



Black inventor and self-taught engineer Gerald “Jerry” Lawson was one of the few Black engineers of his time; yet, he was almost left out of the tome of gaming history. With his work on the **Fairchild Channel F Console**, Jerry was the first to innovate the use of **interchangeable cartridges** in consumer gaming consoles, changing the landscape of the gaming industry as we know it. Jerry Lawson and his work on the Fairchild Channel F changed the face of the gaming **industry**. After the Channel F console, many companies followed Lawson’s **ingenuity** to create systems with cartridge-based games. Many gaming companies like Nintendo, Sega, Atari, PlayStation, and Xbox have benefited from a **format** that extended the life of their gaming consoles. None of this modern-day success would have been possible if it wasn’t for Jerry Lawson.