



BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Our Guyanese Heritage

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MAP

Map of the World

We live here in the UK

68,712,022

This is Guyana

795,334

Both countries are very similar in size, but due to the lower population of people, there is much more free and open space in Guyana.



COOL FACTS ABOUT GUYANA

01

Tropical

Although Guyana is on mainland South America it is considered part of the West Indies (Caribbean). It is home part of the Amazon Rainforest.

02

Treasures

Guyana is known for its lost cities of Gold. Beneath the land in Guyana there are many, many gold mines. It is too dangerous to mine because of the wild animals and waters of the Amazon

03

Waterfall

Guyana is known as the land of many waterfalls. Kaieteur Falls are the world's largest single drop waterfalls. 4 times higher than Niagra Falls.

04

People

Indo-Guyanese people (Originate from India) make up most of the population. While Afro-Guyanese (Originate from Africa) make up the minority.

WHY ARE WE TELLING YOU ABOUT GUYANA?



We are British-Guyanese, this means we have a mum who is British-born and a dad who is Guyanese-born. We are very proud of our heritages.

However, we have lots of inspirational people from our Guyanese side of the family to be proud of.

MRS ALMA BUTTERS

GREAT-GRANNY

We were never lucky enough to meet our Great-Granny. But she was inspirational and special for many reasons....

- She was a well respected teacher for many years.
- She became the first Black Headmistress in Guyana.
- She dedicated her life to ensuring children from difficult and poor backgrounds received a good education and helped to provide them with opportunities to be successful.



MR LESLIE BUTTERS

GREAT-GRANPA

Our Great-Grandad Leslie, was brave and strong. He was incredibly determined and wanted the best for his family.

- He was a trailblazer in the fishing industry.
- He was the first black man to own a fleet of fishing trawlers.
- As he grew older our grandpa created teams of people who farmed the land, and another team of people who ventured into the gold mines.



MRS ALLISON BUTTERS

GREAT-AUNTIE

Maisie did get to meet Auntie Allison! Allison was very important to our dad, because she helped to raise him, she was like his mum. She was also a fantastic business woman.

- Allison continued the family business in the fishing industry by creating Guyana's largest export of fish, worldwide.
- She often advised the Guyanese government about fishing levels, business and environmental impact.
- Allison was keen to see Guyana promoted across the world.
- When Allison passed away it was announced by her friend, the president, on the news.
- Allison campaigned and supported women of colour in business.



Global Seafood CEO

was a trailblazer –
President Granger
says -As country
mourns Allison
Butters-Grant's
passing

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Granger said that he is saddened even as he pointed out that “Mrs. Butters-Grant was greatly admired and respected as a female entrepreneur and trailblazer.” Just last year, President Granger toured Global Seafoods Distributors and noted that the company’s operations were “entirely in keeping with Government’s food security policy.”

SIR GARFIELD 'GARY' SOBERS

GREAT-UNCLE

Sir Garfield, is a famous West Indies cricketer.

- He held the world record for the highest score of 365, in cricket, for 36 years.
- He was knighted by the queen in 1975 for his services to cricket.
- Even though he no longer plays cricket he is still consider number 2 world's best cricketer of all time...this is like being the Cristiano Ronaldo of Cricket!



WHY WE ARE PROUD!

The Butters family have taught us that no matter where you come from in the world, or the colour of your skin, anything is possible. Because of great-granny we know the importance of learning and caring for others, because of great-grandpa we understand that resilience and determination can lead to great things. Because of Auntie Allison we know that being female and black is empowering and we can use our knowledge to empower others. And because of Sir Gary, we know that focus, hard-work and never giving up means we can be world class, and make our mark on the world.

We are proud to be mixed raced, we are proud to be black.

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