

List of Known African-American Employees at Post Office Department Headquarters in Washington, D.C., 1800s

Employee	Title(s)	By	To About
Abrahams, Horace B.	Laborer, Blank Agency; Watchman	circa 1877	1885
Anderson, Gillespie B.	Messenger, Blank Agency; Clerk	circa 1877	1885
Archer, Wyatt	Assorter, then Clerk, Auditor of the Treasury	1879	1881
Barnes, Joseph T.	Laborer, Blank Agency	7/10/1878	1881
Beckley, Rosier D.	Temporary Clerk; Clerk	circa 1875	1881
Black, William H.	Clerk	1881	1887
Bond, John H.	Laborer, Blank Agency; Asst Messenger	1881	1887
Branson, John W.	Laborer	circa 1875	1887
Brown, Abraham Lincoln	Messenger	1897	1897
Bruce, H. C.	Asst Messenger	7/30/1881	1882
Camper, H. G.	Laborer, Blank Agency	12/31/1880	1883
Cardoza, Francis L.	Clerk, Auditor of Treasury	1879	1883
Carroll, David	Laborer, Blank Agency	1881	1883
Clark(e), Daniel	Laborer; Fireman	12/8/1876	1911 or later
Coleman, W. G.	Laborer, Blank Agency; Clerk	1881	1885
Cromwell, John W.	Clerk, Auditor of Treasury	1879	1883
Crowner, John A.	Asst Messenger; Messenger, Blank Agency; Laborer	4/30/1881	1887
Davis, Nathaniel	Temporary Laborer; Laborer	7/30/1881	1885
Green, John P.	Postage Stamp Agent	8/2/1897	circa 1905
Hamilton, John	Temporary Messenger; Laborer	circa 1871	1887
Hamlet, George B. ¹	Chief Postal Inspector	8/3/1897	11/25/1898
Hardy, Daniel	Laborer, Blank Agency; Asst Messenger	1879	1889
Howard, Wesley	Laborer; Asst Messenger	circa 1871	1901
Hughes, Philip	Temporary, Blank Agency; Laborer	1879	1889
Jackson, Richard J.	Laborer, Blank Agency	6/4/1881	1881
Janefer, James Edward	Watchman, Blank Agency; Laborer	circa 1875	1889
Jasper, James L.	Laborer, Blank Agency; Mail Messenger Service	12/30/1876	1895
Jones, Algernon S.	Laborer, Blank Agency; Asst Messenger	12/1/1880	1885
Kell(e)y, Nicholas	Messenger, Blank Agency; Asst Messenger	circa 1877	1899
Kennedy, James	Postal Inspector	circa 1882	2/1884
King, Mortimer	Laborer, Blank Agency	5/22/1876	1881
Lee, Ella P.	Temp. Employee, Auditor of Treasury	1880	1881
Levitt, Robert	Laborer, Blank Agency; Laborer	6/26/1874	1885
Lightfoot, Henry	Laborer, Blank Agency	11/1/1881	1883
Lowry, Alfred	Watchman, Division of Topographer	12/1/1880	1885
Marshall, Lewis W.	Laborer, Blank Agency	1879	1885
Matthews, William E.	Clerk	1879	1881
Mays, J. W.	Laborer	4/19/1881	1882
McKenney, Charles M.	Laborer, Blank Agency; Watchman, Office of PMG	7/1/1880	1911 or later
Moore, Henry	Temporary, Blank Agency; Laborer	1879	1885
Morrison, Solomon N.	Laborer; Clerk	circa 1873	1893
Myers, Isaac	Postal Inspector	3/7/1870	1879
Page, Horace	Laborer	circa 1873	1885
Parker, James H. S.	Laborer, Blank Agency; Clerk	circa 1877	1881
Parris, George W.	Temporary Laborer, then Watchman	1877	1880
Plummer, Henry V.	Laborer; Watchman	circa 1871	1883

