

James Forten

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When James Forten was 14 years old	because he had saved people from drowning.
The son of a ship's captain	to educate his children.
While on a British prison ship	but educated himself by reading.
James only had two years of schooling	saved Forten from being captured and enslaved.
After the war was over, Forten	sought to relocate free blacks to Liberia in Africa.
When he returned to Philadelphia he	to help other people.
He once received a plaque	he befriended and helped free Daniel Brewton.
He invented a new kind of sail and became	worked for a year in a London shipyard.
He used his money	urged blacks to remain in America and claim their rights.
The American Colonization Society	eventually bought a business, making sails for ships.
His "Letters From a Man of Colour"	he served in the Continental Army as a powder boy.
He hired tutors	one of the wealthiest African-Americans of his time.