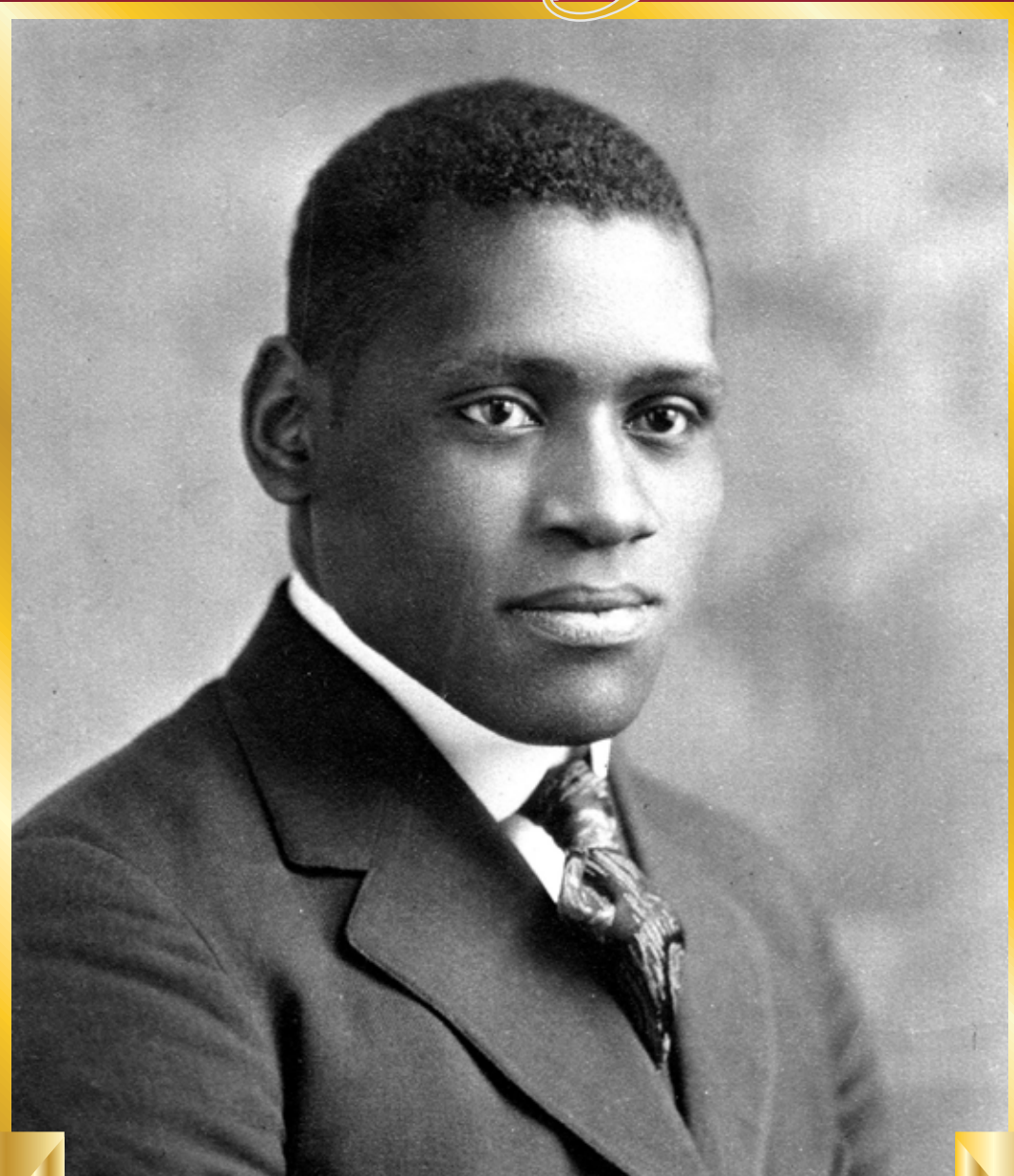


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**Paul Robeson**



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- ★ Paul Robeson was an actor, athlete, lawyer, linguist, humanist, scholar, singer and advocate for Civil Rights and peace—and he grew up in Somerville...
- ★ Paul's father, a former slave, preached at the St. Thomas AME Church on Davenport St.— also said to be an Underground Railroad site.
- ★ The Robesons lived at 81 West Cliff St. Their house is gone, but a bronze plaque on the wall of the Somerville Middle School Gym marks the site.
- ★ Paul graduated from Somerville High School in 1915. His classes were in the old building, now the Somerville Public Schools Administrative Headquarters located off West Cliff St.

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