

# MARY LOUISE MCCARTHY

1955, Woodstock, New Brunswick



## COMMUNITY ACTIVIST AND SCHOLAR

Mary Louise McCarthy is a local scholar who works tirelessly to restore and uncover New Brunswick's Black histories and honour the community's ancestors. Her research is focused primarily on forgotten and segregated graveyards across New Brunswick. In addition to her scholarship, McCarthy also served as the president of the New Brunswick Black History Society for six years. In 2015, McCarthy won a human rights case against Shoppers Drug Mart for an incident of racial profiling that occurred in 2011. McCarthy's work is featured in the 2019 collection, *Black Writers Matter*, edited by Whitney French with a foreword by Afua Cooper. McCarthy holds a Bachelor of Arts in sociology from York University, two Master's degrees from the University of New Brunswick, and is currently completing her Ph.D. in the department of Social Justice at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education of the University of Toronto. When asked why she is so dedicated to preserving the histories of Black New Brunswickers, McCarthy stated, "I want my ancestors to be revered and respected. I have to tell their stories."