

Step Up YEG



About Step Up YEG

Our mission is to use education to take action against racial injustices within our community and around the world.



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mission!



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*Historical
Black
Canadians
You Should
Know*





Rosemary Brown

1956- Rosemary helped found the British Columbia Association for the Advancement of Coloured People, which helped open up housing and employment for Black people.
1972- she became the first black woman to sit in the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia.



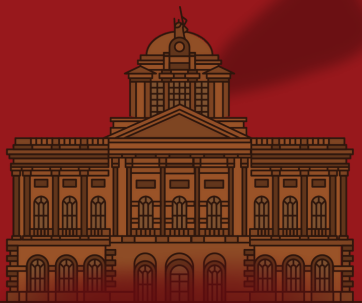
Carrie Best

Carrie was a co-founder of *The Clarion*, which was one of the first Black owned newspaper. She challenged segregation herself by sitting in the Whites-only section at a theatre. She made use of her platform by advocating for Black & Indigenous rights.



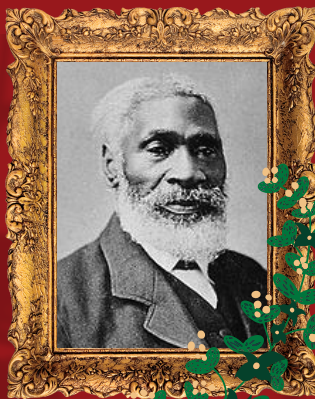
Mary Ann Shadd

Mary Ann was the first black woman to become a publisher in North America and the first woman in Canada. She initially came to Canada when slaves from America were escaping to freedom using the Underground Railroad.



Josiah Henson

Josiah Henson founded a settlement and labourer's school for other fugitive slaves. He played a key role in the growth of the fugitive enslaved community in Canada. He in fact created a self-sufficient community for them. He also conducted many excursions back to Kentucky to guide more of the enslaved to freedom.



Willie O'Ree

Willie O'Ree was the first black player in the National Hockey League. His debut was made with the Boston Bruins in the 1957-58 season. Then, Willie spent the rest of his years playing in the Western Hockey League.



Resources

- <https://bcblackhistory.ca/rosemary-brown/>
- <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Josiah-Henson>
- <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/carrie-best>
- <https://www.cbc.ca/news2/interactives/black-history-month/>

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