



Heritage Day 2020 Honouree: The Community of Africville

On the shores of the Bedford Basin, on the northern edge of peninsular Halifax, lies Africville. For over 150 years, Africville was home to the hundreds of individuals and families who settled there, some of whom could trace their roots in Nova Scotia back to the late 1700s.

There were stores, a school, a post office and the Seaview United Baptist Church, which was Africville's spiritual and social centre. Africville was a vibrant, self-sustaining community that thrived despite the harshest opposition.

Public Library Resources:

The list of materials below, including books, videos and other resources, are available through public libraries across Nova Scotia. Please consult your local public library for further resources that are available - <http://publiclibraries.ns.ca>



NON-FICTION

Africville: The Life and Death of a Canadian Black Community / Donald H. Clairmont and Dennis William Magill. Toronto: Canadian Scholars' Press, 1999.

Africville: A Spirit That Lives On / A collaboration of the Art Gallery, Mt. St. Vincent University, the Africville Genealogy Society, the Black Cultural Centre for Nova Scotia and the National Film Board. Halifax, N.S.: The Art Gallery, Mt. St. Vincent University, c1989.

The Hermit of Africville: The Life of Eddie Carvery / Jon Tattrie. East Lawrencetown, N.S.: Pottersfield Press, 2010.

Nova Scotia's Lost Communities: The Early Settlements That Helped Build the Province / Joan Dawson. Halifax, Nova Scotia: Nimbus Publishing, 2018.

Razing Africville: A Geography of Racism / Jennifer J. Nelson. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, c2008.

Righting Canada's Wrongs - Africville: An African Nova Scotian Community Is Abolished and Fights Back / Gloria Ann Wesley. Toronto: J. Lorimer & Co., c2019.

The Spirit of Africville / selected and edited by the Africville Genealogy Society; with contributions by Donald Clairmont ... [et al.]. Halifax, N.S.: Formac Pub., c2010.

FICTION

Africville My Home / Leslie Carvery. [Halifax, NS]: Leslie Carvery, c2016

Africville: A Novel. by Colvin, Jeffrey. Canada : HarperCollins, 2019.

Big town: a novel of Africville / Stephens Gerard Malone. Halifax, N.S.: Nimbus Publishing, c2011.

Consecrated Ground: A Play / George Elroy Boyd. Winnipeg: Blizzard, 1999.



CHILDREN/YOUTH

Africville / Shauntay Grant; pictures by Eva Campbell. Toronto: Groundwood Books/House of Anansi Press, 2018.

Africville: an African Nova Scotian community is abolished and fights back / Gloria Ann Wesley. Toronto: J. Lorimer & Co., c2019.

The Children of Africville / Christine Welldon. Halifax, NS: Nimbus Pub., c2013.

Last days in Africville / Dorothy Perkyns. Vancouver: Beach Holme Pub., 2003.

VIDEO / AUDIO

Africville [videorecording (DVD)]: Can't Stop Now. [Dartmouth, N.S.]: Africville Productions, c2009.

Africville suite [sound recording] / Joe Sealy. Toronto: Sea Jam, p1996.

Remember Africville [videorecording] / National Film Board of Canada. [Montreal]: NFB (English Program, Atlantic Centre), 1991. https://www.nfb.ca/film/remember_africville/

ONLINE RESOURCES

Nova Scotia Heritage Day - <https://heritageday.novascotia.ca/>

Africville Museum - <https://africvillemuseum.org/>

Nova Scotia Archives – Gone but Never Forgotten: Bob Brooks' Photographic Portrait of Africville in the 1960s - <https://novascotia.ca/archives/africville/>

Nova Scotia Museum – African Nova Scotians
<https://museum.novascotia.ca/resources/african-nova-scotians>

Africville Genealogy Society - <http://africville.ca/society/>

Black Loyalist Heritage Centre - <https://blackloyalist.novascotia.ca/>

Halifax Municipal Archives – Remembering Africville: Source Guide
<https://www.halifax.ca/about-halifax/municipal-archives/source-guides/africville-sources>

Canadian Museum of Human Rights - <https://humanrights.ca/story/the-story-of-africville>

Black Nova Scotia: Touring a community that's been here longer than 150 years
<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/life/travel/black-nova-scotia-touring-a-community-thats-been-here-longer-than-150-years/article35472341/>

Halifax Public Libraries – A Mini-Guide to Africville Resources at the Library
<https://www.halifaxpubliclibraries.ca/blogs/post/a-mini-guide-to-africville-resources-at-the-library/>

Africville Story Map – created by the ENRICH Project - <https://arcg.is/1Lu01a>

Africville – The Canadian Encyclopedia - <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/africville>

