

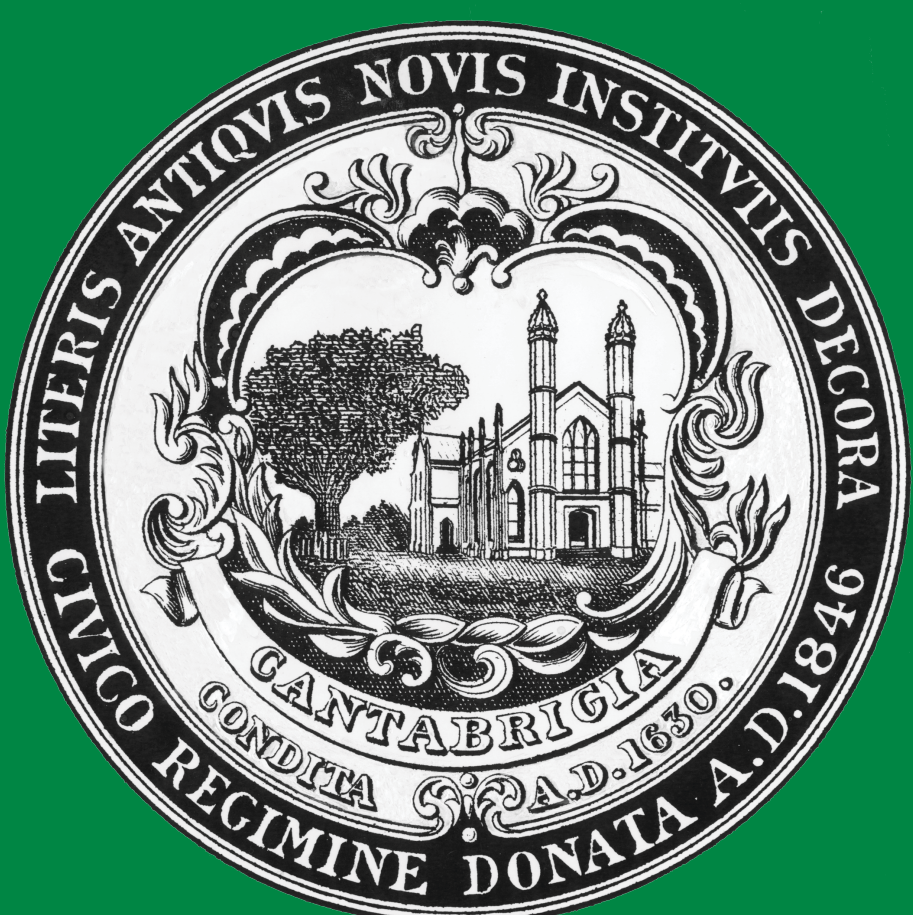
# Cambridge History Museum Presents: **BLACK HISTORY STROLL**

## **GERTRUDE WRIGHT MORGAN**



Gertrude Wright Morgan (1861 - 1931) was born in Springfield, IL. As a young woman, she became the first black female student to attend Springfield's high school – graduating third in her class – and she went on to become a teacher. In 1896, she married Clement G. Morgan, the couple relocated to Cambridge, MA, and the two became active in local social and political circles. Clement Morgan would go on to serve two terms in the forerunner of today's Cambridge City Council (then known as the Cambridge Common Council). The Morgans hosted prominent citizens and civil rights leaders in their home at 265 Prospect Street. The couple were active in the Niagara Movement, and in the founding of the NAACP. Gertrude was a prominent local voice for better city government, and was an activist in the women's suffrage movement. She was president of the Women's Era Club and a member of the board of the Harriet Tubman House. In 1922, she was appointed by Gov. Cox to represent Massachusetts at the dedication of the Frederick Douglass house museum. .”

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