

Lewis Latimer



Born on: 4th September 1848

Early Life:

Lewis Latimer's parents (Rebecca and George Latimer) were enslaved but they escaped, George Latimer was captured again. But people who campaigned to end the enslavement of people, raised \$400 to buy his freedom. In 1857 Latimer's dad disappeared and why, is still unknown.

Career:

When Latimer's father disappeared he had to find a job, so he lied about his age and joined the navy at the age of 16

In 1890 he wrote a book about an electric light. Then he helped places including New York, Philadelphia, and London, install electric lighting in 1884

Legacy:

Latimer is considered one of the most important black inventor for the number of inventions he produced some of which we still use today.

Awards:

He was awarded 10 patents for 10 of his inventions.