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ACDWC Celebrates Black History Month

Ida B Wells-Barnett co-founder of the NAACP

Ida B Wells-Barnett, born into slavery July 16, 1862. Freed by the Emancipation Proclamation on September 22, 1862, Wells became a Suffragette Activist, a co-founder of the NAACP, author of the pamphlet called "Southern Horrors: Lynch Law in all its Phases", investigating frequent claims of Whites that lynchings were reserved for Black criminals only.

After tragedy struck the family, Ida lost both her parents and an infant brother in September of 1878, because of the Yellow Fever epidemic. Ida was spared because she was visiting with her grandmother at the time. Family members wanted to separate the five remaining children, but 16-year-old Ida wouldn't have it. She went to work as a teacher in a Black Elementary School in Holly Springs. Her grandmother, Peggy Wells (nee Cheer) friends and family all helped out while Ida worked.

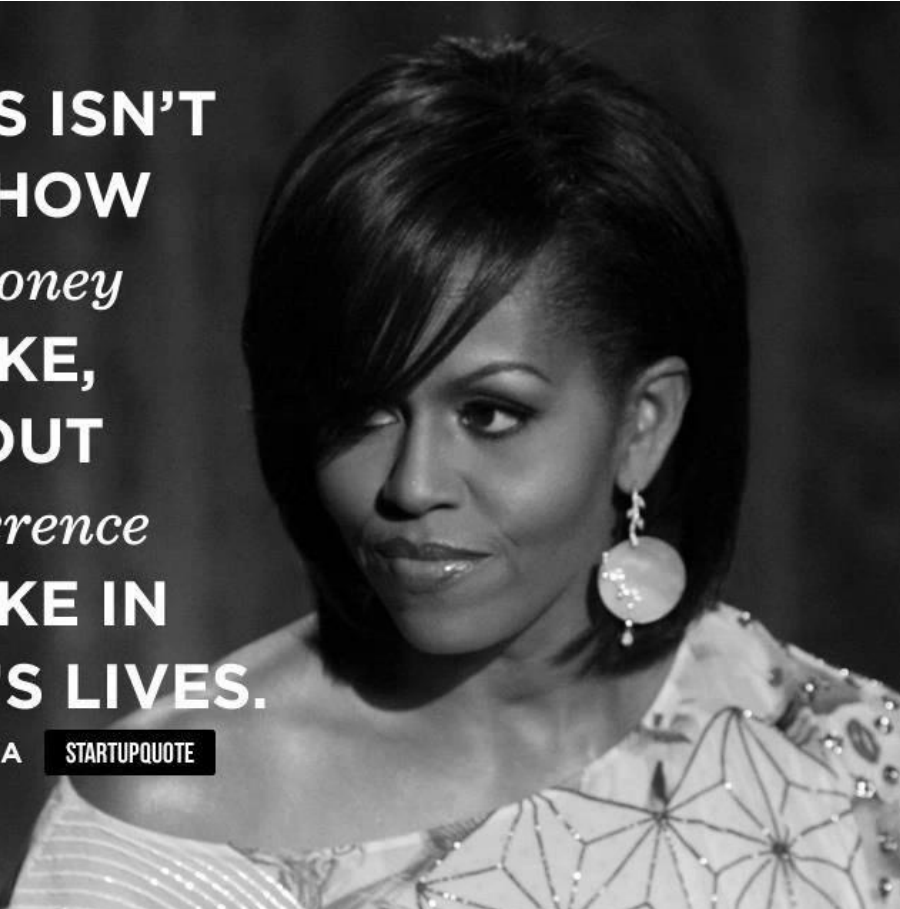
Over the course of a lifetime dedicated to combating prejudice and violence, and the fight for African-American equality, especially that of women, Wells arguably became the most famous Black woman in America.

She married Ferdinand L. Barnett in 1895 and had a family while continuing her work writing, speaking, and organizing for civil rights and the women's movement for the rest of her life.

In 2020, Wells was posthumously honored with a Pulitzer Prize special citation "[f]or her outstanding and courageous reporting on the horrific and vicious violence against African Americans during the era of lynching."

"The way to right wrongs is to turn the light of truth upon them." -Ida B Wells-Barnett



A black and white portrait of Michelle Obama, looking slightly to the right with a subtle smile. She is wearing a patterned top and large, round earrings.

**SUCCESS ISN'T
ABOUT HOW
MUCH *money*
YOU MAKE,
IT'S ABOUT
THE *difference*
YOU MAKE IN
PEOPLE'S LIVES.**

- MICHELLE OBAMA

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HER STORY



**"My mother had a saying:
'Kamala, you may be the first
to do many things, but make
sure you're not the last."**

- Kamala Harris

Statistics of interest

48.2 million: The Black population, either alone or in combination with one or more races, in the United States in 2019. Source: 2019 Population Estimates

87.9%: The percentage of African Americans age 25 and older with a high school diploma or higher in 2019. Source: Current Population Survey

30.7%: The percentage of the employed Black population age 16 and older working in management, business, science and arts occupations in 2019. Source: 2019 American Community Survey(Source includes more on occupations, commuting and industries.)

124,004: The number of Black-owned employer businesses in the United States in 2017. Source: 2018 Annual Business Survey, data year 2017

More information can be found at <https://www.census.gov/newsroom/facts-for-features/2021/black-history-month.html>

