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MARTIN ROBISON DELANY

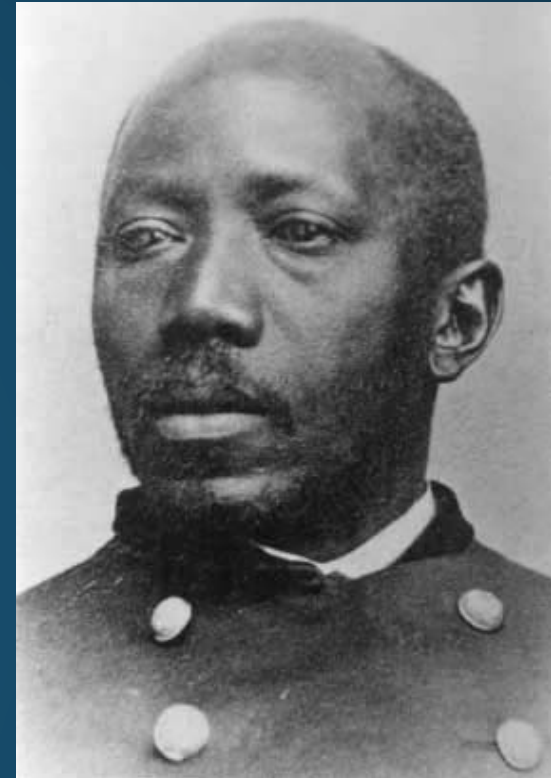
*FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER*

*PM COREY MALIK*



## BROTHER MARTIN ROBISON DELANY

- Martin Delany, Born in Charles Town, West Virginia (March 6, 1812 – January 24, 1885) and raised in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
- Delany was one of the first three black men admitted to Harvard Medical School
- worked alongside Frederick Douglass in Rochester, New York to publish the North Star
- After the Civil War, Delany went to the South, settling in South Carolina. There he worked for the Freedmen's Bureau and became politically active, including in the Colored Conventions Movement. Delany ran unsuccessfully for Lieutenant Governor as an Independent Republican.



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“Act in the living present-but act! Face thine accusers, scorn the rack and rod, and if thou hath truth to utter, speak the truth, and leave the rest to God.”  
“[said to have been Delany's motto]”  
—Martin Robison Delany

# W. M. MARTIN ROBISON DELANY



Martin Delany was a member and served as Worshipful Master of St. Cyprian Lodge No. 13 of Pittsburgh. As Worshipful Master of St. Cyprian Lodge, Martin Delany's tenure serves importance in the history of Black Freemasonry in the state of Ohio. St. Cyprian Lodges under the leadership of Worshipful Master Martin Delany was at the epicenter of the origin of Freemasonry for the state of Ohio.



