



ALBERT HAMLIN (1881-1912)

Mr. Hamlin was the first and only African American to serve in the state legislature from 1908 until 1910. No other African Americans would serve in the legislature until 1965. He helped start a school in Taft, OK, for disabled children. The school was named Industrial Institute for the Deaf, Blind, and Orphans of the Colored Race. His portrait is displayed at the state capitol.