

## LET'S PUT BLACK HISTORY INTO WATERLOO REGION'S NEW MUSEUM!

Help us make sure this area's Black heritage is vibrantly represented.

### *Did You Know??*

Then:

- Waterloo Region was in the north end of the Underground Railroad.
- 2,000+ Blacks lived here in the 1840s.
- Blacks settled in some areas of Waterloo Region before Whites.
- Canada's first Black lawyer practiced in Kitchener in the 1850s.
- 4 Waterloo Region roads are named after Black settlers from the 1800s.

Now:

- Blacks are Kitchener's the largest visible minority.
- Famous area Blacks: Boxer Lennox Lewis, DJ Master T, the late musician Mel Brown.
- 4 major Black organizations exist here.
- Celebrate Black culture at the annual AfroFest and Link Picnic!



### *How You Can Help*

1. Help us find objects to display in the new museum about our local Black history.
2. Look for proof of history: tools, photos, books, furniture (original or reproductions).
3. Fill out the Exhibition Information sheet on our website.
4. If you have 19th century ancestors, record their stories.
5. Tell us your family's immigration stories from 1960 forward.

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