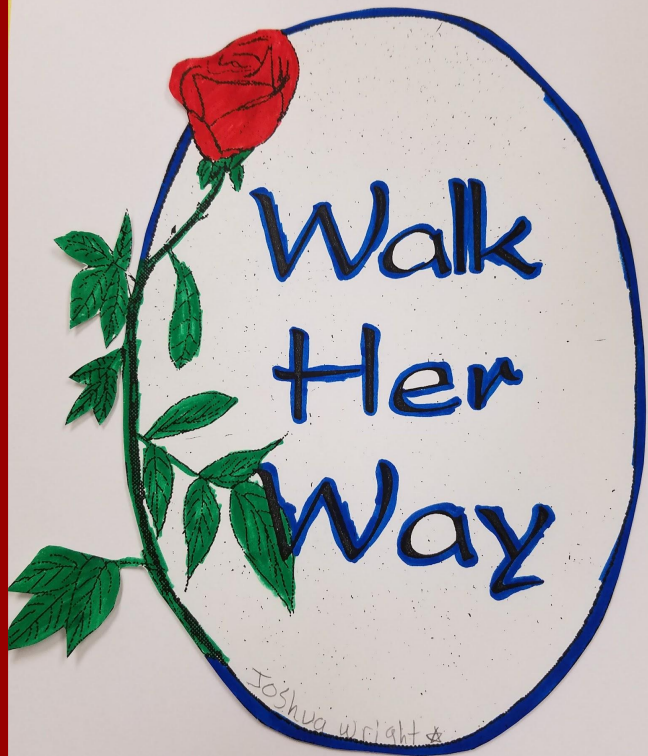




Four Centuries of Boston Women's History

Boston WOMEN'S HERITAGE TRAIL



A walk through women's history
in the neighborhood of
Charlestown,
developed by the students of the
Harvard Kent School

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Site 1



Charlestown Navy Yard

Navy Yard - 1942

[Courtesy of the National Archives and Records Administration, ARC 7329867]



USS
Constitution
Museum

WAVES and Women Marines Tread Decks of U. S. F. Constitution

AN ENDURING SYMBOL of the nation's seapower, the U. S. F. (frigate) CONSTITUTION, affectionately known as "Old Ironsides," remains in commission today, nearly a century and a half after she went down the ways of Harb's shipyard here in Boston. Now tied up at the Boston Navy Yard, every line of grace and power with which she was endowed by Joshua Humphreys, Philadelphia's marine architect, has been reverently preserved.

The CONSTITUTION reportedly is the second oldest warship afloat, antedated only by the U. S. S. CONSTELLATION, another frigate of the same vintage, launched 13 days earlier, on Sept. 7, 1797. The CONSTELLATION is stationed at Newport, R. I.



Lt Mary Mitchell of the Marine Corps Reserve, whose home is in Los Angeles, is shown at the bow of the CONSTITUTION. During her fighting days, the CONSTITUTION included in her complement 50 Marines of the reserve unit.



At flagship for Rear Admiral Felix G. Ryan, commandant of the 1st Naval District, the CONSTITUTION must have many flags aboard, ready to honor visiting dignitaries of many nations. Lt. (jg) Lillian Cryan of Lynn, Mass., inspects some of the bunting. In the background racks are collies, a banding pile and flanking masts. Victor Buckenberry, 512, of Manville, N. J., looks on.



Lt. Anne Mallick of the WAVES, stationed in Boston, is featured in one of the CONSTITUTION'S life rings.



"Best Patriotic Female," the judges at a cash show ruled when the CONSTITUTION'S mascot, "Whitely," was shown. CMT Joseph Finn displays some of Whitely's ribbons; Barbara Amari, 514, of Somerville, Mass., holds unperturbed Whitely, since it is her time to live.

Captain warships could not open an engagement where over the horizon from each other, as do modern battlewagons, when the CONSTITUTION'S

Boston Sunday Globe
PICTORIAL

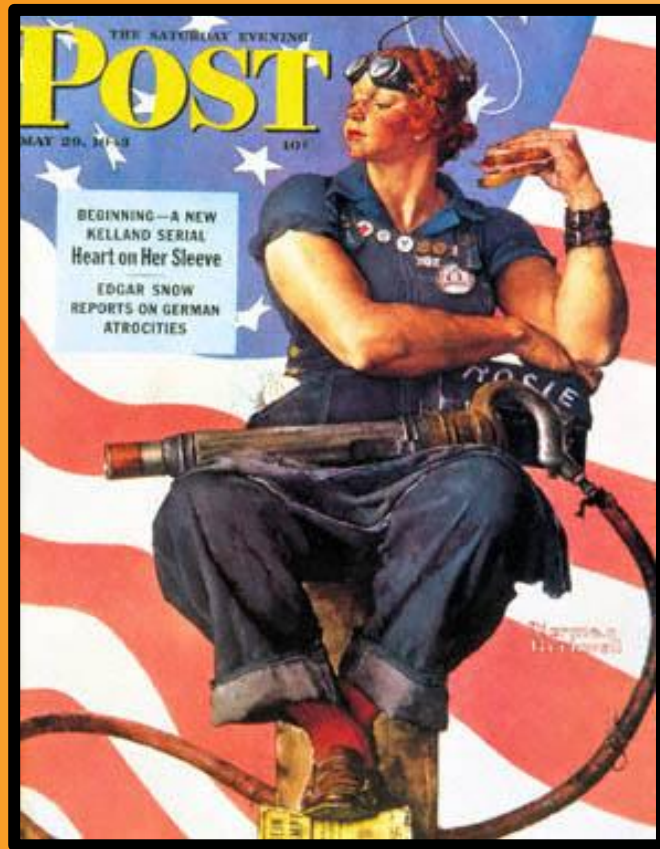
Here we salute



the women who played a role in Charlestown's past.

