

ScoopUSA Black History Corner



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VIRGO The Perfectionist
Dominant in relationships. Conservative. Always wants the last word. Argumentative. Worries. Very smart. Dislikes noise and chaos. Eager. Hardworking. Loyal. Beautiful. Easy to talk to. Hard to please. Harsh. Practical and very fussy. Often shy. Pessimistic.

The Sapphire is the stone for the month of September

An ancient Persian legend states that the earth rests on a large sapphire and the blue of the sky comes from the gem's reflection. Medieval priests and monks wore sapphire believing they would prevent evil impulses and thoughts. It was once thought that, if a poisonous snake were put into a container with a sapphire the rays from the gem would kill it. Sapphire was believed to turn evil sorcery and negative spells back against the sender and provide advance warning of hidden dangers. Ancient writers claimed the Ten Commandments were written on sapphire, making this gem most sacred. Sapphire has long symbolized truth sincerity and faithfulness. If its luster dulled when worn by a spouse, it was believed that person had been unfaithful.

September 7

You have great executive ability, are authoritative, determined, persevering, and self-reliant. You should go far in your chosen field. You enjoy reading good books and like to travel. You have high aims and ideals and have the respect and esteem of your friends and associates.

1858 Rene C. Metoyer, lawyer and first African American notary public in Louisiana was born in Natchitoches, LA.

1890 John Milton Lee, founder of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. and the fraternity's first Keeper of Records was born in Danville, IN.

1900 James Nabrit, Jr., president of Howard University was born in Georgia.

1917 Jacob Lawrence, artist (The Life of Harriett Tubman) was born in Atlantic City, NJ.

1918 Harold Amos, bacteriologist and chairman of the Department of Microbiology at Harvard Medical School was born in Pennsauken, NJ.

1925 John Wesley Work, Jr., collector of spirituals and folk songs dies in Nashville, TN.

1927 The Harlem Globe Trotters basketball team was organized.

1930 Sonny Rollins, saxophonist was born in New York, NY.

1931 (Kenneth Arthur) Makanda Ken McIntyre, jazz musician, composer and founder of the first African American Music program in the US (State University of New York College at Old Westbury) was born in Boston, MA.

1933 Roy S(imon) Bryce-Laporte, established one of the first African American studies department (Yale University) was born in Panama City, Panama.

1934 (James Campbell, Jr.) Little Milton singer (So Mean To Me) was born in Inverness, MS.

1937 Oilly Woodrow Wilson, Jr., composer of contemporary classical music was born in St. Louis, MO.

1938 Juanita Millender-McDonald, US Representative from the state of California was born in Birmingham, AL.

1939 (Benjamin 'Benny') Latimore, singer, songwriter and pianist (Let's Straighten It Out) was born in Charleston, TN.

1944 Earl Manigault street basketball player was born in Charleston, SC.

1946 Willie Murphy Crawford, Major League Baseball player was born in Los Angeles, CA.

1949 Charlie Davis, second African American basketball player at Wake Forest University and National Basketball Association player was born in New York, NY.

1949 Gloria Gaynor, singer (I Will Survive) was born in Newark, NJ.

1957 Mark Whitaker, Executive Vice President and managing editor for CNN was born in Pittsburgh, PA.

1961 (David) Shane Gibson, Cabinet Minister of Immigration, Labour and Training of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas was born in Nassau, Bahamas.

1961 Michele L. Norris, first African American woman host for National Public Radio (All Things Considered) was born in Minnesota.

1961 Don 'D.C.' Curry, actor (Next Friday) and hosted (2013 BET's Comic View) was born.

1963 (Eric Lynn Wright) Eazy-E, rap artist with N.W.A. (Straight Outta Compton) was born in Compton, CA.

1964 Holly J. Mitchell, member of the California State Senate was born in Los Angeles, CA.

1967 Rex William Stewart, jazz cornetist, composer (Morning Glory) and radio host (Things Ain't What They



Ricky Lumpkin

Used To Be) dies in Los Angeles, CA.

