

### ***Opportunities for Black Colonists***

Although the Black colonists in BNA in the mid-1800s were not enslaved, they had none of the same opportunities as White colonists. They experienced discrimination in all parts of their lives and could get only the lowest-paying work and the poorest land to live on. As White communities grew larger, Black colonists were forced to move farther away from important resources such as water supplies and roads.



After the War of 1812, over 500 Black people settled at Hammonds Plains, Nova Scotia. This watercolour by Robert Petley (c. 1835) shows a Black family on the Hammonds Plains Road. What information does it give you about their daily lives?



## **Activities**

### **Think It Through**

Make a chart to summarize the main ideas in this section. In your chart, show

- each of the peoples mentioned in this section (including the elite)
- the opportunities they had in British North America
- the challenges they faced
- how they were affected by immigration