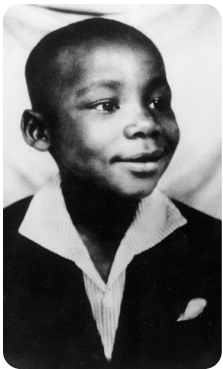




CELEBRATING THE LEGACY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.



The civil rights leader was born Michael King Jr. on January 15, 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia. Five years later, King Sr. would change his name to Martin.

King Jr. was jailed 29 times throughout his life. In 1956, he was jailed in Montgomery, Alabama for driving 30 mph in a 25 mph zone.

1929

1944

1956

A gifted student, King Jr. skipped grades nine and 12 before enrolling at Morehouse College in 1944, at the young age of 15.

King narrowly escaped an assassination attempt a decade before his death. While in Harlem signing copies of his new book, Izola Ware Curry stabbed him in the chest with a seven-inch letter opener.

A leader of all people, King Jr.'s legacy lives on today. George Washington is the only other American to have had his birthday observed as a national holiday.

1958

1968

2020

King's last public speech foretold his death. While speaking in Memphis, King Jr. told the audience: "I'm not concerned about [longevity] now ... I've seen the Promised Land. I may not get there with you."

