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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Power Couple:

Raymond Pace Alexander
(1897-1974)
Lawyer · Judge · Civil Rights Leader

Sadie Tanner Mossell Alexander
(1898-1989)
Lawyer · Economist · Civil Rights Activist



Raymond Pace Alexander

A native Philadelphian, Raymond Pace Alexander was born in 1897 into a large working class family. His mother died shortly after the birth of his youngest sibling, and Raymond was self-supporting from the age of twelve. He graduated from Central High School in 1917; entered the University of Pennsylvania in the fall of 1917; graduated from the Wharton School in 1920 and from Harvard Law School in June 1923.

He was admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar and entered practice in August 1923, specializing in criminal law. To learn more: Raymond Pace Alexander

Sadie Tanner Mossell Alexander

Born in Philadelphia in 1898, the youngest of three children, Sadie Tanner Mossell Alexander (B.S., 1918; A.M., 1919; Ph.D., 1921; LL.B., 1927) is a member of two distinguished families.

She attended the School of Education at the University of Pennsylvania, graduating in 1918. Following her college graduation, she entered the Graduate School at Penn to study economics. In 1921, she became one of the first three Black women in the U.S. to obtain a Ph.D. To learn more: Sadie Tanner Mossell Alexander

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