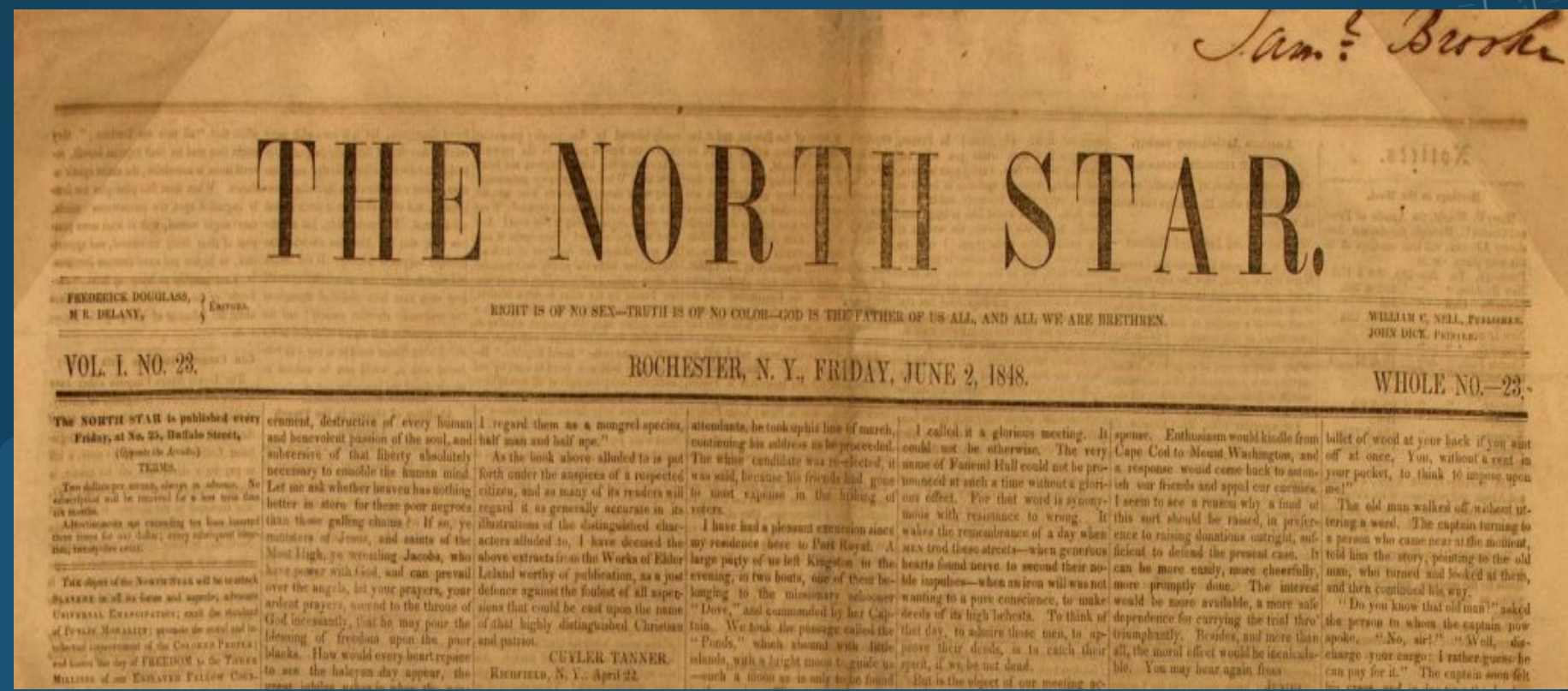
# MARTIN ROBISON DELANY



- Martin Delany recruits black men for the army, recruiting men for Massachusetts' 54th Regiment, raising 2,500 enlistees for Rhode Island, enlisting 5,000 black men for Connecticut, continuing efforts later in Cleveland and Chicago. On February 8, 1865, Delany goes to Washington, D.C. and succeeds in getting an interview with President Lincoln, to propose a corps of black men, led by black men who, when marched into the south would serve to "win over" Southern blacks. Lincoln is much more impressed with Delany's personal attributes after disregarding appeals of a similar nature by Frederick Douglass two years prior. On February 27, 1865, Martin Delany was commissioned as the first black line field officer in the U.S. Army.
- In October 1874, Delany runs unsuccessfully on a "dissident" anti corruption Republican ticket for lieutenant governor of the state and loses. Martin Delany also served a trial justice while in South Carolina. In the summer of 1877 Delany served as chairman of the finance committee of the Liberia Exodus Joint Stock Steamship Company. This group began to set sail for Liberia under the Liberia Exodus Joint Stock Steamship Company. In 1879, Martin Delaney publishes "The Origin of Races and Color" in Charleston, S.C. in response to Charles Darwin, expounding his views on the origins of racial color using a combination of scientific, archaeological and Biblical sources



# THE NORTH STAR NEWSPAPER



Encyclopedia Virginia  
 Delany, Martin R. (1812–1885) – Encyclopedia Virginia

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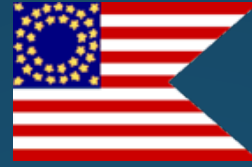
ABOLITIONIST



MARTIN DELANY, C. 1847. CALLED THE FATHER OF BLACK NATIONALISM, THIS RARE IMAGE CAPTURES DELANY, ALREADY AN ABOLITIONIST, WRITER, PUBLISHER, AND JOURNALIST AT THIS POINT IN HIS LIFE.

