



Notable Kentucky African Americans Database

William Webb Banks

Birth Year : 1862

Death Year : 1928

William Webb Banks, who was born in Winchester, KY, was a correspondent for both white and African American newspapers. Banks issued the first call for the organization of Negro businesses in Kentucky. He made a formal protest before the Kentucky Legislature on the anti-separate coach movement. Banks was very politically active in Kentucky and beyond; in 1891, he was the Republican Party candidate for recorder in the U.S. Land Office in Washington. He had also been the commissioner to the Emancipation Exhibition held in 1913 in New York, and he was a delegate to the Half-Century Anniversary Celebration of Negro Freedom held in Chicago in 1915. Banks was the son of Patrick and Catherine Banks, and he was the husband of Anna B. Simms Banks. He was a janitor when he died September 14, 1928 in a hospital in Winchester, KY [source: Kentucky Certificate of Death Registered No.194]. For more see the William Webb Banks' entry in *Who's Who of the Colored Race, 1915*.

See photo image of William Web Banks, botton right, on p.163 in *Golden jubilee of the General Association of Colored Baptists in Kentucky*.