Women in the war





Norman Rockwell
 May 29, 1943
The Saturday Evening Post



J. Howard Miller
 Westinghouse Company's War Production
 Coordinating Committee
 1942



WAVES

Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service



Several of the Women on our trail served as WAVES.

Rear Admiral Grace Brewster Murray Hopper

(1906-1992)



**Grace Hopper upon graduation
from midship man's school,
June 27, 1944.**

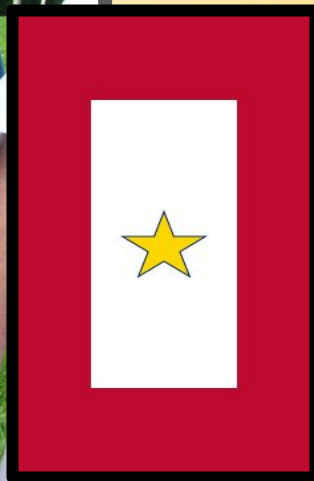




Florence L. Ineson Johnson

(1923-2014)







American Gold Star Mothers, Inc



EDWARD LEE JOHNSON

- Wall Name: EDWARD L JOHNSON
- Date of Birth: 2/16/1946
- Date of Casualty: 8/27/1967
- Home of Record: CHARLESTOWN
- County of Record: SUFFOLK COUNTY
- State: MA
- Branch of Service: MARINE CORPS
- Rank: LCPL
- Panel/Row: 25E, 52
- Casualty Province: QUANG NAM







Lieutenant Commander Claire Bloom

retired

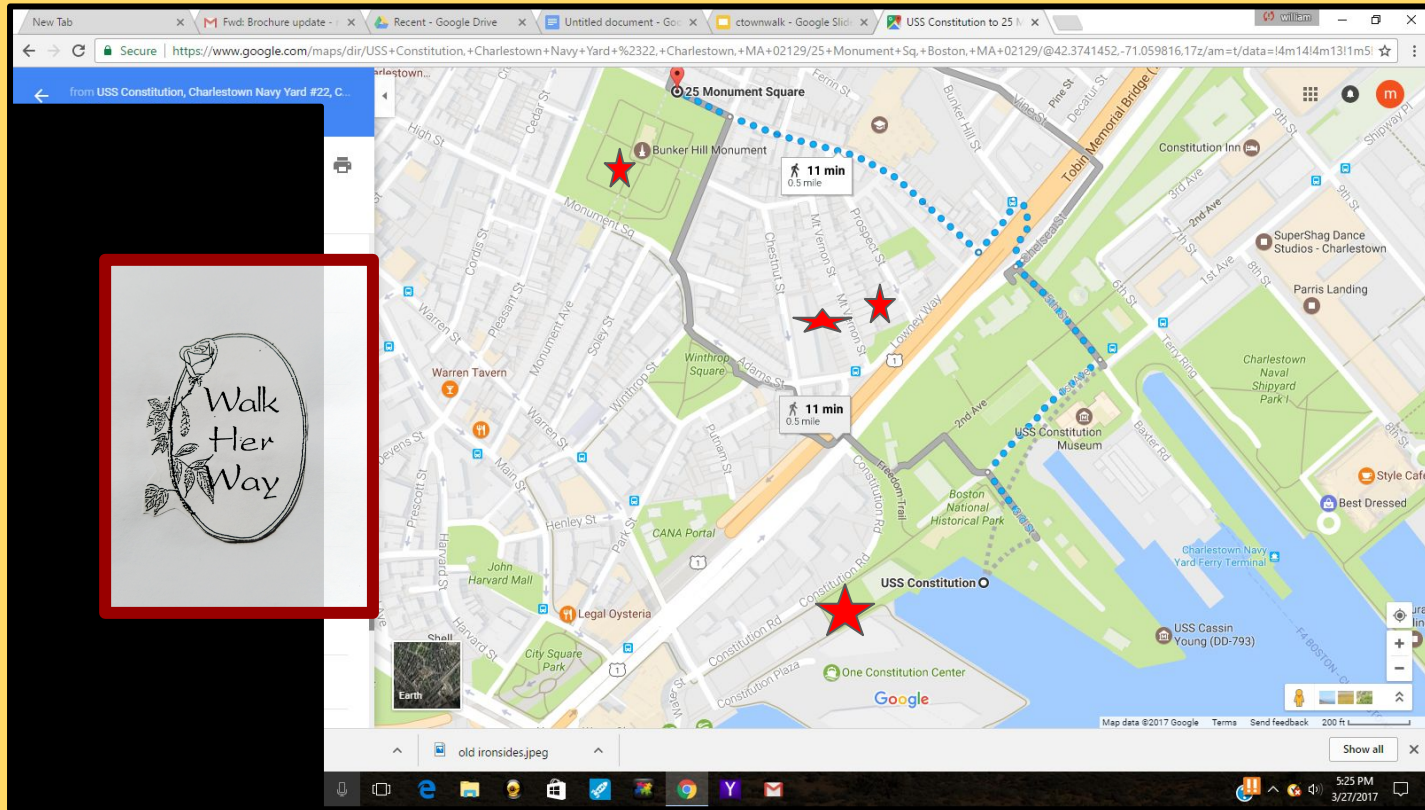
We salute the USS Constitution.

