

Benjamin Banneker

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Accomplishments

Benjamin Banneker taught himself how to read and write. He also wrote a very successful almanac that predicted lunar, solar, and insect patterns. He worked with Andrew Ellicott to survey a new location for the national capital. He also attacked Thomas Jefferson's proslavery act because he owned slaves.

Historically Important

He was historically important because he was the author of an important almanac. Banneker also was a surveyor for the national capital. He also protested against slavery.

Biography

Benjamin Banneker was born November 9th, 1731 in Ellicott's Mills, Maryland. Both of his parents were free, so he never experienced slavery. For a short time he attended a Quaker school, but he was mostly self taught. Banneker died October 25th, 1806 in Baltimore, Maryland.

Influences

His biggest influence was his grandmother. She taught him how to read and write. Andrew Ellicott helped him decide a new capitol location. George Ellicott was also a mathematician who lent him many books.

Sources

- Biography.com

Other Info

Banneker was very interested in astronomy. He also constructed a wooden clock after only having seen one time-piece before.

