



NAMING HISTORY

Do you know the names of the women in this photograph?

Africville Photograph – Halifax Explosion (1917)

This iconic photograph was taken just days after the Halifax Explosion (December 6, 1917), and shows four women from Africville walking near Hanover Street, Halifax. Although Africville was shielded from the direct force of the blast by the hillside, many homes were damaged or destroyed, and members of the Africville community lost their lives. The Halifax Relief Commission only awarded Africville residents 10% of their damage costs, while awarding 20% to other local residents. Racism reached its full force about 50 years later, when Africville was bulldozed in the name of "urban renewal".

In the interests of improving historical records, Africville Heritage Trust and Narratives in Space + Time Society (NiS+T) are hoping to identify the women in this photograph. If you have any information that will help identify the four women in this photograph please contact us at:

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