She is the world's oldest commissioned naval vessel afloat.





Billie June Farrell Commander, U.S.Navy
77th Commanding Officer USS Constitution



Now, we are going to leave the Navy Yard and walk under the Tobin Bridge, along Tremont Street to 21-22 Monument Square.

Site 2

21-22 Monument Square





Helene Sherkanowski Rush
(1911-?)

Mary Sherkanowski
(1918-1990)

ROOMS

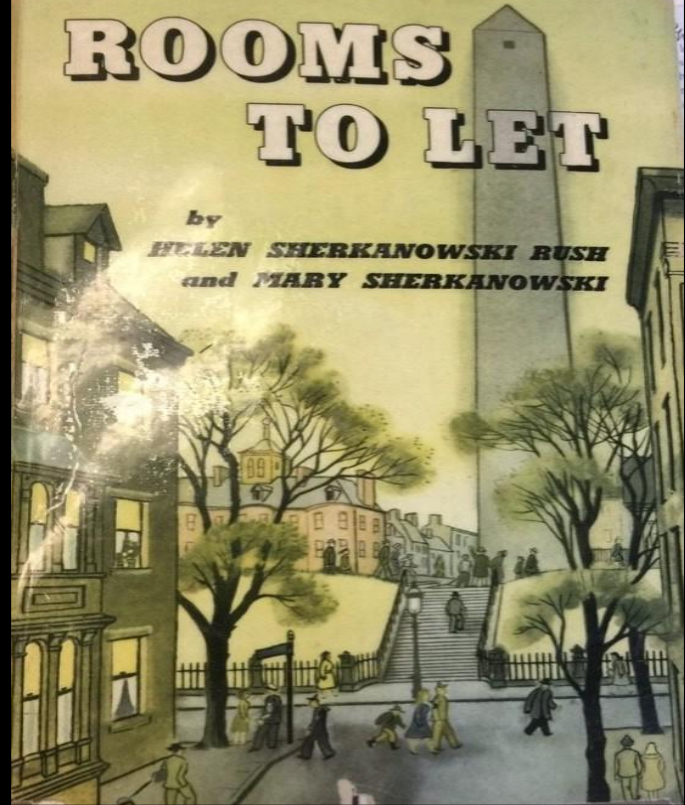
Helen Sherkanowski Rush



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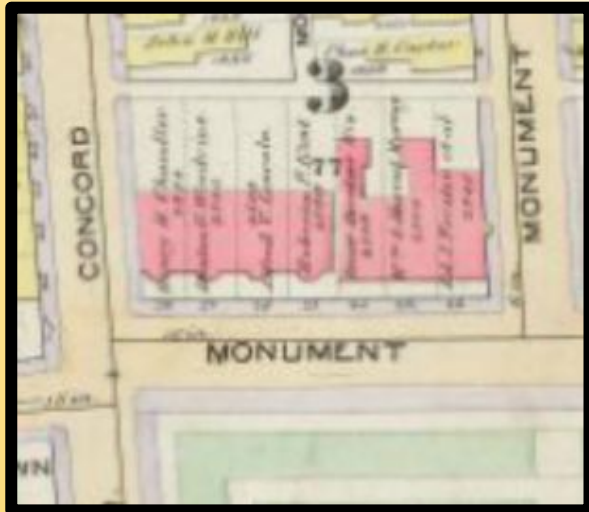
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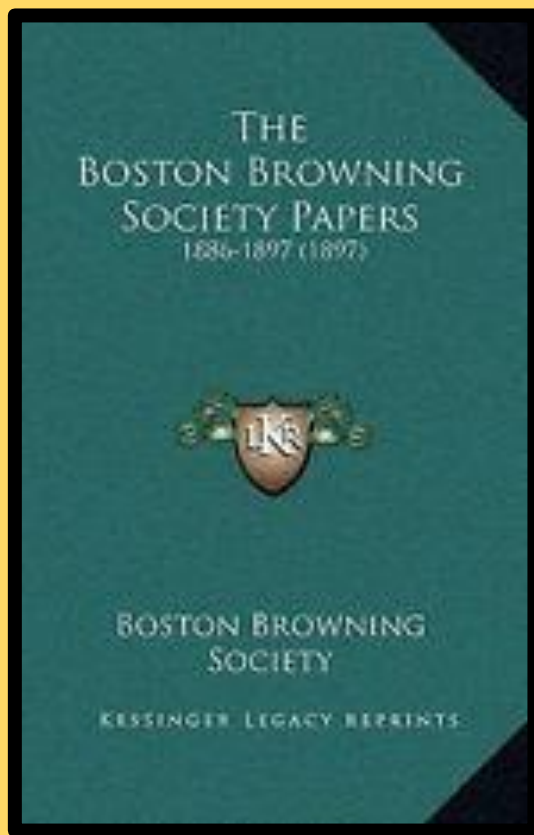
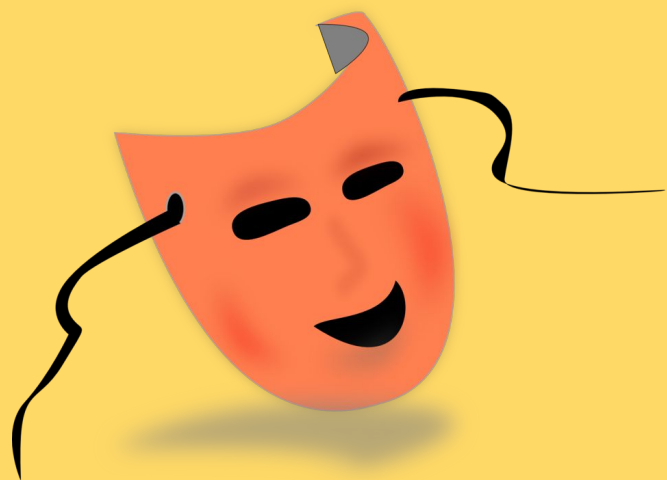


