

Cast of Principal Characters

BLACK UNION WIDOWS

Charlotte Banks (freedwoman, washerwoman)
Mary Lee (freedwoman, washerwoman, cook, and farm laborer)
Louisa Powers (freedwoman [?], farm laborer, domestic)
Fanny Whitney (freedwoman, domestic)

WHITE CLAIMS AGENTS

Augustus Sherrill Seymour (attorney, state senator, judge)
Edward W. Carpenter (attorney, journalist, probate judge)
William L. Palmer (U.S. commissioner, mayor, notary public)
Henry Hall (Confederate veteran, bookseller)
Ethelbert Hubbs (veteran, notary public)

BLACK CLAIMS AGENTS

James D. Barfield (grocer, merchant)
Charles Cox (office worker)
Frederick C. Douglass (teacher, minister, justice of the peace)
Phillip Lee (veteran, grocer, merchant, teacher, minister, justice of the peace,
community leader)
Andrew J. Marshall (veteran, county coroner, minister)
Emanuel Merrick (grocer)
Alfred Small (veteran, minister)

BLACK PROPRIETORS AND MUNICIPAL LEADERS

James Harrison (justice of the peace)
Julia Jackson (officer, National Ex-Slave Mutual Relief, Bounty and Pension
Association)
Robert G. Mosley (grocer, real estate agent, merchant)

Washington Spivey (postmaster, James City)
Merritt Whitely (undertaker)

BLACK ELECTED OFFICIALS

Henry P. Cheatham (Republican, congressman, attorney)
James O'Hara (Republican, congressman, attorney)
George H. White (Republican, congressman, attorney)

WHITE ELECTED OFFICIALS

Charles B. Aycock (Democrat, governor of North Carolina, 1901–5)
Furnifold Simmons (Democrat, U.S. senator, attorney)
Charles Thomas (Democrat, U.S. senator, congressman, attorney)

SPECIAL EXAMINERS FROM WASHINGTON, DC

Emmett D. Gallion (Pennsylvania)
Charles Gilpin (Kentucky)
Thomas Goethe (South Carolina)
W. L. Harris (New York)
C. D. McSorley (New York)
H. P. Maxwell (Tennessee)
William Porter (Massachusetts)
G. H. Ragsdale (?, special agent)
J. O'C. Roberts (Alabama)
I. C. Stockton (Illinois)
Grafton Tyler (West Virginia)

*COMMISSIONERS OF THE U.S. PENSION BUREAU,
WASHINGTON, DC*

John H. Baker (1871–75)
Dr. Henry Van Aernam (1878–82)
J. A. Bentley (1876–1881)
William W. Dudley (1881–84)
John C. Black (1885–89)
Green B. Raum (1889–93)
Julius Lincoln, acting commissioner (1890)
William Lochren (1893–96)
H. Clay Evans (1897–1903)