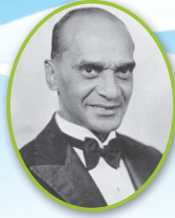




**DAME LOIS BROWNE-  
EVANS, DBE, JP, LLB**  
1927–2007

- First female lawyer in Bermuda
- First black woman elected to Parliament
- Fought tirelessly for a more equitable society
- First female Opposition Leader in Bermuda and in the Commonwealth
- First female Attorney General
- A powerful orator who served in Parliament for 40 years



**DR. EDGAR FITZGERALD  
GORDON**  
1895–1955

- Physician who came to Bermuda from Trinidad in 1924
- Member of Parliament and founding father of the labour movement
- Considered one of the most important leaders of 20th Century Bermuda
- President of the Bermuda Workers Association, the forerunner of the Bermuda Industrial Union
- Made the BWA a force for social and political change through his dynamic leadership
- Author of the landmark 1946 BWA petition, which called for end to segregation and other injustices
- Championed the cause of blacks and Bermudian workers of both races



**DR. PAULLU R. N. O. B.  
KAMARAKAFEGO**  
**DR. ROOSEVELT BROWN**  
1932–2007

- Civil rights leader and political activist
- Played key role in the fight to abolish the property vote as founder of the Committee for Universal Adult Suffrage
- Ecological engineer
- Member of Parliament
- Worked in Vanuatu and other countries in the developing world
- Consultant to the United Nations
- First Recipient of the Human Rights Commission's Human Rights Award



**SIR HENRY JAMES "JACK"  
TUCKER**  
1903–1986

- Banker and Member of Parliament
- Piloted the bill that gave Bermudian women the right to vote in Parliament in 1944
- Considered the architect of modern Bermuda
- A founding father of international business
- Oversaw Bermuda's transition to a modern democracy
- First Government Leader of Bermuda
- Founder of the United Bermuda Party



**MARY PRINCE**  
c. 1788–

- Born into slavery in Devonshire
- Endured harsh treatment and abuse in Bermuda, Turks Island and Antigua
- Fled from her master in London in 1828
- Her groundbreaking autobiography, *The History of Mary Prince*, was published in London in 1831
- The first British woman to publish a slave narrative
- The narrative is the only first-hand account of slavery by a Bermudian
- Is regarded internationally as an unsung heroine of the abolition movement



**GLADYS MISICK MORRELL**  
1888–1969

- Got her start as a suffragette as an activist in the UK
- Nursed wounded soldiers in France during the First World War
- Founder of the Bermuda Woman Suffragette Society
- Led the 25-year battle for women's voting rights in Bermuda
- Fought for better health care and college scholarships for women
- Co-founder of the district nursing system
- Donated land now known as Gladys Morrell Nature Reserve as open space



**SIR EDWARD RICHARDS,  
Kt., CBE**  
1908–1991

- Came to Bermuda from British Guiana in 1930 to teach at The Berkeley Institute
- Challenged segregation as editor of the Bermuda Recorder
- Fought to end social, racial and political injustice as a lawyer and Member of Parliament
- Bermuda's first black leader and Premier
- First black man in Bermuda to receive a knighthood
- Was Premier when the Island was rocked by the assassination of Governor Sir Richard Sharples
- Negotiated changes to the Constitution that led to new titles and names: Premier, MP and Cabinet



**THE HON. SIR  
JOHN W. SWAN, KBE, JP**  
1935

- The Distinction of being the longest serving Premier of Bermuda.
- Successfully completed the negotiations of the United States and Bermuda Tax Convention.
- Negotiated a treaty between the United States and United Kingdom that would benefit Bermuda by establishing the Island as a major Offshore Financial Centre.
- Founder of John W. Swan Agency, a real estate development, savings and loan company.
- Helped to modernize the architectural landscape of the City of Hamilton.
- A real estate developer, political luminary and philanthropist.

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