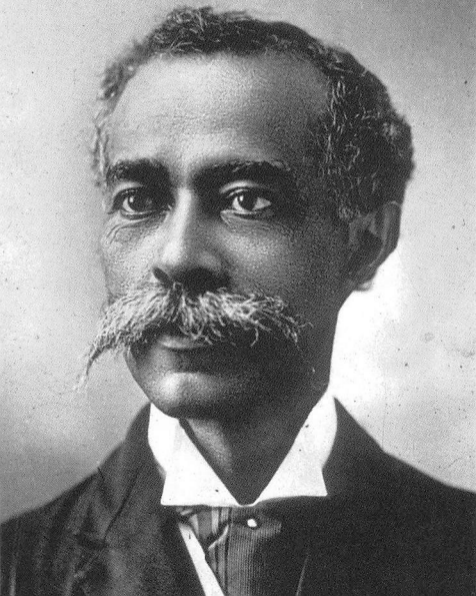


Natchez National Historical Park



John Roy Lynch

From Slave to Congressman

Born: September 10, 1847
Concordia Parish, LA

Died: November 2, 1939
Chicago, IL

John Roy Lynch was born into slavery and freed by the Emancipation Proclamation. During Reconstruction, in 1869, he was elected to the Mississippi House of Representatives. In 1873, he became one of the first African Americans elected to the US House of Representatives. He later wrote books about his life and Reconstruction.

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