

Ignatius Sancho

Ignatius Sancho was born enslaved on a slave ship, but who ran away to freedom. His portrait was painted by Thomas Gainsborough, the leading portrait painter of the day, at his studio in the Circus in 1768. Sancho was also the first recorded black person to vote in England. Posthumously his published letters were influential in the anti-slavery campaigns of the late 18th and early 19th century.



Portrait of Ignatius Sancho by Thomas Gainsborough