

5 BLACK INVENTORS AND THEIR INNOVATIONS

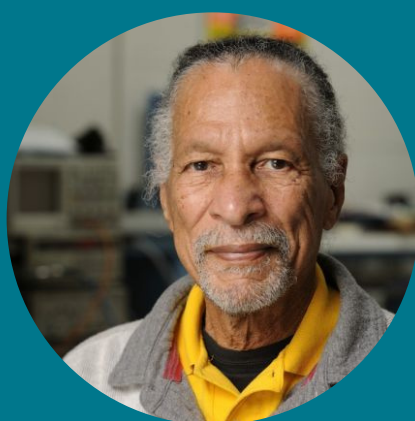


LISA GELOBTER

Lisa Gelobter is an African American entrepreneur, computer scientist, and inventor. She is best known for being the creator of the animations that make up GIFs.

THOMAS JENNINGS

In 1821, Jennings became the first African American to be granted a patent. He invented a process called dry scouring, which was a method for cleaning clothes before dry cleaning was invented.



JAMES EDWARD MACEO WEST

Born in Prince Edward County, Virginia in 1931, West is an American inventor with over 250 foreign and U.S. patents for the production & design of microphones and techniques for audio capture.

FREDERICK MCKINLEY JONES

Jones eventually patented his portable refrigerator equipment invention. This invention was used for long-haul trucks carrying food.



DR. PATRICIA BATH

In 1986, Dr. Bath invented the laserphaco, a device used to assist with cataracts. In 1988, she patented this device, becoming the first African American female doctor to receive a patent.