

HIDDEN VOICES

QUEEN NANNY

Anane "Queen Nanny" was a Maroon leader and Obeah woman who lived in Jamaica from 1680 to 1733 (or 1760). Maroons were enslaved Africans in the Americas who escaped and formed their own settlements. As a practitioner of Obeah, Nanny was an expert in sacred and medicinal practices based on West African influences. Her primary community, Nanny Town, thrived. She made numerous successful raids to free enslaved people held on plantations, contributing to the liberation of almost 1,000 people. There are conflicting accounts of her death. No matter the date she died, Nanny lives on as a symbol of Jamaican freedom.

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