

## ALBUM OSCAR JAMES DUNN - UNSUNG HERO OF LOUISIANA

### Album Description

In celebration of Black History month, I wanted to put together an album about an unsung hero of Louisiana. Oscar James Dunn was born enslaved but went on to serve as the Lieutenant Governor of Louisiana from 1868-1870. In 1867, he attempted to integrate New Orleans public schools, and in 1869, he was invited to the White House to meet with President Grant. He was the first African American dignitary to receive an invitation to the White House.

I first learned about Oscar Dunn when I read the new graphic novel *Monumental: Oscar Dunn and His Radical Fight in Reconstruction Louisiana* published by the Historic New Orleans Collection. It is a great read, and I loved that some of the illustrations included primary sources!

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## **THE LAW LIBRARY OF LOUISIANA--OSCAR JAMES DUNN, UNSUNG POLITICIAN**

### **Teaching Notes:**

A brief overview of Louisiana's Oscar James Dunn

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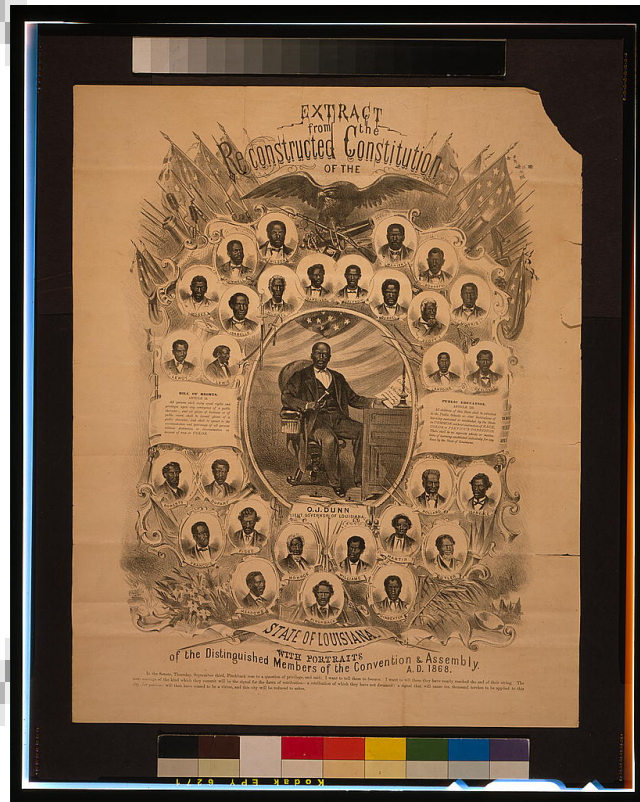
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## **OSCAR JAMES DUNN: A CASE STUDY IN RACE & POLITICS IN RECONSTRUCTION LOUISIANA**

### **Teaching Notes:**

Dissertation by Brian Mitchell that inspired the creation of and served as research for the graphic novel, Monumental

**EXTRACT FROM THE RECONSTRUCTED CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA,  
WITH PORTRAITS OF THE DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE CONVENTION &  
ASSEMBLY, A.D. 1868**



**Reference Link:** <http://www.loc.gov/resource/cph.3g05947/>

**Summary:** Full-length portrait of Oscar J. Dunn, Lieut. Governor of Louisiana, seated at desk, and twenty-nine head-and-shoulders portraits of African American delegates to the Louisiana Constitutional Convention.

**Created / Published:** 1868.

**Subject Headings:** - Dunn, Oscar J

- Reconstruction (U.S. history, 1865-1877)--Louisiana

**Notes:** - Purchase; Old Paper Person; 1991; (DLC/PP-1991:087).

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## GREAT READS FROM GREAT PLACES: HISTORY



AUDIO

**Reference Link:** <https://www.loc.gov/item/webcast-9974/>

**Summary:** Great Reads from Great Places: History features Rebekah Manley, coordinator for the Texas Center for the Book at the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, in conversation with Brian K. Mitchell, co-author of "Monumental: Oscar Dunn and His Radical Fight in Reconstruction Louisiana" (chosen by the Louisiana Center for the Book); Sharon Cameron, author of "The Light in Hidden Places" (chosen by the Tennessee Center for the Book); Tim Johnson, editor of "Marfa for the Perplexed" by Lonn Taylor (chosen by the Texas Center for the Book); Lauren Tarshis, author of "I Survived the Children's Blizzard, 1888" (chosen by the South Dakota Center for the Book); and Preston Love Jr., co-author of "Your Bridge to History" (chosen by the Nebraska Center for the Book).



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### **Teaching Notes:**

Thank you very much. I teach African American History and did not know about this incredible man. I will have to add him to my lessons. I often talk about Booker T. Washington's controversial dinner at the White House in 1901, it is amazing to see such an early example of Presidential courage and respect of an African American leader.