

TO KEEP THE WATERS TROUBLED



The Life of Ida B. Wells



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Elizabeth Wells - mother
mother's sister Belle
Engenia yellow fever
James
George
Annie
Lily
Stanley - brother & died

1865 - Union Army occupied
Memphis from 1862 on

Pop. 16,000 blacks

Riot 1866 - 46 blacks dead

1878 - Yellow Fever in Memphis

"Black economic nationalism"
The Curve - career of Walker
and Miss. Blvd.
Thomas Moss - The People's
Mockery Co.

1892 - a meeting called
by Black women in New York
in Oct. launched her
speaking career.

9/26/1883 - Railroad car
incident - Memphis
to Woodstock Tenn
punch her teeth
into conductor

b. 16 July 1862 d. 1931

Holly Springs, Mississippi

Mon 2pm.

Hometown - Chicago Lived in Memphis moved to NYC.

1890's to her death 1931 - not much happened w/o her
age 16 - head of household married in her 30's

Hiram Rhodes Revels - moved to Holly Springs - 1st
African A. U.S. Senator Mid 70's

Ida's fiery temper - first love - Rust College
expelled 1880-81 → a mulatto

To Memphis at age 19

she delighted reading
Gode's/Princess of the Press

85' - Fortune - Thomas - Freeman - Wells wrote for it
Secret Societies - Masons etc (pp) Articles made Wells
enemies in Memphis

Lynchings - March 1892 - Memphis

Thomas Moss / Calvin McDowell / Lee Stewart (p143)

Few AA had been lynched before Civil War.

Wells' May 1892 editorial on rape - "a ticking bomb"
Whitledge - Wells on her way to New York

Frederic Douglass dies Feb 1895 p233

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Lynching

① Memphis - Thomas Moss / Calvin McDowell / Lee Stewart
Photo 136-

② near Newnan, Georgia - Sam Hose - killed after he
killed a white man ^{burned alive} (255)

③ Lake City, South Carolina - Frazier B. Baker and infant child
whites burned his home down/angry that he was appointed
post master (257)

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Negro Fellowship League - closed its doors 1920
National Urban League Gall bladder operation
a year's recuperation

NERL - Trotter's
National Equal Rights League
Wells joined 1913

1922 - gave speeches
started short term organization
worked for the Republican Party

NFL - Negro Fellowship League
(1910) 68 yrs. old
She was a leader in
opposition to Booker T. Wash.

She wanted to run for Illinois
State Senate in 1930
had no support got 585 votes

NAACP - 1911
Steuir Green case

Herman - had a gambling problem
her son a lawyer embezzled
client's money for gambling

Wells-Barnett competed against
Booker T. in Republican Party
circles. W. McKinley / T. R. - W. H. Taft
dumped them.

working on her auto biography
when she died of
uremic poisoning
25 March 1931

auto biography published in 1970
her daughter published it (Alfreda)

Marcus Lawrey
convicted of mail fraud
1924

Was she a seperatist?

3 lessons in life P 339

- ① don't sleep where you can't work
- ② the strength of our political worth
- ③ testimony to Negro art and Religion

the
Society for Recognition of the Brotherhood of men
24 APRIL, 1893 in Aberdeen, Scotland

Colored Jubilee Day
1893 -
She and Frederick D.
strained over event
p 203

Wells letter from
Birmingham - p 193
Judy and Mrs.
Ways

Ferdinand Lee Barnett
collaborated on Pamphlet
World's Fair 1893
love letter at every stop on
her England tour.
Wells and Barnett "attached
the loose morals and
extravagant life styles of
the black masses" p 237

Ida B. Wells Clubs

National Association of
Colored Women
1896 - last time she'd play
a significant role.
W.C.T.U.

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LEALAN JONES

CO-AUTHOR, "OUR AMERICA: LIFE AND DEATH ON THE SOUTH OF CHICAGO."

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VIDEO OUT: 14:44:20

OUT CUE: "...gang infestation + things of that nature."

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from # 76, 365

IN PT: 15:01:48

IN CUE: BPh asks (holding up picture)

"You've got a picture here from Ida B. wells..."

OUT PT: 15:02:36

OUT CUE: "It's too broad" dip to black

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Le Alan Jones

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(picture)

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IN CUE: BPL asks "This is the actual 1 yr story..." (holding up picture)

"Le Alan Jones clip for Bobroster"
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