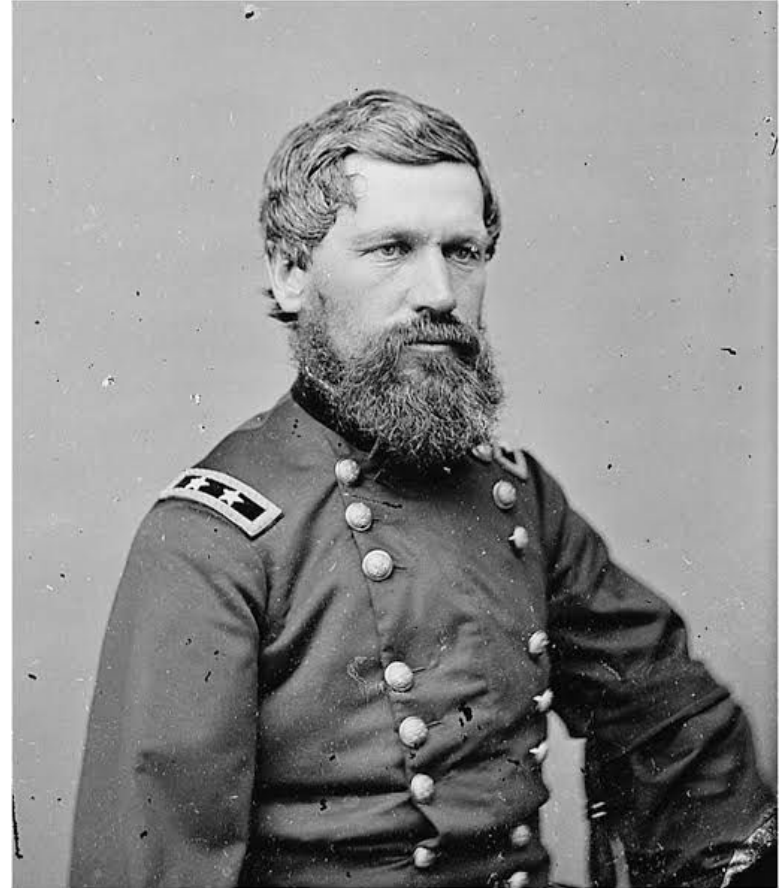# Howard University

Washington, DC

Founding of Howard

- Howard was founded on March 2, 1867
- Founder: Oliver Otis Howard (Union general in the Civil War and director of the Freedmen's Bureau)
- Why? Give education and encourage newly emancipated African Americans post-Civil War

Why was Howard important for the Black community?

- Most African Americans at the time were devoted to vocational education
- Howard at the time provided education in social sciences, physical sciences, fine arts, and the law - something different for that time period
- This was not common for people in the late 1800s

Howard Today

- Howard is regarded as highly prestigious today - current enrollment of about 11k from across all 50 US states
- Largest gathering of Black scholars in the world