Patricia Era Bath (1942 – )**


10. Mark E. Dean (1957 – )


13. Betty Harris (1940 – )

14. Lonnie G. Johnson (1949 – )
    a. For a full list of patents held by Lonnie G. Johnson and/or Johnson Research and Development, see http://www.johnsonrd.com/ie/lj/ljprofile.html.

15. Frederick McKinley Jones (1893 – 1961)
16. Valerie Thomas (1943 – )

17. Henry Blair (1807 – 1860)


19. George Edward Alcorn, Jr. (1940 – )

20. Shelby J. Davidson (1868–1930)

21. James Edward Maceo West

22. Robert Flemmings, Jr. (very little information exists about Flemmings, Jr.)

23. Norbert Rillieux (1806 – 1894)