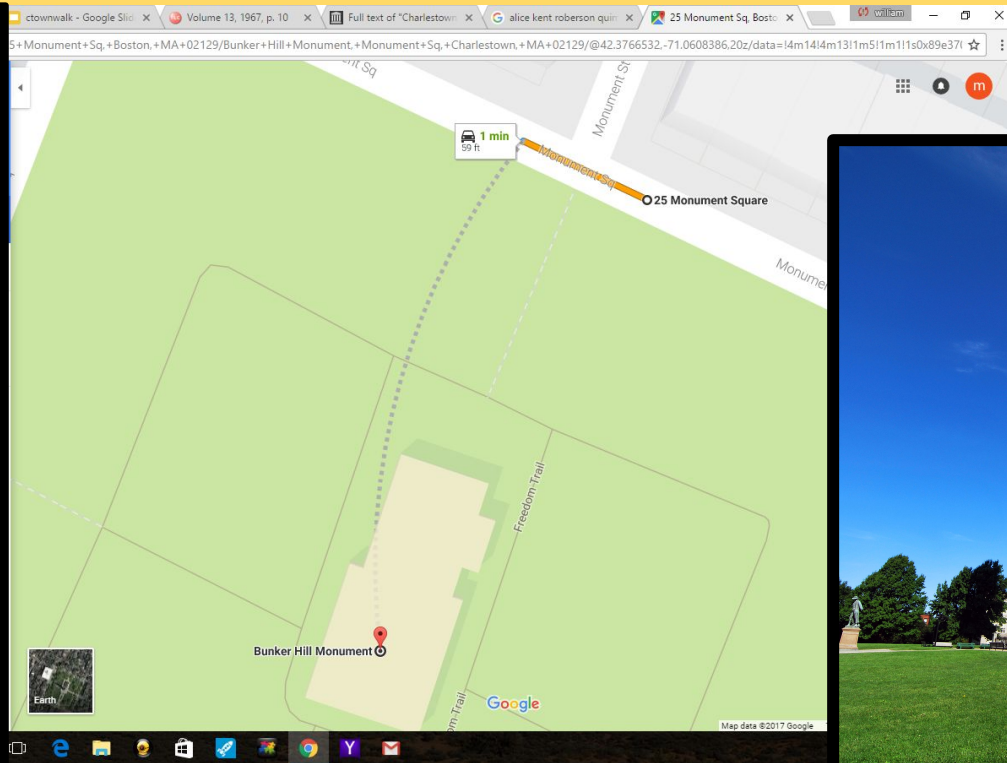
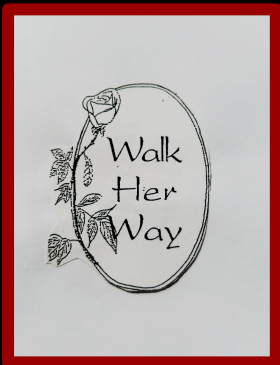


25 Monument Square

Alice Kent Robertson Quimby
(1853-1917)







Walk over to the Bunker Hill Monument.

Site 3

Bunker Hill Monument

Lucy Lew Francis Dalton
(1790-1865)

384 Bunker Hill St
Now Charlestown Armory



GREAT MEETING OF THE COLORED CITIZENS OF BOSTON.

A highly respectable meeting was held by the people of color at the Belknap-street school room, to adopt measures expressive of their approbation and gratitude to George Thompson, Esq., for his able defence of their cause and the principles of Anti-Slavery. Mr. Thomas Dalton was called to the chair, and Mr. S. R. Alexander appointed Secretary.

