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Essential Question: How did Randolph Miller bring attention to the inequalities of segregation?

Randolph Miller was born into slavery in Georgia. He was emancipated On June 9, 1864 when General Sherman's army entered Newton County, Georgia. Miller moved to Chattanooga and found a job operating the printing press for the Chattanooga Gazette. Miller moved to Virginia for a while, but returned to Chattanooga and took a job with the Chattanooga Times. In 1898, Miller started his own newspaper called the Weekly Blade.

As editor, Miller was an outspoken opponent of segregation in Tennessee. In 1905, Tennessee passed a law that segregated public transportation in Tennessee. In response, Miller and other African American leaders in Chattanooga organized a boycott of streetcars. In one of his 1905 editorials Miller said, "*They have taken our part of the library; they have moved our school to the frog pond; they have passed the Jim Crow law; they have knocked us out of the jury box; they have played the devil generally; and what in thunder will they do no one knows.*"

After years of struggle, Miller suffered from poor health which forced him to stop publication of the Weekly Blade. Miller was reported to be eighty-six when he died in 1916.

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