1968 Erik George Williams, National Football League player was born in Philadelphia, PA.

1971 Sugar Shane (Andre) Mosley, professional lightweight boxer was born in Lynwood, CA.

1971 Briana Collette, soccer goalkeeper and founder member of the WUSA (Women's United Soccer Association) was born in Minneapolis, MN.

1977 Mateen Ahmad Cleaves, National Basketball Association player and an analyst on CBS Sports Network was born in Flint, MI.

1979 Michael Jennings, National Football League player was born in Jacksonville, FL.

1979 T.J. Martin, first African American to win an Academy Award for Best Documentary was born.

1979 Nathan Raymond Haynes, Major League Baseball player was born in Oakland, CA.

1980 Derrick Dewayne Dockery, National Football League player was born in Garland, TX.

1980 Bessie Allison Buchanan, first African American woman to hold a seat in the New York State Legislature dies in Manhattan, NY.

1980 (James Dixon) Blind Arvella Gray, blues, folk and gospel singer and guitarist dies in Chicago, IL.

1983 Andre Michael Berto, professional welterweight boxer (The beast) was born in Winter Haven, FL.

1986 James Jackson, professional tennis player was born in Atlanta, GA.

1988 Ricky Lumpkin, National Football League player was born in Mount Holly, NJ.

1991 Freddie Martino, National Football League player was born in North, SC.

1991 (Montana Fishburne) Chippy D., pornographic actor was born.

1992 Jordan Michael Slew, professional football player was born in Gleadless, England.

1997 George William Crockett, Jr., attorney, jurist and US Representative from the state of Michigan dies in Washington, DC.

1997 (Joseph Desire Mobutu) Mobutu Sese Seko Kuku Ngbendu wa Banga, president of the Republic of the Congo dies in Rabat Morocco.

2002 Erma Vernice Franklin, gospel and R&B singer (Piece of My Heart) (elder sister of Aretha Franklin) dies in Detroit, MI.

2004 (Robert Richard) Bob Boyd, Negro League and Major League Baseball player dies in Wichita KS.

2008 (Richard Wayne) Popcorn Wylie, bandleader and pianist (Shop Around & Please Mr. Postman) dies in Detroit, MI.

2010 Lucius Walker, Baptist minister and executive director of the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization dies in Demarest NJ.

September 8

You are artistic and musical, have positive ideas and like having your own way. You're discriminating and shrewd, a good student, deep thinker and an interesting talker. Loving, faithful and devoted to your family, you will probably not fall in love at first sight.

1864 (Charles Harrison) C.H. Maston, Pentecostal-Holiness and denominational leader was born in Shelby County, TN.

1868 Silas Seth Weeks, first African American to play mandolin and write a mandolin concerto was born in Vermont, IL.

1882 Sarah Mapps Douglas, writer and headmaster of Institute for Colored Youth (Cheyney State University) dies in Philadelphia, PA.

1882 Isaac Murphy, first Reconstruction Governor of Arkansas dies in Huntsville, Madison County Arkansas.

1891 H. Linden was awarded patent 459, 365 for a piano truck.

1907 (Walter Fenner) Buck Leonard, Negro League

Baseball player was born in Rocky Mount, NC.

1912 James L.H. Peck, pilot who served in the Spanish Republican Air Force during the Spanish Civil War was born in Stoops Ferry, PA.

1918 Gerald Stanley Wilson, jazz trumpeter, big band bandleader and composer/arranger was born in Shelby, MS.

1919 (James) Jimmie Armstead, Negro League Baseball player was born in Birmingham, AL.

1922 Samuel Riley Pierce, HUD (Housing and Urban Development) Secretary was born in Glen Cove, NY.

1923 Wilbur Bernard Ware, jazz double-bassist was born in Chicago, IL.

1923 Cuesta Benberry, historian who researched African American quilt making was born in Cincinnati, OH

1928 (Earl Lee Nelson) Bob and Earl, singer duo (Harlem Shuffle) was born in Lake Charles, LA.

