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### **Martha Lum (1915-?)**

b. Bolivar County, Mississippi

*Gong Lum v. Rice* (1927)

**Do You Know?** Martha Lum was only nine years old when her case went to court.

**What:** Martha Lum's family sued the Board of Trustees after their daughter was told she could not attend an all-white public school.

**Decision:** The Supreme Court unanimously ruled in favor of the Board of Trustees, stating that there were colored schools where Martha Lum could attend.

**Today:** All children regardless of ethnic background are able to attend any school they wish.