

Marcus Garvey Biography

Who was Marcus Garvey?

Marcus Garvey was a Civil Rights Activist, writer and a gifted speaker that my dad was named after.

Childhood

Marcus Moziah Garvey was born on 17th August 1887 in St Ann's Bay Jamaica to Marcus Garvey Sr. and Sarah Jane Richards. His father was a stonemason and his mother was a household servant. He was the youngest of 11 children, however only Marcus and one other sibling survived into adulthood.

Marcus Garvey learned to read at home, as his dad had a huge library in his house. He attended school in Jamaica until he was 14, when he left St. Ann's Bay for Kingston, the island nation's capital, where he worked as an apprentice in a print shop for a newspaper.

Early life, events and achievements

While working in the print shop, Garvey became involved in the labor union for print tradesmen in Kingston. This work would set the stage for his activism later in life.

Garvey spent time in Central America, where he had relatives, before moving to London in 1912. While in Britain, he attended the University of London's Birkbeck College, where he studied law and philosophy.

He also worked for a Pan-Africanism newspaper and led debates at Speakers' Corner in Hyde Park, London, a famous spot in the city for public discussion, even today.

Later life, events and achievements

Uniting many black corporations Garvey returned to Jamaica in 1912 and founded the Universal Negro Improvement Association (U.N.I.A.) with the goal of uniting all of African people across the world to "establish a country and absolute government of their own.

After corresponding with Booker T. Washington, the American educator who founded Tuskegee Institute, Garvey traveled to the United States in 1916 to raise funds for a similar venture in Jamaica. He settled in New York City and formed a U.N.I.A. chapter in Harlem to promote a

separatist philosophy of social, political, and economic freedom for blacks. In 1918, Garvey began publishing the widely distributed newspaper Negro World to convey his message.

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