1933 Henry Wendell Foster, Jr., dean of the School of Medicine at Meharry Medical College and clinical professor, obstetrics and gynecology at Vanderbilt was born in Pine Bluff, AR.

1939 Hazel Joan Bryant, actor, opera singer, playwright, and director and founder of the Richard Allen Center for Culture and Art was born.

1940 Willie Tyler, comedian, actor and ventriloquist (Willie Tyler & Lester) was born in Red Level, AL.

1945 (Lemuel Joseph) Lem Barney, National Football League player was born in Gulf Port, MS.

1946 L.C. Henderson Greenwood, National Football League player was born in Canton, MS.

1950 Hise Austin, National Football League player was born in Houston, TX.

1951 Anthony Davis, National Football League player was born in Huntsville, TX.

1952 Linda D. Addison, poet and first African American winner of the Bram Stoker Award (Consumed, Reduced to Beautiful Grey Ashes) was born in Philadelphia, PA.

1954 Ruby Nell Bridges Hall, first African American child to attend an all white elementary school in the South was born in Tylertown, MI

1956 Maurice Cheeks, National Basketball Association player and coach was born in Chicago, IL.

1958 David Lewis, lead singer with Atlantic Starr (Secret Lovers) was born.

1959 Howard 'Pappy' Mason, drug trafficker and organized crime figure (Bebos) was born.

1960 Oscar Pettiford, jazz double bassist and cellist dies in Copenhagen, Denmark

1964 Victor Eriakpo Ubogu, rugby union player was born in Nigeria.

1965 Dorothy Dandridge, first African American nominated for an Oscar for best actress, dies in West Hollywood, CA.

1974 Amani Askari Toomer, National Football League player was born in Berkeley, CA.

1975 (Trevor) Deshea Townsend, National Football League player was born in Batesville, MS.

1975 Larenz Tate, actor (Why Do Fools Fall in Love) was born in Chicago, IL.

1975 John Thomas, National Basketball Association player was born in Minneapolis, MN.

1977 Ryan Frazier, council member in Aurora, Colorado was born in Wilmington, NC.

1979 (LaKendrick) Ken Jones, National and Arena Football League player was born in Georgia.

1980 (Stayve Jerome Thomas) Slim Thug, rap artist (Already Platinum) was born in Houston, TX.

1980 Nefertari Sheba Shepherd, actor and model (Playboy's Playmate of the Month, July 2000) was born in New Orleans, LA.

1981 Robert Clayton Henry, first African American mayor of an American city (of any size) dies was Springfield, OH.

1981 Roy Wilkins, president of the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) dies in New York, NY.

1983 Wali Sultan Lundy, National Football League player and rap artist and founding member of Fresh Fusion was born in New Brunswick, NJ.

1985 Vanessa Baden, actor (Kenan and Kel) was born in Manhattan Beach, CA.

1987 Derrick Paul Brown, professional basketball player (Turkish Basketball League) was born in Oakland, CA.

1987 (Cameron Jibril Thomaz) Wiz Khalifa, rap artist, singer/songwriter (Say Yeah) was born in Minot, ND.

1989 (Keith Wiggins) Cowboy, rap artist with Grand Master Flash & the Furious five, dies.

1992 (Temitope Titilola Oluwatobiloba) Temi Fagbenle, Women's National Basketball Association player was born in Baltimore, MD.

2008 Vernon Kingsley Sport, Tuskegee Airman dies in Conyers, GA.

2001 Jesse Harrison Jefferson, Major League Baseball player dies in Midlothian, VA.

2014 Marvin Jerome Barnes, National Basketball Association player dies in Providence, RI.

Know your History and Culture. If you do not know where you come from, you cannot and will not know where you can go.