





BLACK HISTORY MOMENT



Littleton P. Mitchell



Littleton Purnell Mitchell (Lit as he was known) attended Milford Colored School until 8th grade and then attended Howard High School. For college, he attended West Chester University on a track scholarship. He was a member of the Tuskegee Airmen during World War II. After being discharged from the army, he returned to college to finish his degree in Physical Education. He later continued his education at the University of Delaware and Temple University, for Special Education. He spent his entire career as a teacher and counselor for emotionally troubled youth at the Governor Bacon Health Center. He was the first African – American in Delaware to teach white students.

Lit got involved with the Milford branch of the NAACP at the age of 12 and as an adult, became the Vice President and then President of the Wilmington branch of the NAACP. He was heavily involved with many other community, state, and national organizations. The Mitchell Center for African American Heritage at the Delaware Historical Society is named after Lit and his wife, Jane. ([UD Finding Aid](#))



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