Your Jury Service

DID YOU KNOW...

In The Commonwealth

▲ An Ongoing Series

OJC-L203

JURORS OF COLOR: MASSACHUSETTS WAS FIRST IN THE NATION

- *The first people of color to sit on a jury in The United States were two barbers from Worcester. They served in 1860.*

- *Francis Clough was born in Worcester. William Jenkins had escaped slavery in Virginia and lived in Worcester.*

- *Slavery had been abolished in The Commonwealth in 1783.*
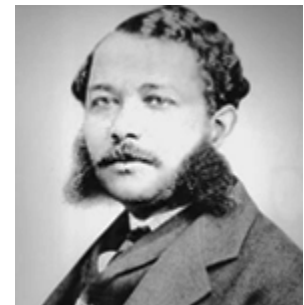
Judge George Lewis Ruffin of Boston was the first black judge in America (appointed 1883).

Presented by:
Office of Jury Commissioner

For More Information Please Visit Our Website:

MAjury.gov