



# Historic Hopper Academy Children's Activity Guide



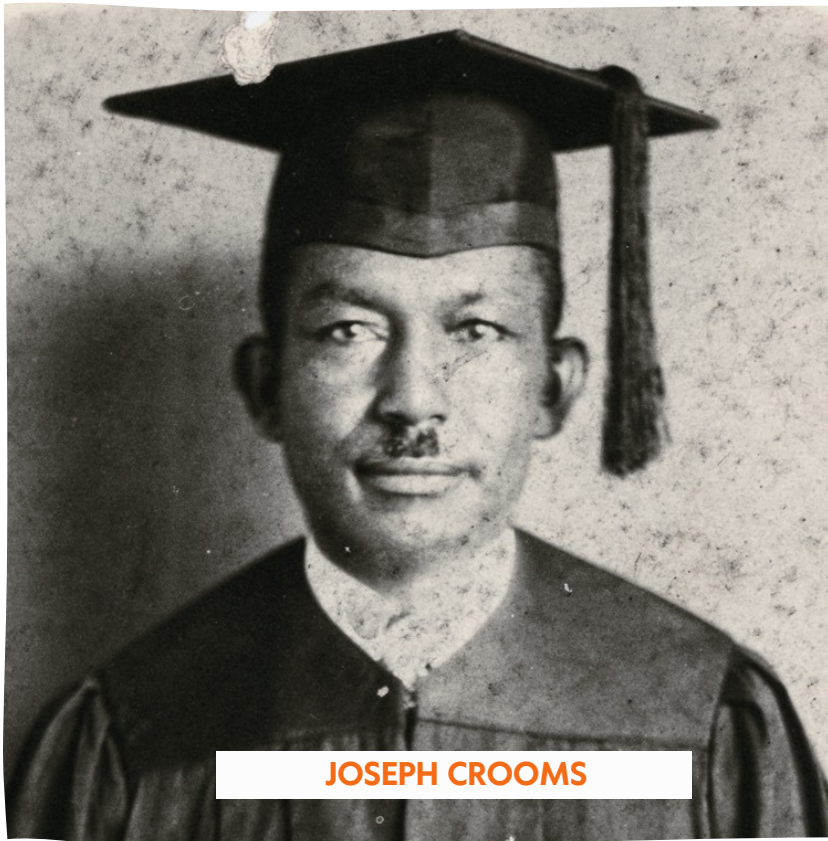
# WELCOME!

Welcome to the Georgetown History  
Harvest hosted at the Historic  
Hopper Academy.

With this guide, you can learn more  
about Hopper Academy and those  
who've come through its doors.

Let's Go!!!





## Meet the founder

**Joseph Nathaniel Crooms** was born on June 17, 1880.  
He was passionate about education.

In 1906, with the help of the community, Joseph built a two-story wooden building during his first year as principal at "Colored School No. 11."

Joseph renamed the school Hopper Academy.  
Today the building sits where Joseph built it on 1101 S. Pine Ave. He also built and was the principal of Crooms Academy.



