



Mary Ann Brown Patten (1837-1861)

At age sixteen, Mary Ann married Captain Joshua Adams Patten, accompanying him on two voyages aboard his ship, *Neptune's Car*. When he

became ill, Mary Ann, pregnant with her first child, bravely took command of the 1,600 ton clipper ship. She navigated through dangerous waters and brought it safely around Cape Horn to San Francisco.

8 408 Meridian Street Frances E. Brown Rowan (1936-2015)

Fran was a tireless community leader who advocated for youth, the arts, and neighbors in need. Fran was instrumental in the founding of Meridian House, a residential substance abuse treatment program for men and women. The Don Orione Home honored Fran with "Fran's Wall of Hope" which contained works of art by local artists.

9 406 Meridian Street Caroline "Orrie" Orr (1910-1982)



Caroline became the director of an early settlement house, Trinity Neighborhood House. The children had a variety of

experiences in nature, arts and crafts, music, dancing, reading, and field trips. "Orrie" and her staff inspired leadership skills and volunteer spirit. A room at Trinity House is named in her honor.



Grace Flynn (1918-2012)

For many decades, Grace was a dedicated receptionist at Trinity House. She inspired many young children and taught them to love all creatures "great and small"

as the Nature Counselor at Trinity Camp. Grace and "Orrie" were Girl Scout Leaders, mentors, and exemplary role models. Grace was a tireless volunteer in her community.

10 396 Meridian Street Ethel Rowland Flynn (1888-1970)



Ethel was a talented milliner who created stylish hats for East Boston's wealthiest ladies in the 1920's. She was a generous contributor to

many religious activities and holiday fairs. Ethel was selected to restore the tattered flags in the Hall of Flags in the State House along with other seamstresses.

11 50 Falcon Street Helen Johns Carroll (1914-2014)



Helen was taught swimming by her father and trained primarily in the ocean. She was formally coached for one year before she qualified for the Olympics. At the age of seventeen, Helen represented the United States

at the Summer Olympics in Los Angeles. She won a gold medal in the women's 4x100-meter freestyle relay.

12 86 White St. East Boston High School Pauline Bromberg (1888-1991)



Pauline was a prominent community leader and a Boston teacher. She headed the BPS Department of Physical Education for thirty-six years. She was also actively involved in the design of East Boston High School. The Business and Professional Group of Boston's

Hadassah named her "Woman of the Year" shortly before her death.

13 78-80 White Street Albenia Martha Boole (1815-1848)



Albenia married her childhood friend, Donald McKay, who with her help became one of the premier shipbuilders of his era. She was his

mentor and teacher. As a team, they designed some of the fastest clipper ships in the world at their shipyard on Border Street.

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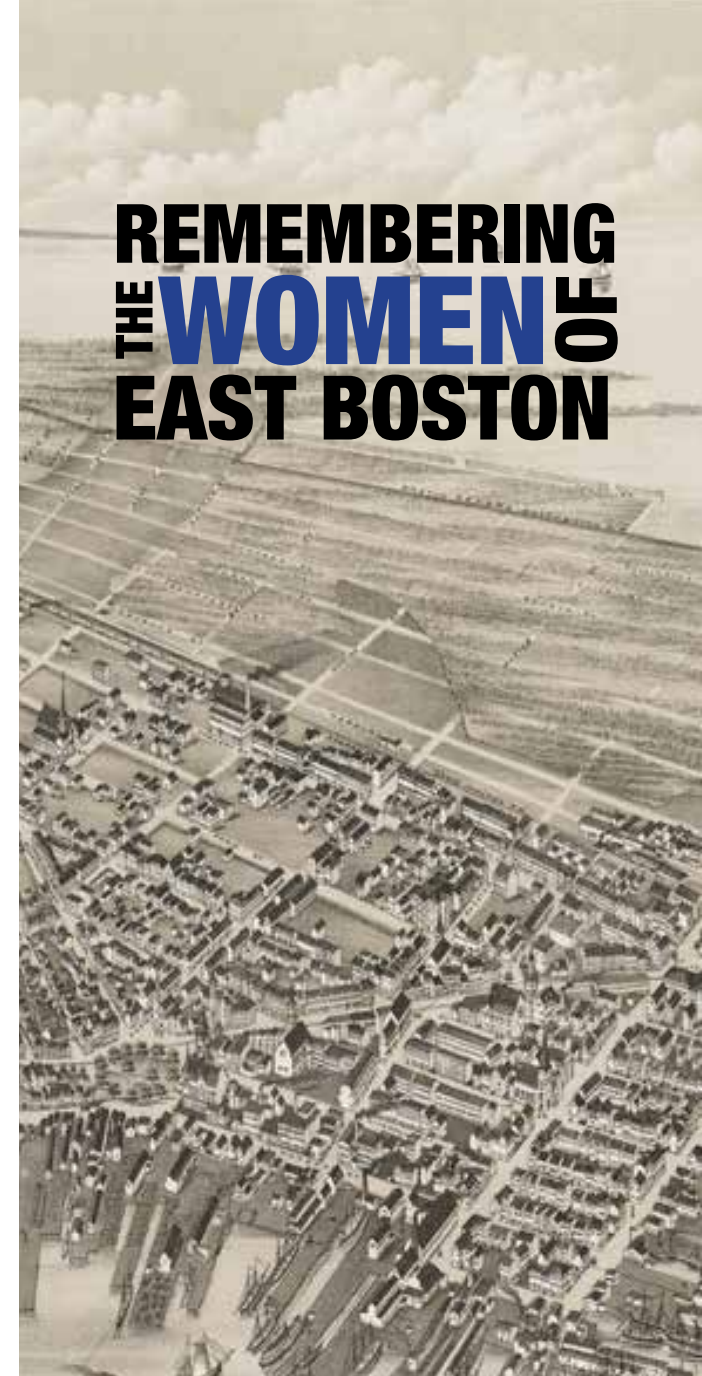
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REMEMBERING THE WOMEN OF EAST BOSTON