Proctor, George	Driver, Mail Wagon	5/1892	2/1893
Ridgley, Mrs. Eliza	Laborer	circa 1869	1885
Robinson, Edward J.	Assistant Messenger; Clerk	circa 1871	1889
Ross, James	Temporary, Blank Agency; Asst Messenger	2/17/1881	1911 or later
Ross, Traverse	Laborer, Blank Agency; Asst Messenger; Usher; Custodian of Seal; Clerk	circa 1877	1907
Smith, Henry C.	Watchman, Division of Topographer; Watchman	circa 1873	1883
Smith, William	Laborer; Asst Messenger	1881	1885
Sprigg, Richard	Laborer, Blank Agency	11/29/1880	1881
Stevenson, Hannibal A.	Laborer, Blank Agency; Asst Messenger	ca. 1875	1887
Thornley, George W.	Messenger, Blank Agency; Assistant Messenger; Clerk	7/24/1874	1887
Trice, Washington S.	Laborer, Blank Agency	12/31/1877	1887
Walker, John	Laborer, Blank Agency; Asst Messenger	7/1/1880	1893
Waring, William	Clerk, Auditor of Treasury	1879	1895
Williams, H. H.	Asst Messenger	10/22/1881	1882
Wood, Abram	Laborer, Blank Agency	1881	1885
Young, Samuel	Laborer, Blank Agency	1877	1881

List of Known African-American Railway Mail Service Employees, 1800s²

Employee	Title(s) ³	Route or City/State	By	To about
Belcher, Lucius C.	Route Agent	Augusta to Macon GA	10/18/1870	1897
Chesnut(t), Dallas	Mail Route Messenger; Route Agent	Weldon to Wilmington NC	1873	1901
Childs, John W.	Railway Postal Clerk	New York NY to Pittsburgh PA	2/6/1880	1889
Clay, Henry	Local Agent	Indianapolis IN	9/4/1877	1889
Cox, Wayne W.	Railway Postal Clerk	Birmingham AL to Greenville MS	6/30/1890	1905
Crump, John K. ⁴	Route Agent	Saint Louis MO to Little Rock AR	5/21/1878	1891
Davis, William H.	Mail Route Messenger	Athens to Belton GA	1877	1880
DeJarnette, Robert W.	Route Agent	Montgomery AL to New Orleans LA	10/30/1869	1/28/1888
Few, Julius Caesar	Route Agent; Mail Route Messenger	DuPont to Albany GA	1/20/1875	6/15/1886
Fordham, John H.	Route Agent	Wilmington NC to Charleston SC	2/12/1877	12/24/1887
Gibson, John	Route Agent	Raleigh NC to Norfolk VA	3/9/1875	6/1/1886
Gibson, William H. ⁵	Route Agent	Louisville KY to Cincinnati OH	1871	1871
Goldsby, Joseph H.	Route Agent	Selma to Montgomery AL	1875	7/30/1885
Gray, James H.	Local Agent	Evansville IN	1877	1887
Handy, W. H.	Railway Postal Clerk	Pittsburgh PA	1880	1883
Holcombe, Charles B.	Route Agent	Richmond VA to Charlotte NC	1/21/1880	1905
Holloway, John	Route Agent	Wilmington to Charlotte NC	1875	1881
Iney, Thomas	Route Agent	Alabama, route unknown	1874	9/1874
Jackson, Thomas A.	Route Agent	Minneapolis MN to Sparta WI	1875	1881
James, C. C.	Railway Postal Clerk	Kansas City MO to Pueblo	1879	6/25/1886

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Jones, Carter L.	Route Agent	Norfolk to Lynchburgh VA	1875	1881
Jones, Henry	Route Agent	Macon to Brunswick GA	1875	1883
Kelso, Samuel L.	Local Agent	Lynchburg VA	1871	1880
Kennedy, Henry B.	Route Agent	Charlotte NC to Augusta GA	6/19/1874	3/11/1887
Lightbourn, A. C.	Route Agent; Mail Route Messenger	Live Oak to Chattahoochee FL	1875	7/23/1885
McCary, Robert	Route Agent	Indianapolis to Vincennes IN	1875	1881
Montgomery, Norman	Route Agent	Wilmington NC to Charleston SC	11/10/1876	1911 or later
Parks, William	Local Agent	Indianapolis IN	1877	1885
Pleasant, Louis M.	Route Agent; Mail Route Messenger	Dupont to Albany GA	1869	1881
Pleasants, William H.	Mail Route Messenger	Lynchburg to Danville VA	1875	10/14/1885
Randolph, John Jr.	Route Agent	Goldsborough to Morehead City NC	3/28/1870	7/8/1886
Scott, Rudolph B.	Route Agent	Chicago to Danville IL	1879	1880
Sherman, John H.	Mail Route Messenger	Jacksonville to Chattahoochee FL	1874	1881
Simmons, Caesar	Route Agent	Mobile AL to Meridian MS	2/20/1875	5/6/1885
Stevens, Alfred T.	Route Agent	Wilmington NC to Charleston SC	1877	1879
Stevens, W. N. ⁶	Route Agent	Lynchburg to Norfolk VA	1872	1872
Stuart, William A.	Railway Postal Clerk	East Radford VA to Kenova WV	12/10/1892	3/2/1896
Taylor, John E.	Route Agent	Wilmington to Charlotte NC	1877	1880
Thompson, Jacob	Route Agent	Florence to Columbia SC	1/25/1876	1911 or later
Walker, James H.	Local Agent	Terre Haute IN	1875	3/24/1886
Wallace, Charles S.	Route Agent	Little Rock to Van Buren AR	6/6/1878	5/14/1885
Wallace, George	Route Agent	Macon to Brunswick GA	1877	3/18/1886
Wallace, Moses R.	Railway Postal Clerk	Richmond VA to Charlotte NC	1880	7/26/1886
Washington, Abram T.	Route Agent	Mobile AL to Meridian MS	1/25/1873	1903
White, Richard H.	Route Agent	Savannah to Millen GA	1875	1881
Williamson, Scott	Route Agent	Greenville to Columbia MS	1875	1887

