

The Afro-American
13 August 1892 to 30? December 1899
Saturday

Merged with The Ledger after 30? December 1899

The Afro-American Ledger
6? January 1900 to 4 December 1915
Dated Saturday

“Ledger” dropped from name, 11 December 1915

The Afro-American
11 December 1915- 24 April 1943
Name changed to Baltimore Afro-American

13 November 1918: dated Friday; note on masthead: “The Afro is issued Thursday at Six, on sale at news stands Friday Morning”

Two editions published beginning 10 January 1919. Note on masthead (sample from 6 August 1920): “Two Editions: The First edition is out Thursday afternoon. The Last Edition is the City Edition out at Noon Friday.”

Reverted to one edition 3 or 10 September 1920 [tear on front page of 3 September issue, unable to read masthead]. Dated Friday, distributed Thursday.

Called “Star Edition” 3 September 1927 to 25 August 1928.

The “Green Sheet” first noted 14 January 1928; had green printing on front page

When does late city get its name? When get 7 stars?

7 Star edition (Saturday) got its name on 24 November 1934

When does Tuesday 5-star edition begin?

Possibly 2 Feb 1935? That’s when Morgan’s 5 Star holdings begin

When does “Baltimore Af-Am” name start?

1 May 1943 (7 Star). First on 5 Star was 4 May 1943

Notes on editions

Taken from browsing mastheads

Five Star edition:

Five stars on masthead; dated Tuesday; distributed Tuesdays.

Late City edition:

Seven stars; dated Saturday, distributed Fridays. Changed to Blue Streak 10 October 1959. See note, [front page, 10 Oct 1959](#).

Blue Streak edition:

Seven stars; dated Saturday, distributed Fridays. Possibly reverted to Late City edition 22 August 1964--at that point the paper stopped carrying the Blue Streak name, but may still have had the blue border on the front page; it's hard to know since all scans of the paper are black and white. Not a major point either way.

National edition:

Eight or ten stars, probably depending on how widely it was distributed; still a little unclear on this; dated Saturday.

Red Star edition

Washington, DC edition.

Two Star Edition

Three Star Edition

Both dated Saturday, begin to appear in the fall of 1929 (at least according to what's on the Google Afro collection. Called the Pink Sheet in the early 1930s (to differentiate it from the Green Sheet?). Don't know if Google's images are from a compilation of different editions). Note that from September to December 1929 (later?) Google has both the Two Star/Three Star (it varies) and the City Edition, both dated Saturday. The two editions have most of the same stories and photos, but different heads. The 31 August 1929 editions were both called City Edition but likewise had different heads.