The Little Rock Nine

The Little Rock Nine were the nine African American students who were prevented from attending the all white Central High School in 1957 in Little Rock. During that time, President Dwight Eisenhower sent Federal troops to protect the students and allowed them to integrate the school. To honor their bravery during that crisis, nine statues resembling the students were erected on the Arkansas State Capitol grounds in August 2005. The Little Rock Nine are: Ernest Green, Elizabeth Eckford, Jefferson Thomas, Dr. Terrence Roberts, Carlotta Walls-LaNier, Minnijean Brown-Trickey, Gloria Ray Karlmark, Thelma Mothershed-Wair and Melba Pattillo Beals.

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Abraham Carpenter, Sr. began Carpenter's Produce in 1967 with one acre of land and sold what he raised out of a car on the side of the road. Nearly 40 years later, he has 1,000 acres, 18 wheelers that distribute the produce nationwide, and 35 family members and over 50 employees that work together to run the family business. His son, Abraham Carpenter, Jr., has managed the business since he graduated from high school with top honors. The two have received many awards over the years for their hard work.