Henry Ethelbert Sigismund Reeves was born on November 16, 1882 in Author’s Town, San Salvador in the Bahamas. He was one of nine of children. As a young boy Henry served an apprenticeship at The Nassau Guardian, the island’s leading newspaper. He attended public schools in Nassau and was tutored privately in University Studies.

In 1910 Henry Reeves married Rachel Cooper and they had seven children, two of whom died in infancy. In 1919 Henry Reeves left the Bahamas in route to New York via Miami, to purchase equipment to start his own printing business in the Bahamas. The Magic Printing Company was formed by Henry Reeves and his partners.

Reeves started a newspaper called The Miami Sun, but after a few months was forced to stop publishing operations due to a shortage of newsprint caused by World War 1. In September 1923, Henry E. S. Reeves published the first issue of The Miami Times. His son Garth followed in his footsteps and became publisher of The Miami Times. Garth Reeves retired in 1994 and handed the reins to the third generation of the Reeve’s family, Rachel Reeves, Garth’s daughter and Henry E. S. Reeve’s granddaughter. Henry Reeves still remains Publisher Emeritus.

Henry Reeves received accolades from Variety Children’s hospital, the Florida State Teacher’s Association, and the National conference of Christians and Jews. He was an ordained Episcopalian deacon and an assistant minister at the Church of Incarnation. Henry Ethelbert Sigismund Reeves died December 11, 1970 at the age of eighty-eight.

Thank you Henry E. S. Reeves for giving a voice of over eighty years to the African American Community through the Miami Times.