

Samuel Jesse Battle

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COLOR BARRIER



Samuel Jesse Battle was the first African-American Police Officer- He served in New York. He was known as the one who broke the color barrier.

ONE RIGHTEOUS MAN

SAMUEL BATTLE AND THE SHATTERING
OF THE COLOR LINE IN NEW YORK



Officer Battle was born on January 16, 1883 in North Carolina. His family moved to Connecticut and then to New York. That is where Samuel began studying for the Civil Service Exam.

Officer Battle was sworn in on March 6, 1911. He had a strong impact on the neighborhoods he patrolled. He was recognized for his accomplishment of being the first African-American officer and was respected by everyone.



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Samuel Jesse Battle was on the force during the Harlem Riots of 1935.

Not only was he the first African-American Police Officer, he was also the first African-American Police Sergeant, Lieutenant, and parole commissioner.



Like I said above, Officer Battle was sworn in on March 6, 1911 and he served all the way up to 1941.



Samuel J Battle
died on August 7,
1966.



I chose Samuel Jesse Battle because law enforcement is something close to my heart. I think his story is very interesting and he was very brave and made an impact on breaking any color barriers, and showed the world it does not matter the color of ones skin. He also gained the trust of fellow African-Americans.

He is very inspiring and because of him, there are now many great African-American Police Officers.

