

Captain Sir Tom Moore



April 30th, 1920 - February 2nd, 2021 (100 years old)

- Born in Keighley, Yorkshire, England
- Officer in the British Army during WWII, working in Burma.
- After the war, he went home to build houses with his dad.
- Tom married Pamela and had two daughters, Lucy and Hannah.
- To raise money for healthcare workers during the COVID-19 lockdown, Moore set a goal of walking around his garden 100 times.
- Received the Pride of Britain Award, the York Medal, a gold Blue Peter Badge, and the title of Knight Bachelor
- By his 100th birthday, he had raised nearly £40 million!

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Captain_Tom_Moore

Fauja Singh



April 1st, 1911 - Present (112 years old)

- Born in Jalandhar, Punjab, India
- Fauja learned to walk around age 5.
- Moved to England to live near his son at age 81.
- Began running at age 89, running the London Marathon in 2000
- At 93 he ran a marathon in 6 hours and 54 minutes, setting a world record for the 90-plus age bracket
- After the Toronto Waterfront Marathon, he became the first 100-year-old to run a full marathon.
- At 100, he achieved eight world records in the Ontario Masters Association International Meet
- Singh retired from running in 2013 at age 101 after running the Hong Kong marathon

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fauja_Singh#Biography

Mary Walker



1848 - 1969 (121 years old)

- Born in Union Springs, Alabama, Mary was enslaved
- Freed from slavery in 1863 at age 15
- At 20, Mary was married and had her first child.
- She moved to Chattanooga, Tennessee in 1917
- To support her family, she worked as a sharecropper and did odd jobs.
- At 114, she was the last living member of her family.
- Mary enrolled in a literacy course at 116 to learn to read.
- She was certified as America's oldest student by the US Department of Health, Education, and Welfare

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mary_Hardway_Walker

Sarah Louise "Sadie" Delany



September 19, 1889 - January 25, 1999 (109 years old)

- Born in Lynch Station, Virginia
- Raised in Raleigh, North Carolina where her father was Vice Principal of St. Augustine's School
- Growing up, she was best friends with her sister Bessie.
- Sadie and Bessie went to school together, worked together at a farm, and spent lots of time with family.
- During their childhood, they experienced racism living in America after the Civil War.
- In 1916, she moved to New York City to attend Pratt Institute and Columbia University
- She received her Bachelor's degree in education in 1920
- She received her Master's in education in 1925
- She was the first black person permitted to teach domestic science at the high school level in NYC
- She worked with her sister to organize civil rights protests and marches

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sarah_Louise_Delany

Annie Elizabeth "Bessie" Delany



September 3rd 1891 - September 25th 1995

- Born on the campus of St Augustine's School in Raleigh, North Carolina where her father was Vice Principal.
- Growing up, she was best friends with her sister Sadie.
- Sadie and Bessie went to school together, worked together at a farm, and spent lots of time with family.
- During their childhood, they experienced racism living in America after the Civil War.
- In 1918 she moved near her sister in New York City
- She enrolled in Columbia University and earned a dental degree in 1923
- She was the only black female in her graduating class
- Bessie and her brother operated a dental practice together in Harlem, NYC
- With their sister Sadie, the three organized civil rights protests and marches, and encouraged activists to meet at their dental office

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Annie_Elizabeth_Delany

Virginia Oliver



June 6th, 1920 - Present (103 years old)

- Born in Rockland, Maine
- She learned to lobster fish with her father at 8 years old.
- Married another fisherman, Max Oliver and had 4 children
- Virginia and her husband ran a lobster fishing business for 61 years, and 3 of her children became fishermen
- After her husband's death, Virginia continues to fish for lobster with her son Max Jr.
- She is in her 95th season of lobster fishing!

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/2023/06/21/lobster-lady-maine-virginia-oliver/>