

# VOICES OF FREEDOM PARK

The diverse voices of people of African descent. Their stories, experiences & journeys. All told in the heart of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

**Voices of Freedom** is an experiential art installation celebrating our rich Black history, designed to engage, educate, and challenge.

[vofpark.org](http://vofpark.org)



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PARK NOW OPEN

# Walking Tour App Coming July 2019

The park celebrates Niagara-on-the-Lake's rich Black history, and will explore the following four key areas.

## Voices of the Enslaved

In 1793, Chloe Cooley was forcibly taken across the Niagara River to be sold. Days later the Legislative Assembly heard accounts of Chloe's violent resistance. Her screams served as a catalyst for legislation to abolish slavery in Upper Canada.

## Voices of the Black Loyalists

After the American Revolution, Black Loyalists like Richard Pierpoint received grants in Niagara for their military service. Pierpoint continued to defend the Niagara Frontier and his new freedom by petitioning for a Corps of "Coloured Men" during the War of 1812.

## Voices of the Freedom-Seekers

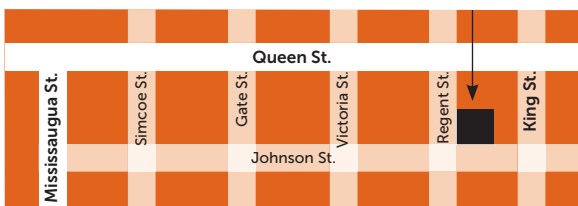
With slavery abolished in Canada by 1834, freedom-seekers fled to Niagara. Solomon Moseby fled to Niagara, only to be arrested for a crime charged by his master in Kentucky. This affair sparked support for Moseby and outrage over the extradition of freedom-seekers.

## Voices of the Black Community

Black settlers have established deep roots in Niagara. One longstanding family of mixed African roots was the Waters family. Members of the Waters family fought in the War of 1812, owned businesses, and served in local government.

The park is now open and is located 1 block behind Queen Street, at the corner of Regent and Johnson Streets

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