The object of the meeting having been stated by the Chairman, the following resolutions were offered by Mr. John T. Hilton, seconded by Mr. James G. Barbadoes, and unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That we hold in high estimation the character of our distinguished friend and philanthropist, George Thompson, Esq. and greatly appreciate his labor of love in the cause of humanity and equal rights.

Resolved, That we tender thanks to God for raising up such a personage to plead our cause, and crave His blessings on all his future efforts in behalf of the oppressed people of color.

Resolved, That as touching the discussion of last week, we owe our friend Thompson our warmest, heartiest, and most unfeigned thanks of approbation, for the very able manner in which he defended our cause and the principles of Anti-Slavery, against the attacks of the AGENT and CHAMPION of the Colonization Society; and highly congratulate him upon the almost unanimous approbation with which his resolution, denouncing the Colonization Society, was received by the audience at the close of the debate.

Resolved, That we hail the passage of that resolution, especially at a time when both parties were present, as the harbinger of better times; and as bespeaking the growing favor of the community in our behalf, and foreshadowing the final triumph of our holy cause.

Resolved, That we consider the coming of our esteemed friend in this country, to be like the coming of Titus into Macedonia, and richly deserving of the united and hearty support of every man of color, every Christian, and every philanthropist, throughout the land.

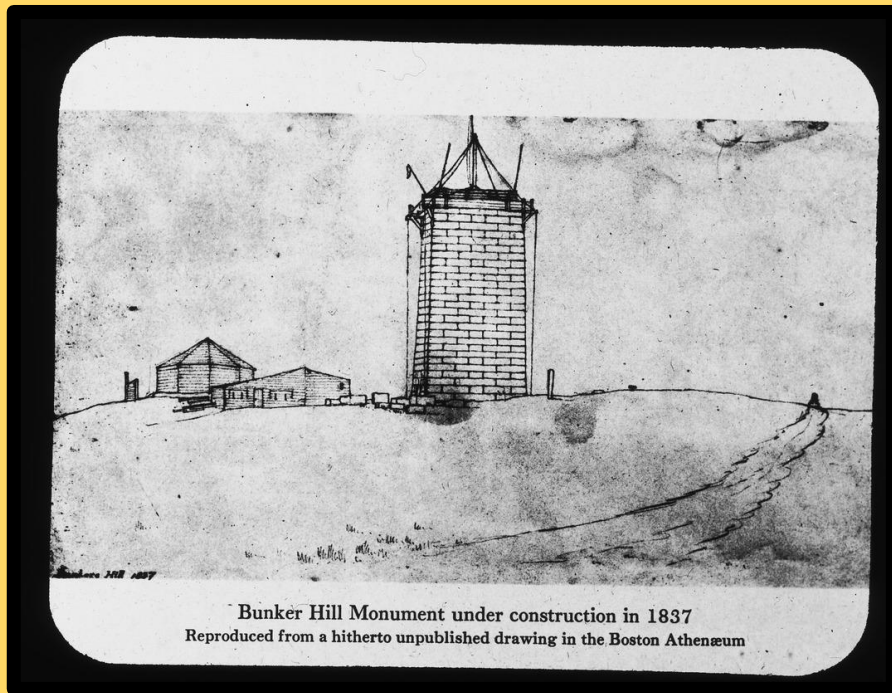
Voted, That the above be signed by the Chairman and Secretary, and inserted in the *Liberator*, and such other papers as are friendly to our cause.

THOMAS DALTON, Chairman.

S. R. ALEXANDER, Secretary.
Boston, June 1, 1835.



Sarah Josepha Hale
(1788-1879)







The Ladies of the Bunker Hill Monument Association

independence and liberty, and with reverence and love towards **the** God in whom our *fathers* trusted, who crowned their efforts with success, and gave us **the** rich blessings which distinguish our land. Hoping, as we do, that **the** women throughout New England will feel interested in this plan of beneficence, **the** subscription is limited to one dollar. No one is invited to subscribe a larger sum, and smaller sums will be thankfully accepted. Donations to any amount will be received, and **the** names of **the** donors recorded.

Should any lady, being a native of New England, though now residing in some other part of **the** country, wish to contribute, her donation will be gratefully acknowledged.

The ladies in **the** various towns and villages of Massachusetts, and in all cities, towns, and villages of **the** other New England States, are invited to form societies in their respective towns, for **the** purpose of co-operating in this undertaking. After collecting **the** offerings that may be made, they will please to remit **the** amount to Nathaniel P. Russell, Esq., Treasurer of **the Bunker Hill Monument** Association.

