

Black History Month



Bessie Coleman

1892-1926

In 1921, Coleman became the first African American and Native American female to earn a pilot's license

"I knew we had no aviators, neither men nor women, and I knew the Race needed to be represented along this most important line, so I thought it my duty to risk my life to learn aviation. The air is the only place free from prejudice."

Because there were no U.S. flight schools open to African Americans, Native Americans or women, Coleman learned French so she could go to an aviation school in France.

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