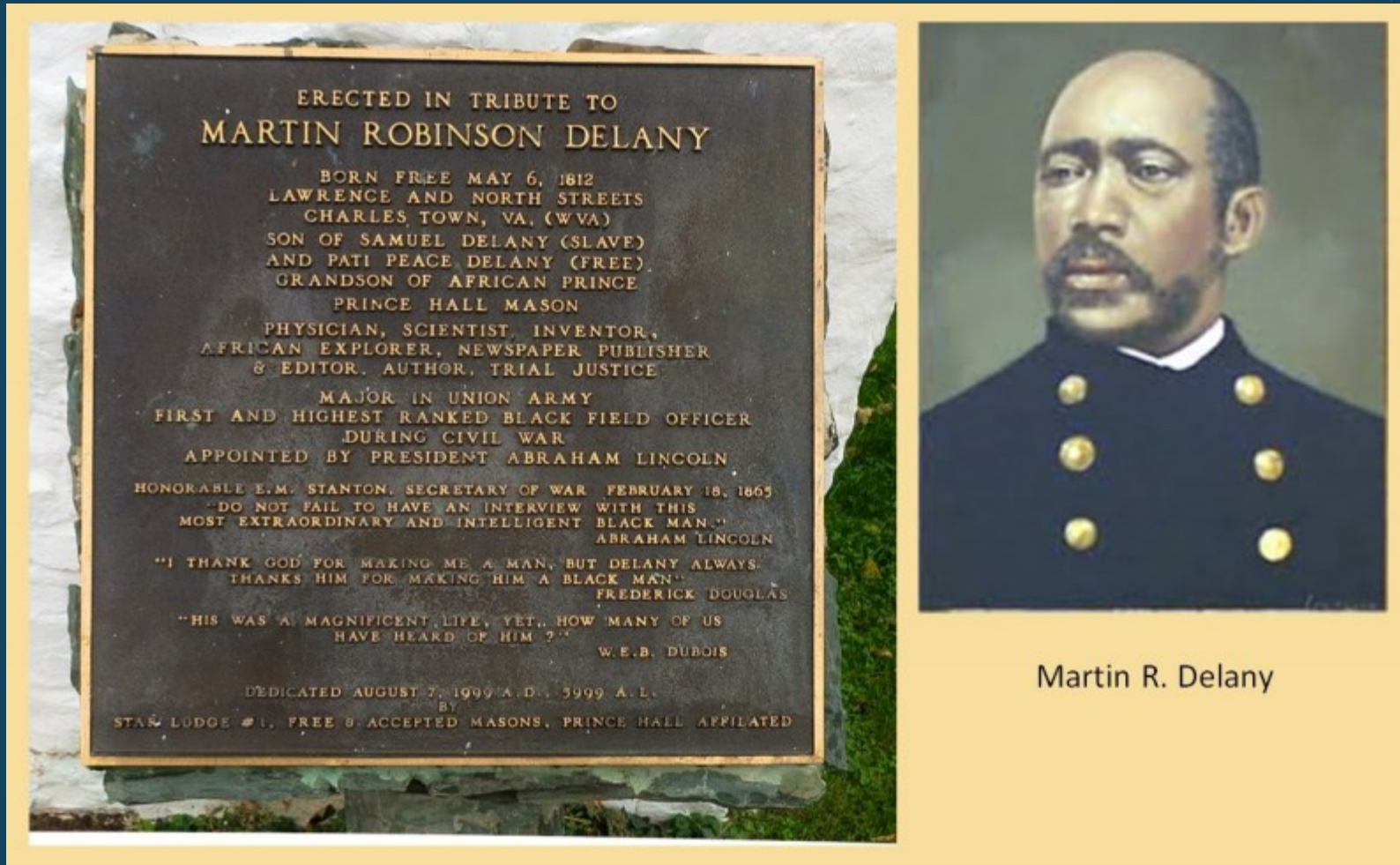
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# MAJOR MARTIN DELANY. FIRST BLACK MAJOR IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY.



Pathbreaker A carte-de-visite of Martin Delany as major of the 104th USCT.  
(National Park Service Photo)





ERECTED IN TRIBUTE TO  
MARTIN ROBINSON DELANY

BORN FREE MAY 6, 1812  
LAWRENCE AND NORTH STREETS  
CHARLES TOWN, VA. (WVA)

SON OF SAMUEL DELANY (SLAVE)  
AND PATI PEACE DELANY (FREE)  
GRANDSON OF AFRICAN PRINCE  
PRINCE HALL MASON

PHYSICIAN, SCIENTIST, INVENTOR,  
AFRICAN EXPLORER, NEWSPAPER PUBLISHER  
& EDITOR, AUTHOR, TRIAL JUSTICE

MAJOR IN UNION ARMY  
FIRST AND HIGHEST RANKED BLACK FIELD OFFICER  
DURING CIVIL WAR  
APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN

HONORABLE E.M. STANTON, SECRETARY OF WAR FEBRUARY 18, 1865  
"DO NOT FAIL TO HAVE AN INTERVIEW WITH THIS  
MOST EXTRAORDINARY AND INTELLIGENT BLACK MAN."  
ABRAHAM LINCOLN

"I THANK GOD FOR MAKING ME A MAN, BUT DELANY ALWAYS  
THANKS HIM FOR MAKING HIM A BLACK MAN."  
FREDERICK DOUGLAS

"HIS WAS A MAGNIFICENT LIFE, YET, HOW MANY OF US  
HAVE HEARD OF HIM?"  
W.E.B. DUBOIS

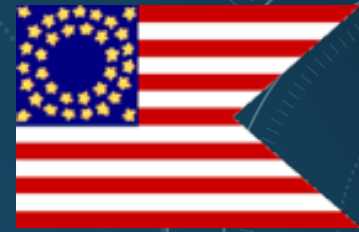
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STAR LODGE #1, FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS, PRINCE HALL AFFILIATED



