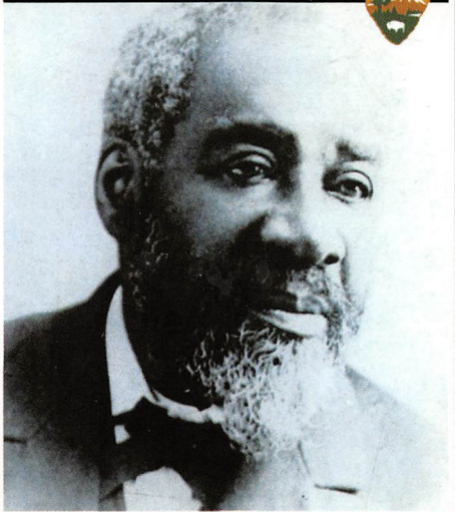


New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park



Samuel Harrison



Reverend Samuel Harrison

54th Massachusetts Infantry

Born: April 15, 1818

Died: August 11, 1900

Rev. Samuel Harrison served as the first Chaplain for the 54th Regiment Massachusetts, being appointed on September 8, 1863. He was instrumental in the fight for equal pay for members of the African American troops in the 54th and 55th regiments through his petitions to Governor Andrew and President Lincoln. He achieved this goal in June 1864 with the troops receiving retroactive pay back to January 1864.

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