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**ALICE ALLISON DUNNIGAN: Journalist, civil rights activist and author**

**Alice Allison Dunnigan (April 27, 1906-May 6, 1983)** was an African-American journalist, civil rights activist and author. Dunnigan was the first [African-American](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/African-American) female correspondent to receive [White House](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/White_House) credentials,[[5]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alice_Allison_Dunnigan#cite_note-WIK-5) and the first black female member of the [Senate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/US_Senate) and [House of Representatives](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/US_House_of_Representatives) press galleries. She wrote an autobiography entitled *Alice A. Dunnigan: A Black Woman's Experience*.[[5]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alice_Allison_Dunnigan#cite_note-WIK-5) She is commemorated by an official Kentucky Historical Society marker.[[6]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alice_Allison_Dunnigan#cite_note-6)

Alice chronicled the decline of [Jim Crow](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jim_Crow_laws) during the 1940s and 1950s, which influenced her to become a civil rights activist.[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alice_Allison_Dunnigan#cite_note-James-3) She was inducted into the Kentucky Hall of Fame in 1982.[[7]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alice_Allison_Dunnigan#cite_note-Kleber-7)

During her time as a reporter, she became the first black journalist to accompany a president while traveling, covering [Harry S. Truman](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harry_S._Truman)'s [1948 campaign trip](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1948_United_States_presidential_election).[[7]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alice_Allison_Dunnigan#cite_note-Kleber-7)

In 2022, the [White House Correspondents' Association](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/White_House_Correspondents%27_Association) created the Dunnigan-Payne Lifetime Achievement Award in memory of Dunnigan and fellow White House reporter [Ethel Payne](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ethel_L._Payne).[[8]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alice_Allison_Dunnigan#cite_note-auto-8)

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