Martin R. Delany

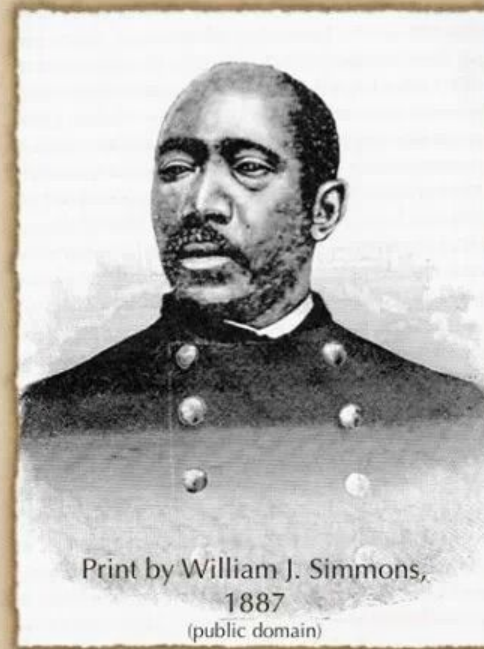
Marker dedicated to Martin Delany on outside wall of Free Mason Lodge





## Martin Delany (1812- 1885)

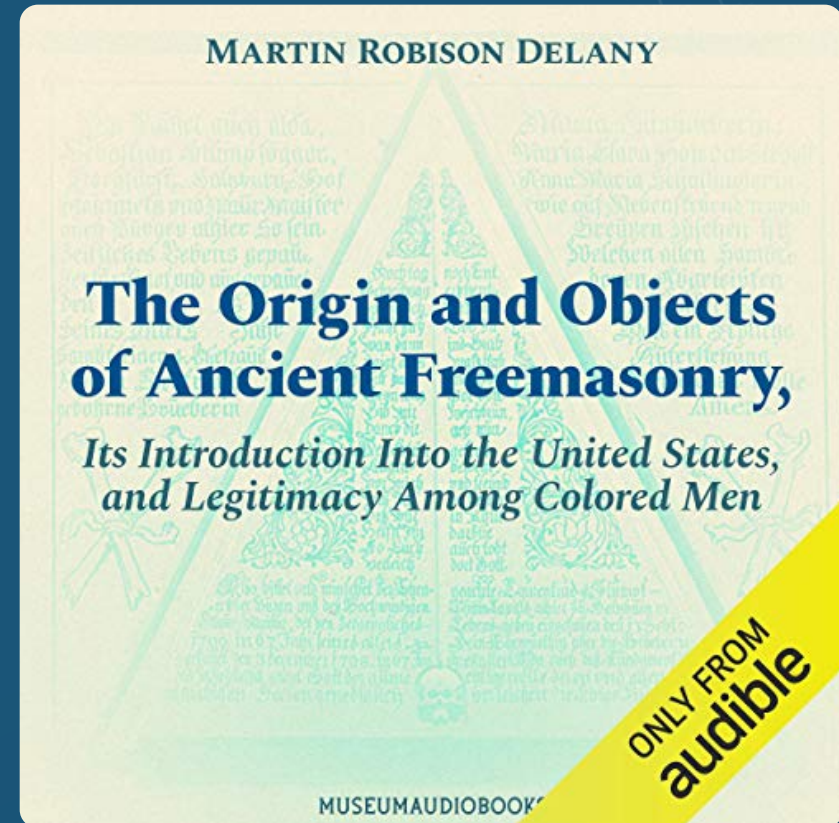
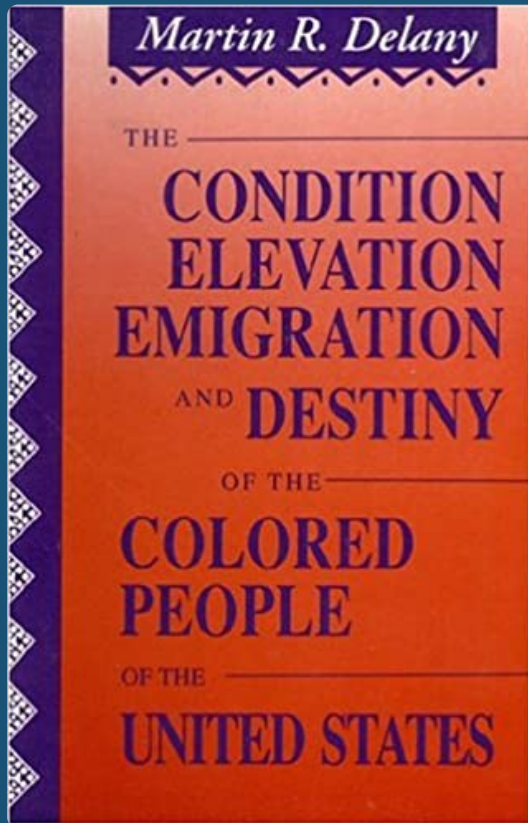
- He was a physician, abolitionist, and field officer, in the Civil War. He also helped Frederick Douglass start the newspaper, The North Star.
- In 1854, during a deadly cholera outbreak in Pittsburgh, he stayed behind, when many doctors and others left the city, to treat sick victims of this disease!



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