

1096-01-1949 **Idris Stovall*** (istovall@math.upenn.edu), Department of Mathematics, David Rittenhouse Laboratory, 209 South 33rd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104-6395. *The Influence of John Robert Kline on African-American Mathematics*. Preliminary report.

John Robert Kline (1891–1955) was a professor of mathematics at the University of Pennsylvania from the years 1920 to 1955. During that time he supervised 19 Ph.D. theses. It turns out that three of his Ph.D. students were African-American. They are Dudley Weldon Woodard in 1928, who is also the second African-American to receive a Ph.D in mathematics. The third one ever is another student of Kline’s, William Waldron Shieffelin Claytor in 1933. Kline’s last African-American student was George Hench Butcher, Jr. in 1955. All three of them went on to play major leadership roles in the Mathematics department at Howard University. (Received September 16, 2013)