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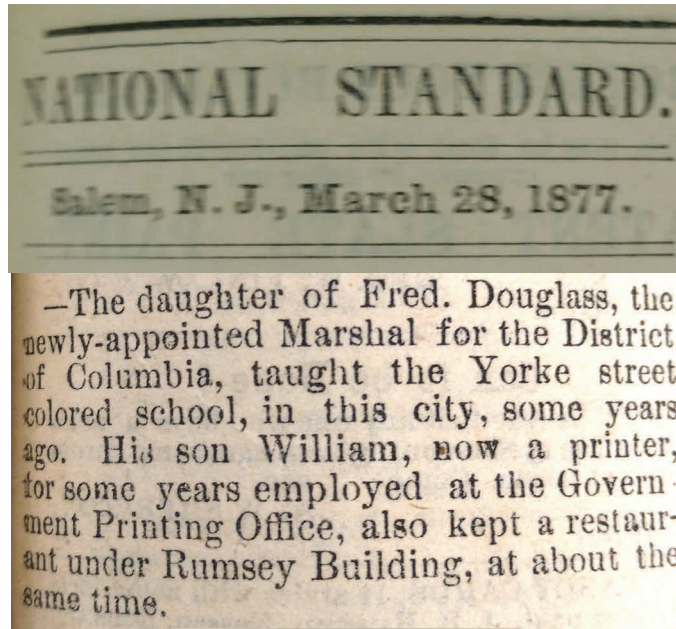
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Interesting Salem County NJ Women's History



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Interesting Salem County NJ Women's History is a project of the Salem County Clerk's Office to research and document Salem County, New Jersey Women's history. Below is a sampling of local history.

	<p>Elizabeth Lippincott McQueen (born Salem County 1878) was the founder of the Women's International Association of Aeronautics. She headed the Women's International Association of Aeronautics (WIAA) and the Women's Aeronautic Association of California, and organized the Powder Puff Derby. Her ashes are buried in the Portal of Folded Wings Shrine to Aviation.</p>
 <p><small>Ms. R. D. SPRAGUE, Daughter of Frederick Douglass.</small></p>	<p>Rosetta Douglass-Sprague (1839-1906), daughter of abolitionist Frederick Douglass, taught in the Salem City Yorke Street colored school (ed. note: possibly Claysville, NJ). Her father had given a talk in Rumsey Hall in Salem City, NJ. Source: National Standard, Salem, NJ 28March1877</p>
	<p>Cornelia Hancock (of Lower Alloways Creek Township) was a familiar sight during the Civil War. In fact, historians note that the Salem County Quaker had "a distinguished record of service" caring for wounded soldiers in the 1860s. Often called the "Florence Nightingale of America," Hancock began helping out at the age of 23, when she went to Gettysburg to help the wounded.</p>
	<p>Omega Vaughan Mason (born 1892 Farmville, VA) helped found the first black Girl Scout troop in Salem City, NJ (The Way It Used To Be, Vol.1, No.8). Later, Mary C. Arnold & Rebecca Henry Stewart organized first integrated Girl Scout Troop in Salem City, NJ. Source: Today's Sunbeam 7/4/2001</p>
	<p>Quaker abolitionists Elizabeth and Abigail Goodwin established their 47 Market Street, Salem City, home as an Underground Railroad Station in 1838. The house's place as refuge is documented through a diary by the sisters' nephew. "7 Steps to Freedom" Street side interpretive sign. Call 856-339-8655 Ext. 2203.</p>
 <p><small>FIRST WOMAN'S MEDICAL COLLEGE BUILDING. 2517 AVENUE IN THE CITY OF PHOENIX IN 1911. LOCATED AT 2517 AVENUE IN THE CITY OF PHOENIX, ARIZONA.</small></p>	<p>Ellen Harris Smith (1866-1920) was born in Lower Alloways Creek Twp and received her medical degree in 1892 from the Women's Medical College of PA. She and husband Dr. Winfield Scott Smith moved to Salem and opened a practice at their home. In 1916 she became the first woman member of the Salem County Medical Society and encouraged women to enter the medical profession. Source: NJ Medicine. 87(3):223 March 1990.</p>