

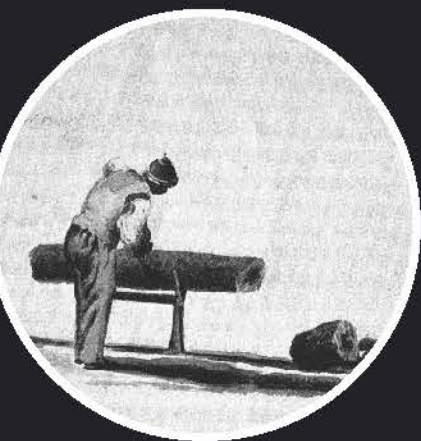
AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH 2021

BLACK HISTORY MATTERS



Mathieu daCosta in Nova Scotia with French explorers deMonts & Champlain (first record of a Black man in the region now called Canada).

1605^{CA}



3500 free Black Loyalists arrive in Nova Scotia: the first major group of Black settlers in the province of Nova Scotia.

1783

Canada's first race riot in Shelburne, Nova Scotia.

1784

About 1200 Black Loyalists leave Nova Scotia for Sierra Leone, Africa, in response to unfair treatment and hardships, they founded Freetown.

1792



Around 550 Maroons from Jamaica arrive in Halifax.

1796

Many Maroons were removed from Nova Scotia and sent to Sierra Leone in Africa.

1800

Approximately 2000 Black Chesapeake Bay refugees from the War of 1812 arrive in Nova Scotia.

1813-1815

95 Chesapeake Bay migrants relocate to Trinidad & settle there to live.

1821



Britain officially abolishes African Chattel Slavery in entire British Colonial Empire.

1833

African United Baptist Association, officially organized, many churches were established around the province that exist today.

1854



William Hall of Horton's Bluff awarded Order of Victoria Cross, first Canadian sailor and first Black person to achieve this honour.

1857

1916-1918

No. 2 Construction Battalion was formed during WWI. Canada's first and only all Black military regiment.



1918

Gloucester Bay UNIA (United Negro Improvement Assoc.) Hall was built, founded by Marcus Garvey and is the only one still in existence in Canada.

1920

Hundreds of Caribbean migrant workers venture to Nova Scotia to settle in Cape Breton to work in steel factories and coal mines.

1945

The N.S. Association for the Advancement of Coloured People (NSAACPP) founded.

1954

Legal segregation of schools ended in N.S.



1969

The Black United Front of Nova Scotia, a provincial organization, begins operation.

1983

Black Cultural Centre for Nova Scotia opens in Cherry Brook, N.S.

1984

Daurene Lewis is voted in as Mayor of Annapolis, the first Black female mayor in Canada.



1990

Donald H. Oliver becomes African N.S. Senator in Canada.

1993

Wayne Adams elected first Black cabinet member in N.S. provincial politics.

1997

Gordon Earle becomes first Black N.S. elected as a member of Parliament in Canada.



2006

Mayann E. Francis of Whitney Pier, Cape Breton is appointed Lt. Governor of Nova Scotia, the first Black woman in history.

2018

Bank of Canada Releases – Bank note in recognition of Civil Rights Leader and entrepreneur Viola Desmond.



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