## Hopper Academy's History

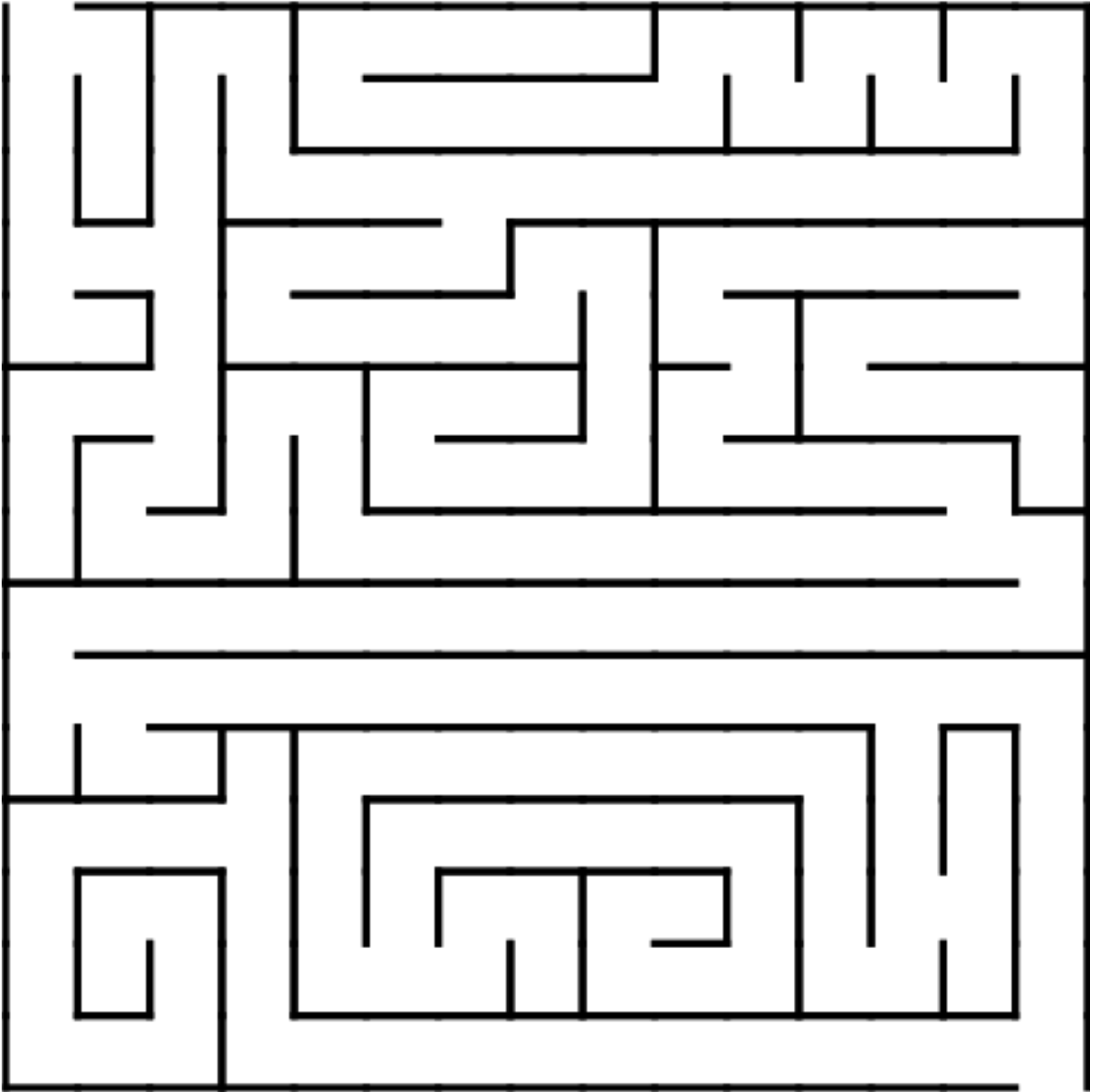
**Before Hopper Academy was built and named, it was known as "Colored School No. 11."**

**Hopper Academy was a school for Black children grades 1 through 8 in Georgetown and Sanford during segregation. It was one of the only schools for Black children in Florida.**

**Now, it is part of the Florida Black History Heritage Trail and was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2015.**



Help "Johnny from Georgetown" get  
to Hopper Academy on the first day  
of school.



Good  
JOB!!