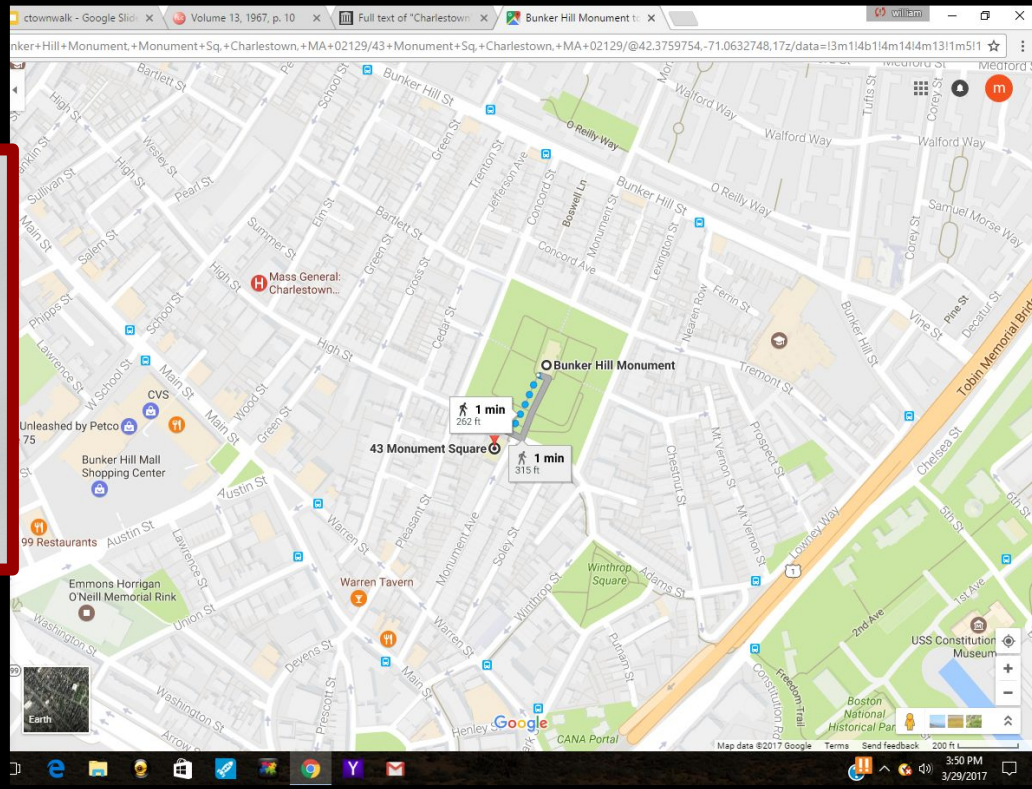
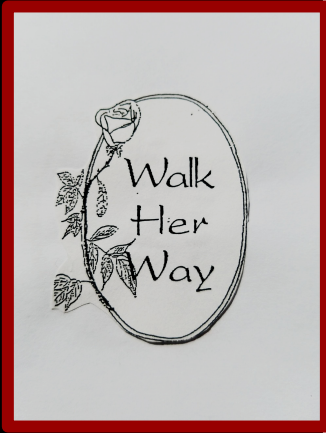
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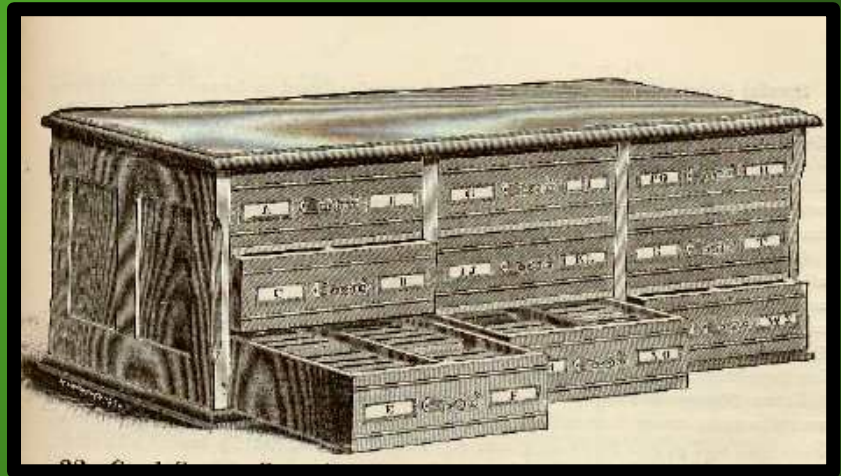


Walk down the stairs to 43 Monument Square.

