

## **Philip Granville**

In a ten year period of the 1920s through the early thirties Philip Granville of Hamilton, Ontario, was a world class ultra-marathoner in three distinct long distance formats, walking, running, and snowshoeing. He set records, won championships and had top three finishes in each. In so doing he not only helped legitimize sports like ultra marathon running, but, by virtue of his personal history, was a pioneer for minority athletes in a troubled time.

His ability to go long distances was recognized as he competed for Canada in the 10,000 metre walking event at the 1924 Paris Olympic Games.

William Humber published his extensive biography of Granville in September 1918 as part of the Symposium "Telling the Stories of Race and Sports in Canada". You can download the full article from link

<https://scholar.uwindsor.ca/racesportsymposium/rseday3/sep29/2/>.

I have also uploaded the document to our VRWC website:

[https://www.vrwc.org.au/tim-archive/articles/Philip\\_Ponsonby\\_Granville\\_A\\_Pioneering\\_African\\_Jamaican\\_Canadi.pdf](https://www.vrwc.org.au/tim-archive/articles/Philip_Ponsonby_Granville_A_Pioneering_African_Jamaican_Canadi.pdf)

Many of his race results are recorded in Bill McNulty's and Ted Radcliffe's extensive history of Canadian Athletics:

<https://vrwc.org.au/books/Canadian-Athletics-1839-1992-Compiled-by-Bill-McNulty-and-Ted-Radcliffe.pdf>

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