

Ona Judge (1773-1848)

Ona Judge belonged to George and Martha Washington. After her escape, she was relentlessly pursued by the Washingtons.

Sally Hemmings (1773-1835)

Sally Hemmings was enslaved by Thomas Jefferson and bore him several children.

Reconstruction

The 1862 federal Act for the Release of Certain Persons Held to Service or Labor within the District of Columbia” gave slaveowners \$300 per freed slave.

Rev. C.T. Vivian (1924-2020)

Rev. Cordy Tindell Vivian was a civil rights organizer and field general for Dr. Rev. Martin Luther King.

Rev. Ralph Abernathy (1926-1990)

Rev. Abernathy was a civil rights activist and Dr. King’s closest friend and advisor.

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We hope you enjoy your tour!
You definitely don’t need to
know every reference to enjoy
the play, but in case you want to
know more!



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Red Summer

In 1919, 100s of African Americans were killed in anti-black riots across the U.S.

Fannie Lou Hamer (1917-1977)

Fannie Lou Hamer was a voting and women's right advocate known for her leadership in the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party.

LaTosha Brown (1971 -)

Voting rights advocate.

Pauli Murray (1910-1985)

Pauli Murray was a civil rights activist, lawyer and Episcopal priest

Madam C. J. Walker (1867-1919)

Madam C.J. Walker was America's first female self-made millionaire.

Gwendolyn Brooks (1917-2000)

Gwendolyn Brooks was a poet and the first African American to receive a Pulitzer Prize.

Audre Lorde (1934-1992)

Audre Lorde described herself as a "black, lesbian, mother, warrior, poet."



“A museum displays and cares for...”

The Divine Nine (1930 -)

The nine major historically Black fraternities and sororities.

Mae Jemison (1956 -)

An engineer, physician and first Black woman to travel into space.