

One-Page Guide to AFRICAN AMERICAN LEGISLATORS of 19TH CENTURY TENNESSEE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATES; SLAVE or FREE</u>	<u>EDUCATION; OCCUPATION</u>	<u>Party, Session No., County</u>
<u>John William Boyd</u>	ca. 1850 (TN) – 1932 (TN) Born into slavery	<u>N/A</u> ; Attorney, Magistrate, Census Enumerator	Repub., #42/43, Tipton
<u>Thomas Frank Cassels</u>	ca. 1845 (OH) – 1903 (TN) Freeborn	<u>Oberlin</u> ; Attorney, Assistant Attorney General; First black lawyer admitted to the Memphis bar	Repub., #42, Shelby
<u>Greene E. Evans</u>	1848 (TN) – 1914 (IL) Born into slavery	<u>Fisk</u> ; Teacher, Assistant Memphis Wharfmaster, Businessman (wood & coal), Census Enumerator	Repub., #44, Shelby
<u>William Alexander Feilds</u>	ca. 1852 (TN) – 1898 (TN) Born into slavery	<u>N/A</u> ; Farmer, Teacher, School Principal, Magistrate, Justice of the Peace	Repub., #44, Shelby
<u>Monroe W. Gooden</u>	1852 (TN) – 1915 (TN) Born into slavery	<u>N/A</u> ; USCT Veteran, Farmer, Cotton Gin Operator, District 5 School Director	Dem., #45, Fayette
<u>Jesse M. H. Graham</u>	1869 (TN) – 1930 (DC) Born after slavery	<u>Fisk</u> ; Postal Clerk, Teacher, Barkeeper, Military Officer, Clerk in U.S. Bureau of Audit	Repub., #50, Montgomery (not seated)
<u>William Calvin Hodge</u>	ca. 1846 (NC) – ca. 1900 (Unknown) Probably slave	<u>N/A</u> ; Stone Cutter, Contractor, City Jailer, House Mover, Railroad Mail Clerk, Alderman	Repub., #44, Hamilton
<u>Leonidas (Leon) Howard</u>	1849 (MS) – 1912 (CA) (Unknown) Probably slave	<u>N/A</u> ; Porter, Restaurant Cook, Janitor	Repub., #43, Shelby
<u>Styles Linton Hutchins</u>	1852 (GA) – 1950 (IL) Freeborn	<u>Atlanta University, University of South Carolina Law School</u> ; Attorney, Newspaper Editor, Barber	Repub., #45, Hamilton
<u>Sampson Wesley Keeble</u>	1833 (TN) – 1857 (TN) Born into slavery	<u>Fisk</u> ; <u>Read law in Nashville law office</u> ; Pressman, Barber, Grocer, Teacher, Magistrate	Repub., #38, Davidson
<u>Samuel Allen McElwee</u>	1859 (TN) – 1914 (IL) Born into slavery	<u>Oberlin, Fisk, Central Tennessee Law School</u> ; Teacher, Newspaper Editor, Attorney, Public Speaker	Repub., #43, 44, 45, Haywood (prob. also #46)
<u>Isham Franklin Norris</u>	1851 (TN) – 1928 (WA) (Unknown) Probably slave	<u>N/A</u> ; Businessman (groceries, coal, & wood), Transfer (Trucking) Company Owner, Stockman	Repub., #42, Shelby
<u>David Foote Rivers</u>	1859 (AL) – 1941 (DC) Freeborn	<u>Roger Williams University</u> ; College Theology Professor, Baptist Minister	Repub., #43, Fayette (prob. also elected to #44)
<u>Thomas A. Sykes</u>	1838 (NC) – ca. 1895 (TN) Born into slavery	<u>Self-educated</u> ; North Carolina Representative, Internal Revenue Collector, Gauger; Magistrate	Repub., #42, Davidson