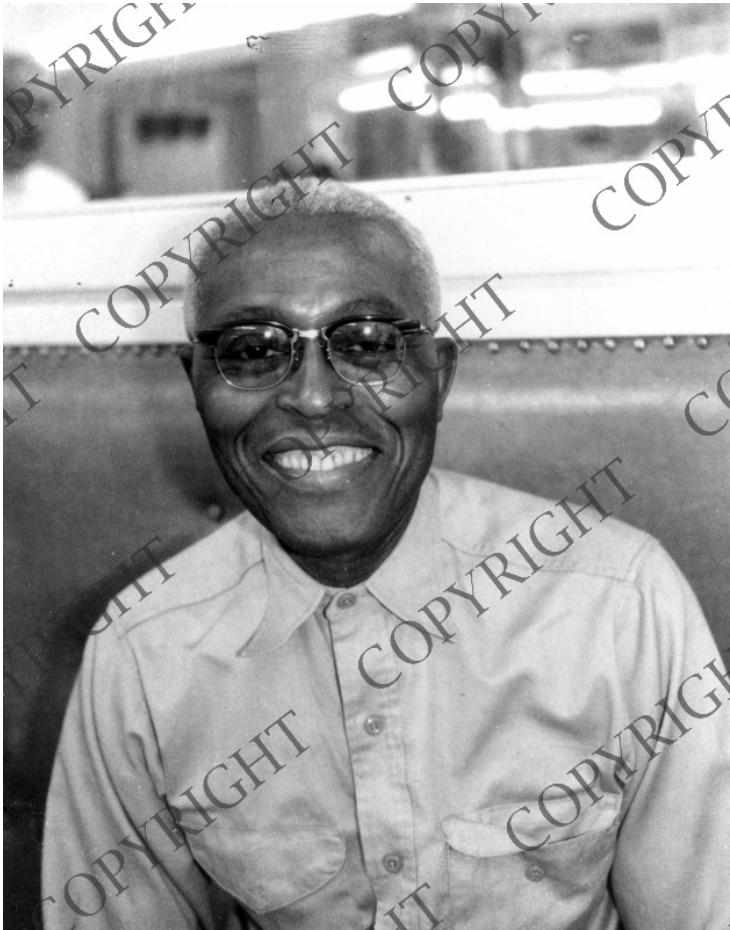


# Portrait of Robert Brown



## Description

Head-and-shoulders portrait of Robert Brown, an African American gentleman who shined President Harry S. Truman's shoes at Frank Spina's barbershop. The photo was taken during an interview by noted writer Merle Miller for the Truman television adaptation of his book "Plain Speaking" which appeared on the Public Broadcasting System in 1976.

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8x10 inches (21x26 cm)      Black & White

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