

AMAZING AFRICAN AMERICAN PIONEERS

American history includes the heroic contributions of African Americans and women.



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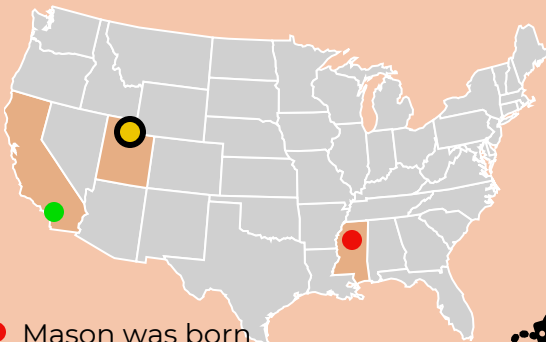
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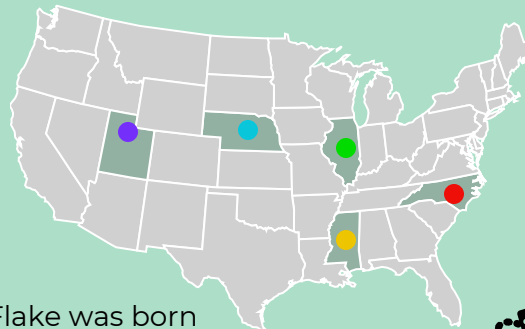
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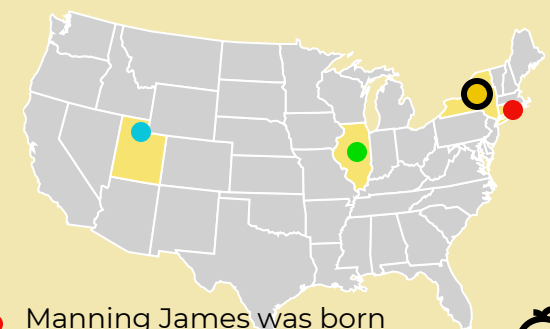
JANE MANNING JAMES







- Mason was born into slavery on August 15, 1818. 
- In 1848, Mason traveled 1,700 miles with her owners to the Utah Territory. 
- In 1851, Brigham Young sent Mason's owners to California. It was a free state. Mason went to court to win her freedom. 
- As a free woman, Mason became a wealthy landowner in California. She donated land for African American schools, churches, and nursing homes.



- Flake was born into slavery on January 6, 1828. 
- At 10 years old, he was taken from his family and sent to work on a farm. 
- His owners moved and "donated" his work. 
- Flake drove Brigham Young from Winter Quarters in Nebraska to Utah. 
- Flake was one of the first pioneers to reach the Salt Lake Valley in 1847.



- Manning James was born free on May 11, 1813 in Connecticut. 
- In 1843, she traveled to New York to set sail for Illinois. Because she was African American, she was not allowed on the boat. 
- So she walked 800 miles to Illinois. 
- In 1847, Manning James and her family were in the lead company traveling to Utah, following Brigham Young. 
- They were the first free African American family to settle in Utah.