**Black Legislators After the Civil War**

**Questions (work):**

1. Who are the men in the six photos? See the photo captions for more information.
2. When did they serve? What counties did they represent? See the photo captions for more information.
3. Look up the six legislators from the photos. What did you learn about them? Were you able to find a lot of information about their lives? If no, why do you think there is so little information about them?
4. Only one of these six legislators, John Gray Lucas (Photo 5), has his own Encyclopedia of Arkansas entry. Read it here: <https://encyclopediaofarkansas.net/entries/john-gray-lucas-1700/>. What does Lucas’s biography tell us about the experience of black legislators in Arkansas after the Civil War?
5. If possible, research the population of the counties that these six legislators represented at the time when they served (1870s, 1880s, early 1890s). Who lived in those counties at the time? Who voted in those counties?
6. Research the history of black legislators in the United States and especially in the South after the Civil War. Why did Arkansas not have a single black state legislator for 80 years (from 1893 to 1973)?