

Natchez National Historical Park



Hiram Rhodes Revels

First African American Senator

Born: September 27, 1827
Fayetteville, NC

Died: January 16, 1901
Aberdeen, MS

Hiram Revels was the first African American to serve in the United States Congress, representing Mississippi in the Senate from 1870 to 1871. Born free, Revels was an ordained minister and a chaplain in the Union Army (1863-1865). He was the first president of Alcorn State University and served as Mississippi's Secretary of State.

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