

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
Source: <https://www.blackfacts.com/fact/first-female-president-of-naacp-branch>

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/>

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”

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Diane Wilkerson

Photo Source: <https://www.thehistorymakers.org/biography/honorable-dianne-wilkerson>

Former Democratic member of the Massachusetts Senate, representing the 2nd Suffolk District from 1993 to 2008.

Doris Bunte

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Archives <https://archive.org/details/publicofficersof19731974bost>

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