Site 4

43 Monument Square

Miss Jane Edwards
Miss Helen Wise



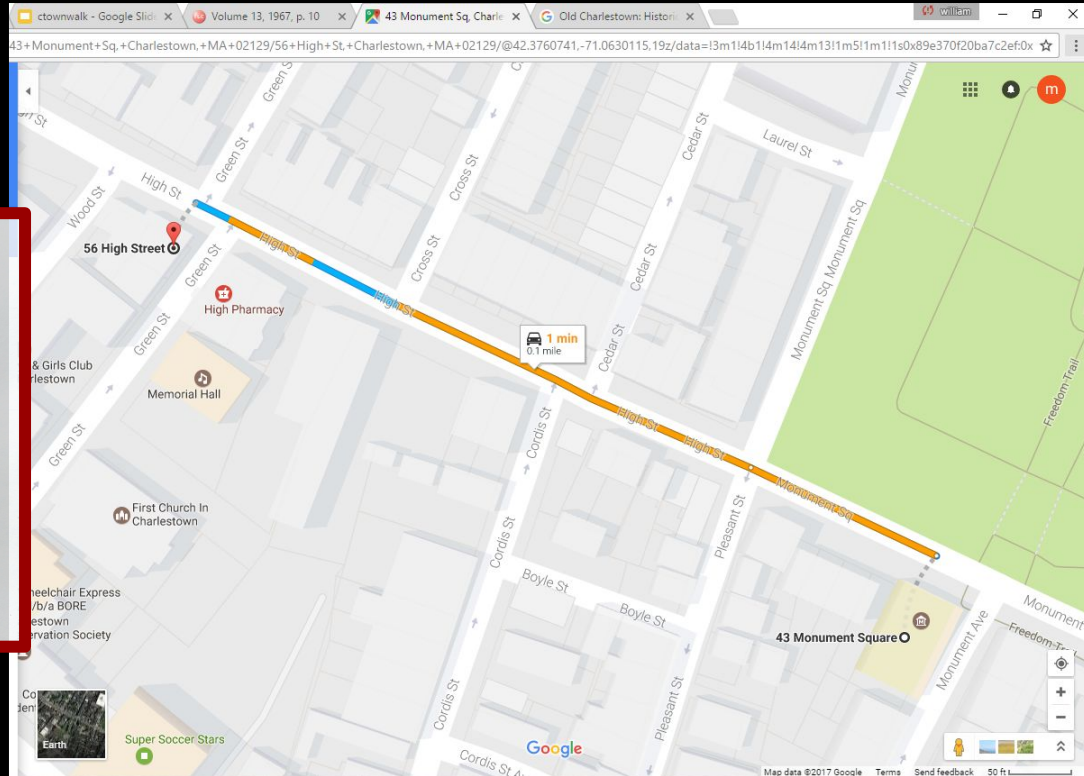
SERVICES
OF THE
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THE HARRIS CHIME,
IN THE
Church of the First Parish,
CHARLESTOWN, MASS.
WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL 22, 1868.
PUBLISHED BY
W. W. WOODWARD, AT THE ASTORIA OFFICE,
1868.

Charlotte Harris (1793-1877)



Old Oil Painting—The First Church, Charlestown, Mass. Panel (24x18) cracked, but could be easily drawn together. A fine and interesting old view. From the Whitmore Collection. \$50.00.

Walk along High Street to number 56.



Site 5

56 High Street

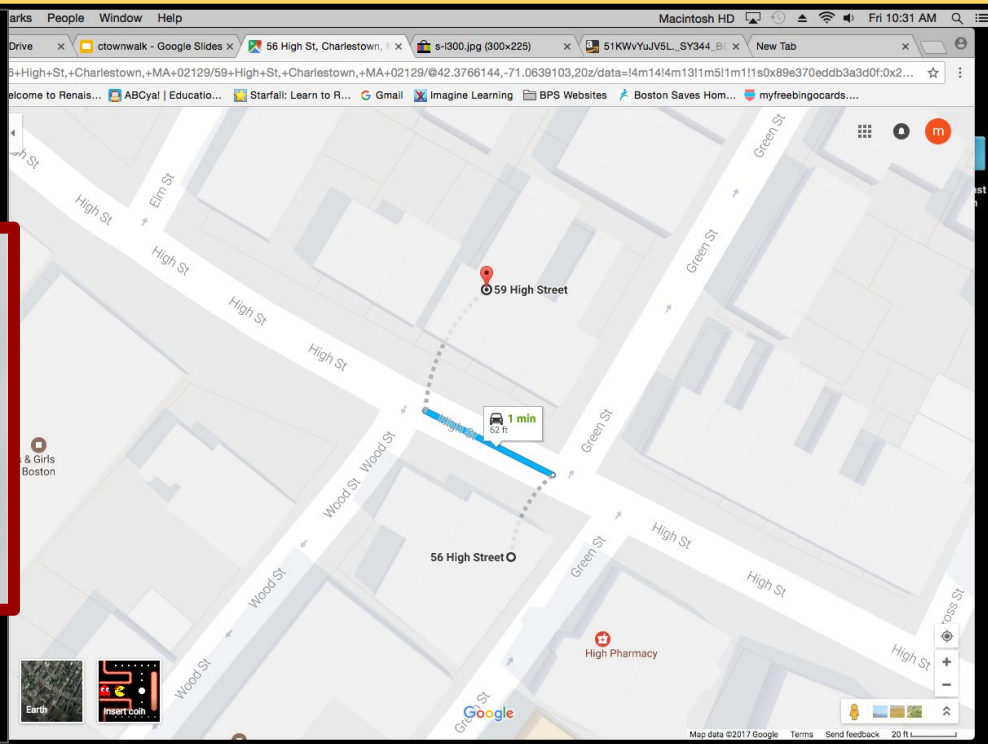
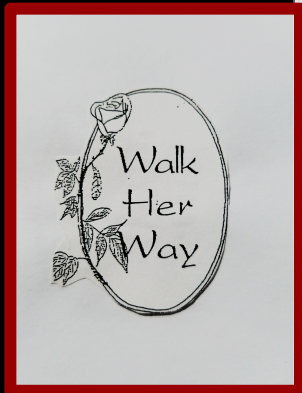
Ellen Augusta Brown Ranlett
(1840-1895)



*The ornament of a house
is
the friends who frequent it.*



This motto hung over the fireplace in
the Ranlett home.

