

PROUD OF OUR BLACK HISTORY

HISTORIC FIGURES

Did you know a lot of famous people worked or lived in Hammersmith and Fulham that had an impact on black history? Sadly lots of times they get left out of your history lessons but it is important to know.

Ellen and William Craft Courageous and daring abolitionists.

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Ellen and William Craft escaped from slavery in the United States to live in Hammersmith at 26 Cambridge Grove in the late 1850s. Ellen, with her pale skin and hair cut short, pretended she was white to travel and that her husband William was her personal servant in a daring escape which might have seen them killed if they had been caught.

When they arrived in Hammersmith they became campaigners against slavery and returned to the United States after slavery was abolished after a civil war.

They have two plaques in their honour on the road where they lived – one where they actually lived and another at the end of the road celebrating other aspects of their achievements – that can be visited at any time.

Ellen & William Craft, lived at 26 Cambridge Grove, W6 0LA



Can you help us?

We're always searching for historic figures who deserve more recognition or remarkable locations that have had a big impact in the community. Can you help us? Do your family members have any stories about moving to H&F or living in H&F?

Have your parents email us at: press.office@lbhf.gov.uk