

Afro Edition Timeline and Notes

Source: Farrar, Hayward. *The Baltimore Afro-American 1892-1950*. London: Westport, CT, 1998.

August 13, 1892 – first edition of the *Afro-American*

August 20, 1892 – copies of the oldest existing original editions

January 1, 1900 – *Afro American* merged with *The Ledger*; published under the title *Afro-American Ledger*

1915 – *Afro-American Ledger* title dropped; published under the title *Afro-American*

1931 – *Afro-American Philadelphia Edition* started for local news in Philadelphia

1934 – *Afro-American Washington Edition* started for local news in Washington, DC

1938 – *Richmond Planet* purchased by the board of directors; *Afro* distributed in Richmond, VA

1950 – 11 editions distributed in Baltimore, Richmond, Newark, New York, New England, and other locales

Source: www.afro.com/aboutus.html

Afro-American founded in 1892 by John H. Murphy after merging two church publications: *The Ledger* (owned by George Bragg of Baltimore's St. James Episcopal Episcopal Church) and *The Afro-American* (published by Reverend William Alexander of Sharon Baptist Church, Baltimore)

During the tenure Editor-In-Chief Carl Murphy, who served for 45 years, the *Afro* would at one point circulate 13 editions across the country

Potential Secondary Sources:

To possibly rectify the differences between 11 and 13 editions check out

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