**WEALTHY CROOMS**



**LAURA FRAZIER**

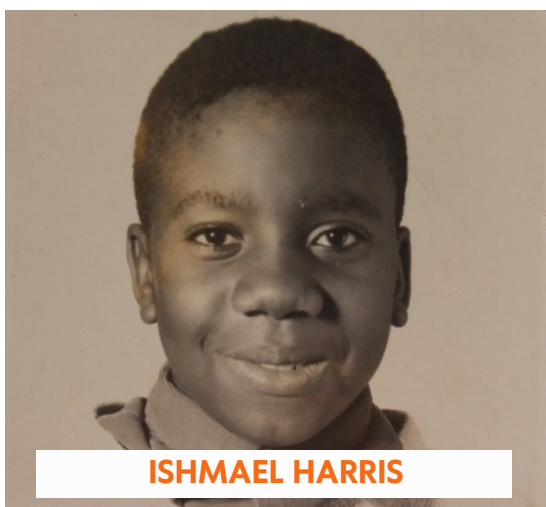
## **Hopper Academy's Educators**

**Wealthy Mabel Richardson Crooms** was the wife of Joseph Nathaniel Crooms. She served as assistant principal and teacher for Hopper Academy and Crooms Academy for 45 years.

**Laura G Frazier** was a teacher at Hopper Academy in the 1960s.



**INGRID NATHAN**



**ISHMAEL HARRIS**



## Hopper Academy's Students

Hopper Academy taught hundreds of Black students. Many went on to do great things!

**Ingrid Nathan and Ishmael Harris** both started Hopper Academy in 1956.

**Ingrid** integrated Seminole County Public Schools in 1964 as the first Black student at Sanford Middle School. Now she has a building named after her at the school.

**Ishmael** graduated from Crooms Academy in 1968 and went on to fight in the Vietnam War. Ishmael integrated Florida Power and Light in Central Florida as one of the first Black electricians in 1971.

# Hopper Academy Word Search

Can you find the words hidden in  
the puzzle?



C	G	B	A	C	K	P	A	C	K	L	C
G	E	L	P	B	I	R	I	M	S	I	L
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# MY GEORGETOWN MEMORIES

Collecting history starts with you! Fill out this form and save it!  
You can look back on it when you are a grown up!

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ I am \_\_\_\_\_ years old.

I live in \_\_\_\_\_ Today's date is \_\_\_\_\_

I am excited about \_\_\_\_\_

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## FAVORITES:

My Favorite Food

My Favorite Color

Game to Play

My Favorite  
Place to go

My Favorite book  
or TV show

# SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



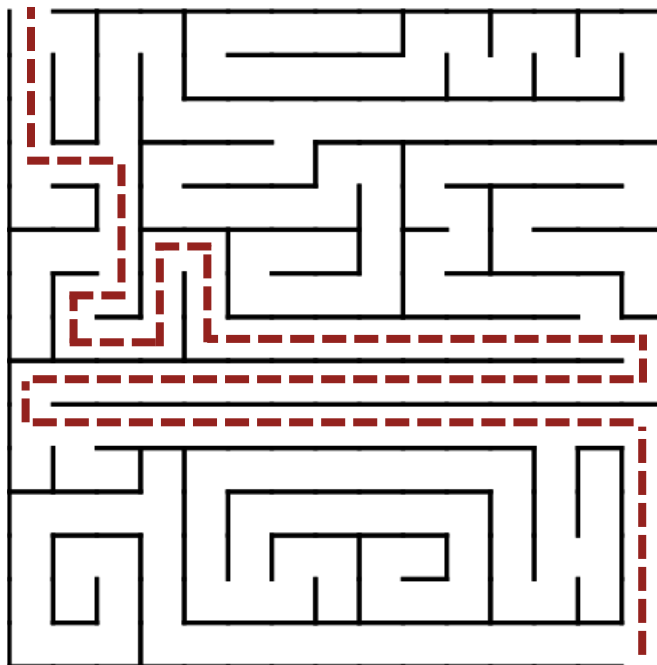
Image of Sanford Fire Dept  
displaying their ladder truck in  
the early 1960's at Hopper.

Look at the original  
image (TOP) and spot the  
differences between the  
bottom image.

Can you find all 7  
differences?



# KEYS



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People in your neighborhood have  
made history. You can too!

Dream big and stay in school.

