United States
Black Heritage Series

In 1978, the U.S. Postal Service, as part of its mission "to celebrate the people, events, and cultural milestones that are unique to our great nation," created a totally new stamp series to honor black Americans and the vital role they have played in U.S. history."

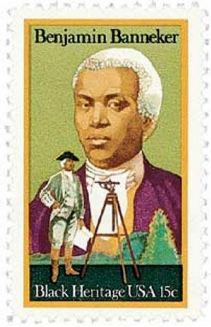
1978
Harriet Tubman
Underground Railroad



1979
Martin Luther King
Civil Rights Leader



1980
Benjamin Banneker
Mathematician



1981
Whitney Moore Young
Civil Rights Leader



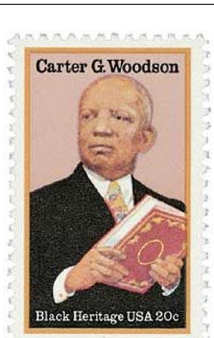
1982
Jackie Robinson
Baseball Player



1983
Scott Joplin
Ragtime Composer



1984
Carter G. Woodson
Historian



1985
Mary McLeod Bethune
Educator



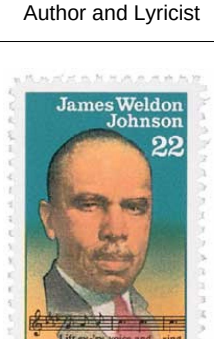
1986
Sojourner Truth
Human Rights Activist



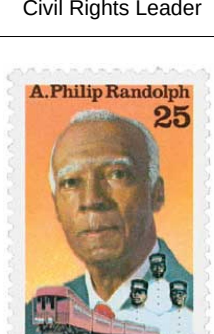
1987
Jean Baptiste Point du Sable
Founder of Chicago



1988
James Weldon Johnson
Author and Lyricist



1989
A. Phillip Randolph
Civil Rights Leader



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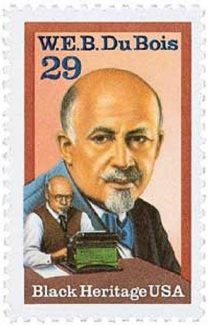
1990
Ida B. Wells
Journalist



1991
Jan E. Matzeliger
Inventor



1992
W.E.B. DuBois
Civil Rights Leader



1993
Percy Lavon Julian
Chemist



1994
Dr. Allison Davis
Social Anthropologist



1995
Bessie Coleman
Aviatrix



1996
Ernest E. Just
Marine Biologist



1997
Brig.Gen. Benjamin O. Davis
Soldier



1998
Madam C.J. Walker
Entrepreneur



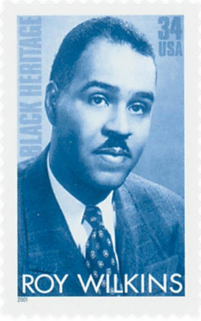
1999
Malcolm X
Civil Rights Leader



2000
Patricia Roberts Harris
1st Black Female Cabinet Secretary



2001
Roy Wilkins
Civil Rights Leader



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2002
Langston Hughes
Writer



2003
Thurgood Marshall
Supreme Court Justice



2004
Paul Robeson
Actor, Singer, Activist



2005
Marian Anderson
Singer



2006
Hattie McDaniel
Actress



2007
Ella Fitzgerald
Singer



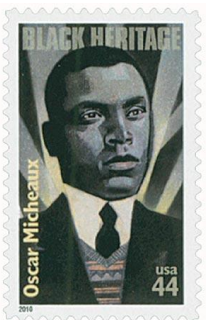
2008
Charles W. Chestnutt
Writer



2009
Anna Julia Cooper
Educator



2010
Oscar Michaeux
Film Director



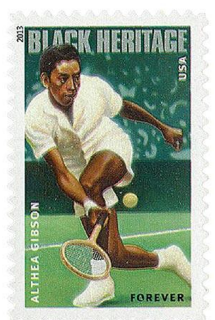
2011
Barbara Jordan
Congresswoman



2012
John H. johnson
Publisher



2013
Althea Gibson
Tennis Player



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2014

Shirley Chisholm
Congresswoman



2015

Robert Robinson Taylor
Architect



2016
Richard Allen
Founder - African Episcopal
Methodist Church



2017
Dorothy Height
President - National Council
of Negro Women



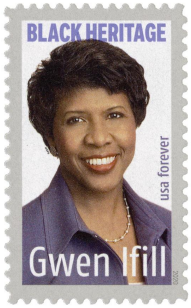
2018
Lena Horne
Singer



2019
Gregory Hines
Tap Dancer



2020
Gwen Ifill
TV Newscaster



2021
August Wilson
Playwright



2022
Edmonia Lewis
Sculptor



2023
Ernest J. Gaines
Novelist



2024

2025