

# Africa John Hanson: The Extraordinary Life of a Man Who Dared to Conquer a New World

Africa John Hanson was born into slavery in Africa in the early 1800s. He was brought to the United States as a child and sold to a plantation owner in South Carolina. Hanson endured the horrors of slavery for many years, but he never gave up hope of freedom.



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In 1838, Hanson escaped from slavery and made his way to the free state of Ohio. He settled in Cincinnati, where he worked as a barber and became involved in the abolitionist movement. Hanson was a gifted speaker and organizer, and he quickly became a leading voice in the fight against slavery.

In 1850, Hanson was elected to the Ohio House of Representatives, becoming the first African American to hold elected office in the United States. He served in the House for two terms, and during that time he

introduced legislation to end slavery in the state of Ohio. Although his bill was not passed, Hanson's efforts helped to raise awareness of the evils of slavery and to lay the groundwork for the eventual abolition of slavery in the United States.

In addition to his work as an abolitionist, Hanson was also a successful businessman. He owned a number of businesses in Cincinnati, including a barber shop, a grocery store, and a real estate company. Hanson was a shrewd businessman, and he accumulated a considerable fortune during his lifetime.

Hanson was a remarkable man who achieved great things in his lifetime. He was born into slavery, but he escaped to freedom and became a successful businessman and abolitionist. He also served as the first African American to hold elected office in the United States. Hanson's life is an inspiration to us all, and his legacy continues to inspire people today.

## **Legacy**

African American John Hanson's legacy is one of courage, determination, and achievement. He was a man who dared to dream big and to work hard to achieve his goals. He was a pioneer who paved the way for future generations of African Americans.

Hanson's work as an abolitionist helped to raise awareness of the evils of slavery and to lay the groundwork for the eventual abolition of slavery in the United States. His service in the Ohio House of Representatives was a groundbreaking achievement for African Americans. He was the first African American to hold elected office in the United States, and his election

helped to break down racial barriers and to open up new opportunities for African Americans in politics.

Hanson's legacy is also one of business success. He was a shrewd businessman who accumulated a considerable fortune during his lifetime. His success as a businessman is a testament to his hard work, determination, and intelligence.

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### **Timeline of Africa John Hanson's Life**

\* 1800s: Born into slavery in Africa \* 1838: Escaped from slavery and made his way to Cincinnati, Ohio \* 1850: Elected to the Ohio House of Representatives, becoming the first African American to hold elected office in the United States \* 1852: Served a second term in the Ohio House of Representatives \* 1870: Died in Cincinnati, Ohio

### **Image of Africa John Hanson**

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Africa John Hanson, a former slave, was the first African American to hold elected office in the United States. He served in the Ohio House of Representatives from 1850 to 1852.

### **Sources**

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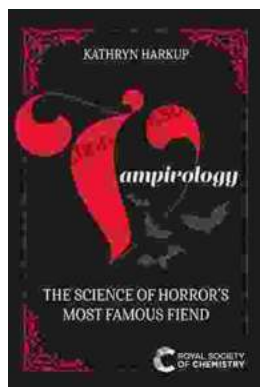
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