11 Black Inventors You Should Know

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1. Mark E. Dean helped invent the first personal computer for IBM.
2. Madam C. J. Walker, America's first self-made millionaire, invented various hair products.
3. Thomas L. Jennings was the first black person to receive a patent.
4. Dr. Shirley Jackson was the first black woman to graduate from MIT with a Ph.D.
5. Charles Richard Drew developed America's first blood banks.
6. Marie Van Brittan Brown invented and patented the first TV home security system.
7. George Carruthers created ultraviolet camera/spectograph.
8. Dr. Patricia Bath invented the Laserphaco Probe to help with Laser Cataract Surgery.
9. Jan Ernst Matzeliger, invented the automated shoe making machine.
10. Alexander Miles invented safer, automated elevator doors.
11. George Washington Carver used the Peanut to develop products like laundry soap, diesel fuel and different types of plastics.

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