A Boston Women's Heritage Trail in the neighborhood of East Boston, Massachusetts

East Boston was created by connecting five islands using landfill. Noddle Island served as grazing land for cattle. Hog Island was renamed Breed's Island. Governor's Island, Bird Island and Apple Island became part of the expansion of Logan International Airport. East Boston has long provided a foothold for the latest wave of immigrants. Today East Boston is the home of more than 40,000 people.

1 45 Lamson Street
Annie Frasier Norton (1893-1918)



When Annie joined the Navy, she was one of thousands of women entering military service. She was assigned to the Portsmouth Naval Yard, a vital location during World War I. Annie fell ill and eventually died from the Spanish flu at the age of twenty-five. She was given full military honors.

2 Between 268 & 276 Maverick Street
Maverick Street Mothers

In 1968, a new activism erupted on the streets of East Boston due to the expansion of Logan Airport. Women began to block the movement of trucks along Maverick Street. The Maverick Street Mothers staged protests that resulted in an alternate truck route. They scored a victory, but their beloved Frederick Law Olmstead-designed Wood Island Park had disappeared.

3 241 Maverick Street
Dr. Marion Corleto Sabia (1909-1992)

Marion was the daughter of Italian immigrants. She attended Tufts College and in 1933, was one of two women who graduated from Tufts Medical School. She served an internship at New England Hospital for Women and Children from 1933-1935. As a general practitioner and obstetrician, she delivered thousands of East Boston babies.

A Look at HERstory



4 22 Chelsea Street
Harriot Curtis (1881-1974)
Margaret Curtis (1883-1965)



Harriot and Margaret were social activists. In 1909, the sisters opened the East Boston Dispensary, an outpatient clinic to provide for the mostly Italian-American patients. By the mid-1930's, 40,000 patient visits were being recorded annually. In 1932, Harriot and Margaret, both national golf champions, founded the Curtis Cup, the best known team trophy for amateur women golfers.

5 151 Meridian Street
Bridget Murphy Kennedy (1821-1888)

Bridget, the great grandmother of President John

F. Kennedy, met her husband, Patrick, on the boat immigrating to Boston in 1849. The Kennedys had five children. After Patrick's death, Bridget became a successful businesswoman, opening a small stationery and notions store in East Boston. This paved the way for the future success of her son Patrick "PJ" Kennedy.

Mary Augusta Hickey Kennedy (1857-1923)



Mary, grandmother of President John F. Kennedy, was a member of East Boston's Irish elite. "Mame" married Patrick Joseph "PJ" Kennedy and had three children. Her son Joseph, President

Kennedy's father, was groomed to fit into Yankee society. She sent him to Boston Latin School and Harvard College. Mary was active in politics, including women's suffrage.

6 Central Square
Armeda Gibbs (1807-1884)



Armeda was an abolitionist who helped escaped slaves. In 1850, she moved to East Boston, joined the Maverick Church, and worked as a missionary for the City Mission Society. During the Civil War, Armeda became the first female nurse for the Union. After the war, she returned home to continue her work for another twenty-two years.

Isabel Hyams (1865-1932)
Sarah Hyams (1867-1942)



The Hyams sisters along with their brother, Geoffrey, supported a settlement house and social service activities in East Boston for many years. In 1937, they established the Fresh Air Camps for local children suffering with tuberculosis. Isabel, an 1888 graduate of MIT, began the experimental Penny Lunch Club to provide Boston students with nutritious lunches for one or two cents.

7 406 Border Street
Eleanor Prentiss Cresy (1814-1900)

Eleanor's father taught her the mathematics of navigation at an early age. She married Captain Josiah Cresy and together they sailed around the world. In 1851, they decided to race several other ships sailing from New York to San Francisco aboard the clipper *Flying Cloud*. They broke the previous record by eleven days.

