20th Century Activists

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**E. Alice Taylor (1892 – 1986)**  
Courtesy of Family of Elizabeth Alice Taylor  
Entrepreneur, Teacher, *and* Community Organizer

**Melnea Cass (1896-1978)**  
Fought vigorously to improve services and resources for Boston's Black Community

**Florence LeSuerer (1898 -1991)**  
Civic Leader, Activist, First woman President of an NAACP Chapter  

**Sue Bailey Thurman (1903-1996)**  
American author, Lecturer, Historian and Civil Rights Activist, Founder and Editor of African American Women's Journal

**Muriel Snowden (1916 – 1980)**  
“Freedom House Photographs.” Northeastern University: University Libraries. [https://freedomhouse.library.northeastern.edu/item/neu:125900](https://freedomhouse.library.northeastern.edu/item/neu:125900)  
Community Organizer Co-founder of Freedom House

**Ruth Batson (1921-2003)**  
First Female Executive Director of Museum of African American History, Civil Rights Activist, Advocate of Equal Education
Ellen S. Jackson (1935 – 2005)
Educator, Activist and Founder “Operation Exodus”
Harvard University Schlesinger Library.
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Diane Wilkerson
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Former Democratic member of the Massachusetts Senate, representing the 2nd Suffolk District from 1993 to 2008.

Doris Bunte
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First African American Woman to Serve in the Massachusetts Legislature and Boston Housing Authority.

Jean McGuire
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First Female African American to Gain a Seat on the Boston School Committee At-Large

Sarah Ann Shaw
Civil Rights Activist, First Female African-American Reporter to be Televised in Boston