



Prince Hall Shrinedom in Georgia.

Prince Hall Masonic Leadership

- Dobbs became a member of the Prince Hall Masons in 1911, a foundational step in his fraternal, civic, and community leadership work.
- In 1932 he was elected Grand Master of the Prince Hall Masons for Georgia, a position he *held for the rest of his life*. This leadership role elevated his influence in Black civic life in Atlanta and across Georgia.

Prince Hall Shrine (AEAONMS) Connection

- Records from the Prince Hall Shriners' (Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine, AEAONMS) Desert of Georgia history list John Wesley Dobbs (#128) as a Past Imperial Deputy (PP) — meaning he served as an overall Shrine *desert-level officer*—in 1947.
 - In Shrine terminology, *Imperial Deputy* (or *Past Potentate / Past Deputy of the Desert*) is a high administrative office within a jurisdiction and indicates that Dobbs held formal leadership within

Additional Shrine-Affiliated Roles (Reported in Local Masonic History)

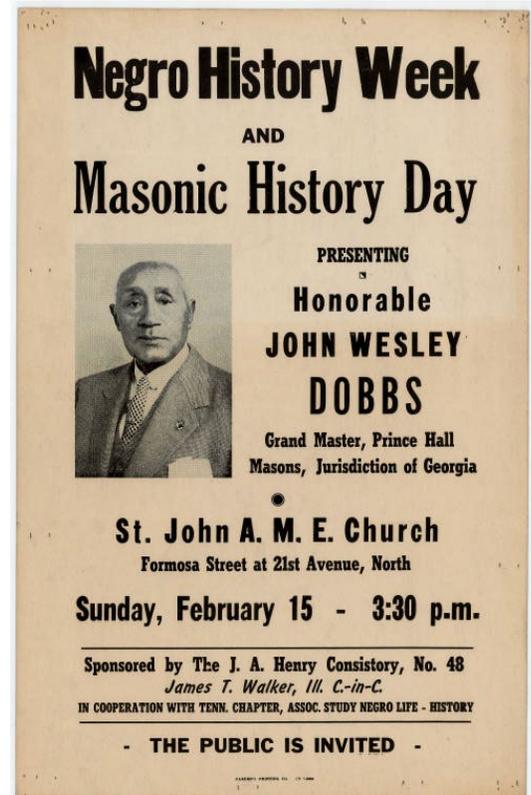
- A Masonic history source notes that Dobbs *served as Potentate of Nabbar Temple #128 Shriners and Deputy of the Desert of the A.E.A.O.N.M.S. for Georgia* — positions consistent with senior Shrine leadership — along with other high Prince Hall and Scottish Rite offices.
 - Nabbar Temple #128 is a Prince Hall Shrine Temple historically based in Georgia (Shrine temples are the local constituent units of the AEAONMS).

Significance of His Shrine Involvement

- His leadership roles in both Prince Hall Masonry and the Prince Hall Shriners would have intersected with many of his civic and community efforts — especially in development of fraternal institutions that supported African American social, political, and charitable life in mid-20th-century Georgia.
- The Prince Hall Shriners historically focused on fellowship and charitable work within the Black community, parallel to but organizationally distinct from the broader Prince Hall Masonic lodges.

Legacy

Dobbs died on August 30, 1961, the same day Atlanta schools were desegregated. His legacy endured through institutions named after him and through the political careers of his descendants, such as his grandson Maynard Jackson, Atlanta's first Black mayor.



Summary: Dobbs' Shrine Leadership Credentials

- ✓ Prince Hall Mason (initiated 1911)
- ✓ Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons in Georgia (1932–1961)
- ✓ Prince Hall Shriner — Past Imperial Deputy (Desert of Georgia) recorded circa 1947
- ✓ Reported Potentate of Nabbar Temple #128 Shriners in Atlanta area

This places Dobbs among the *most prominent Prince Hall Masonic and Shrine leaders in mid-20th-century Georgia*, with roles both ceremonial and administrative within the black fraternal tradition.