List of Known African-American U.S. Mail Carriers, Contractors, and Others, 1800s⁷

Name	Position	City	State	By	To about
Clayton, Sol	U.S. Mail Carrier	Clayton	AL	1880	unknown
King, Norris	U.S. Mail Carrier	Clayton	AL	1880	unknown
Gilbert, Bragg	U.S. Mail Carrier	(Franklin Co.)	AL	1880	unknown
Holnus, John	U.S. Mail Carrier	Helena	AR	1880	unknown
Murry, Anderson	U.S. Mail Rider	Red Fork	AR	1880	unknown
Patterson, C.	U.S. Mail Carrier	Brevard	FL	1880	unknown
Wright, Peter	U.S. Mail Carrier	Brevard	FL	1880	unknown
Martin, William	U.S. Mail Carrier	Lake City	FL	1880	unknown
Edwards, Nelson/Ned	Mail Messenger	Tallahasee	FL	1879	1881
Mack, Henry	U.S. Mail Carrier	Waynesboro	GA	1880	unknown

Branch, Nathan	Messenger	Evanston	IL	1891	at least 1899
Bowen, Alexander	Mail Messenger	Forrest Hill	MS	1877	1881
Wright, Clemm	U.S. Mail Carrier	Sardis	MS	1880	unknown
Strickland, Calvin	U.S. Mail Carrier	Raleigh	NC	1880	unknown
Hoopes, Gabriel	U.S. Mail Carrier	River	NC	1880	unknown
Oates, Joseph	U.S. Mail Sub-Contractor	Shelby	NC	1880	unknown
Griffin, Robert	U.S. Mail Carrier	Conwayboro	SC	1880	unknown
Atkinson, Frank	U.S. Mail Driver	Georgetown	SC	1880	unknown
Morgan, Anthony	U.S. Mail Carrier	Marion	SC	1880	unknown
Bowden, Henry	U.S. Mail Carrier	Henderson	TX	1880	unknown
Walker, John	U.S. Mail Carrier	Hicksford	VA	1880	unknown
Johnson, James D.	Mail Route Contractor, Route # 4466	Petersburg	VA	1871	circa 1875
Lewis, Fleming	U.S. Mail Carrier	Saint Peters	VA	1880	unknown

¹ George B. Hamlet was appointed as a regular inspector on May 19, 1897, and as Inspector-In-Charge of Washington Division on July 8, 1897; he was demoted back to a regular inspector November 25, 1898, and resigned on August 18, 1900, while under investigation.

² The Railway Mail Service employees listed may have also worked in other capacities and on routes other than those noted. Further information on these individuals may be available at the National Archives and Records Administration in the records of the Railway Mail Service, part of the Records of the Post Office Department, Record Group 28.

³ Initially, Railway Mail Service route agents sorted and distributed pouches of mail en route, mail route messengers performed a similar function on shorter runs, and local agents were stationed at railroad crossings and in larger towns to receive pouches of mail delivered by train and sort them for connecting railroad lines and nearby Post Offices. By 1878, the distinctions in job function had blurred; beginning in 1882, all employees of the Railway Mail Service were called railway postal clerks.

⁴ John K. Crump previously served as a clerk at the Saint Louis Post Office.

⁵ According to the February 1, 1871, issue of *The New York Times*, William H. Gibson was assaulted by the KKK a few days after his transfer from the Lebanon Branch Railroad to the Louisville, Lexington, and Cincinnati line.

⁶ W. N. Stevens may not have served.

⁷ The U.S. Mail carriers/riders/drivers/sub-contractors listed do not appear in postal records; they were likely employed by mail contractors. Information on these employees was found in the 1880 federal census.