William L. Page

was born at Key West, Florida in 1834. His father had set aside $5000 for his education; so, as a young man he came north to live with a family in the town of Perinton, and was the first colored man to graduate from the University of Rochester. He had exceptional talents, an extraordinary mathematical ability and was a civil as well as a stationery engineer. His plain and fancy penmanship is well remembered and showed a great artistic gift. Had he been born at a later date his brilliant mind would have had opportunity to have borne greater fruit, but the ban of race until many years after the Civil War prevented.

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