

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

KING HERITAGE & CULTURAL CENTRE

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HIDDEN FIGURES

It is a misconception that Black history in King is a recent one. Black settlers have lived in King for almost 200 years. Some have stood out and been prominent community members, such as Walter and Benjamin Rolling. Others remain shrouded in time, with only their names or faces known to us. But they were still important members of our community, worth remembering.

One reason for this is black and white images mixed with viewer bias. It is often assumed that when looking at historical images from this area that all of the people in them, were white. We have found that not to be the case. Look to the images on the top right. Can you tell what races the people are? Now look to the bottom image - where you right?

By taking a deeper look at the images in our archives, and by attempting to remove our bias, we can learn more about our community and the hidden figures within.



Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation
Walter Rolling	35	M	Black	Farmer
Benjamin Rolling	32	M	Black	Farmer
John Rolling	28	M	Black	Farmer
Mary Rolling	25	F	Black	Farmer
James Rolling	22	M	Black	Farmer
Elizabeth Rolling	20	F	Black	Farmer
William Rolling	18	M	Black	Farmer
Anna Rolling	15	F	Black	Farmer
John Rolling	12	M	Black	Farmer
Mary Rolling	10	F	Black	Farmer
James Rolling	8	M	Black	Farmer
Elizabeth Rolling	6	F	Black	Farmer
William Rolling	4	M	Black	Farmer
Anna Rolling	2	F	Black	Farmer

CONTINUING YOUR SEARCH

Some figures are not found in pictures, they're found in words. This is a page from the 1871 census with the Jackson Family of King. This family is missing from our archives, but yet here they are. All we know are their names, ages and the fact that they were black. We would love to know more, wouldn't you?