



## LINCOLN ALEXANDER *NOTABLE CANADIANS*

Lincoln Alexander was a lawyer, Member of Parliament, cabinet minister and war veteran, but he is perhaps best known as the former lieutenant governor of Ontario. Alexander was the first person from a visible minority to take on the role, and the first black Member of Parliament in Canadian history.

Following his tenure as lieutenant governor, Alexander served as chancellor of the University of Guelph for 16 years. In 2006, he was named the 'Greatest Hamiltonian of All Time' by readers of the Hamilton Spectator.

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## **JEAN AUGUSTINE** ***NOTABLE CANADIANS***

Jean Augustine PC CM CBE (born September 9, 1937) is a Grenadan-Canadian educational administrator, advocate for social justice, and politician. Alongside caucus colleague Hedy Fry, she was one of the first two Black Canadian women elected to the House of Commons.

From 1993 to 2006, Augustine was a Liberal member of the House of Commons of Canada, representing the riding of Etobicoke—Lakeshore in Ontario. She served as a member of Cabinet (2002 to 2004). Before her election, she had been a school principal. Augustine served as the Parliamentary Secretary to Prime Minister Jean Chrétien from 1994 to 1996; she was Minister of State for multiculturalism (and the status of women) from 2002 to 2004

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## **WILLIAM HALL**

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William Hall was the first black person to receive the Victoria Cross. He was born in Nova Scotia to former slaves who left the United States because of the War of 1812. He became a sailor in his twenties, eventually joining the Royal Navy.

He was awarded the Victoria Cross after securing a British garrison in Lucknow, India, while serving on HMS Shannon. Hall was one of two sailors to survive the attack, but was the only one able to continue to fight. He fought until the garrison was safe.

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## MARY ANN SHADD CARY

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Mary Ann Shadd Cary was the first woman to become a publisher in Canada. She arrived in the country as American slaves were escaping to freedom via the Underground Railroad and devoted herself to teaching the children of former slaves arriving in Canada.

She later returned to the United States and was active in the women's suffrage movement.

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