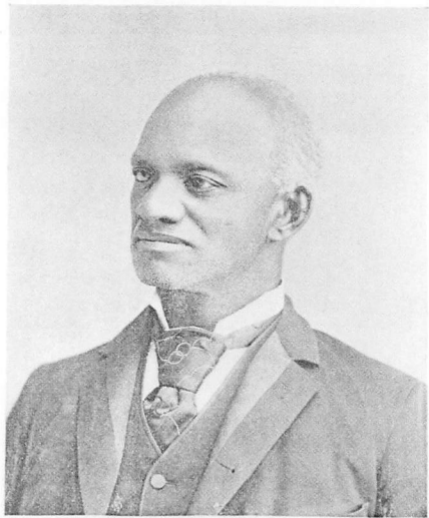


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Isaac Mason "Born a Slave; Died a Leader"

Enslaved and tasked with demanding physical work from early childhood, Isaac Mason escaped bondage and settled in Worcester, Massachusetts. He became a recruiter for the legendary 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Regiment, US Colored Troops. His commitment to community was revealed in his eulogy, "Born a slave; died a leader."

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