

Washington A. Martin

“Invented the Lock in 1889 & 1890”

“in 1889, W. A. Martin, African American inventor, patented the lock. This device was an improvement over the 4000-year-old bolt invented by the Chinese.

Martin's lock consisted of a cylinder and spiral spring, coiled around a metal pin. It was the forerunner of modern door locks.

The Patent number is #407,738 7/23/1889”

Source: African American Registry

Information Link:

<https://aaregistry.org/story/black-inventor-patents-first-lock-improvement-in-4000-years/>

Patent Links:

Patent - 1889

<https://patents.google.com/patent/US407738A/en?q=US407738>

Patent - 1890

<https://patents.google.com/patent/US443945A/en?q=US443945>