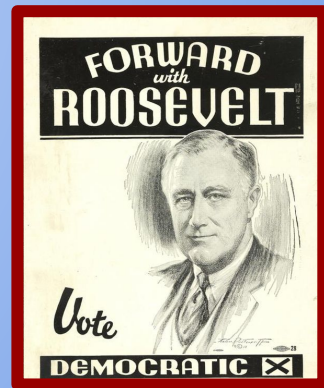
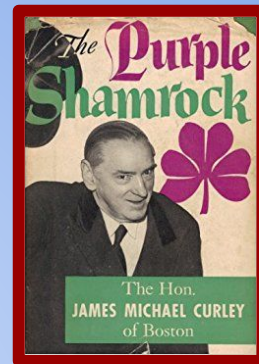


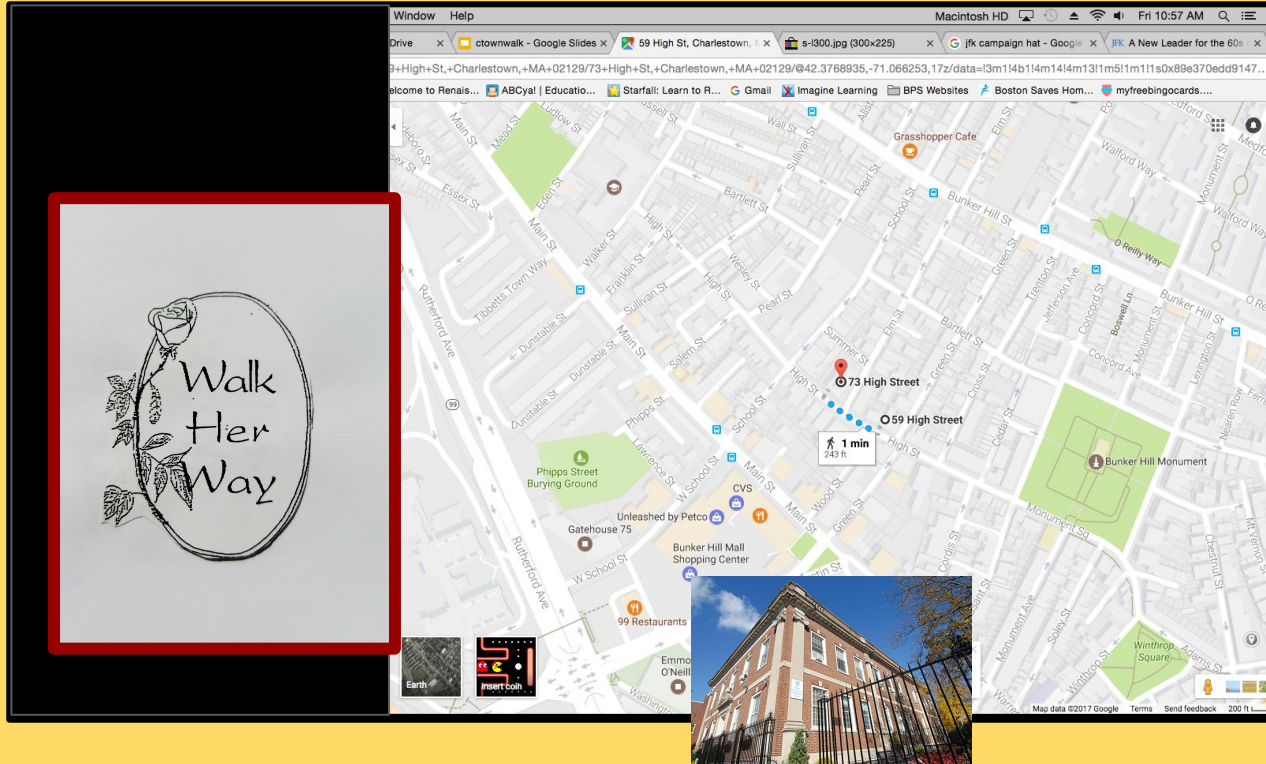
Walk across the street to 59 High Street.

Site 6
59 High Street

Mary Colbert

(1890-1974)





Walk across the street to 73 High Street.

Site 7

73 High Street/MGH

Margaret Jones

(1613- 1648)



Harriot Kezia Hunt

(1805-1875)



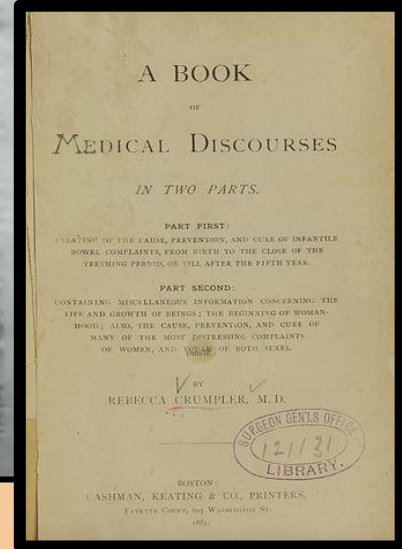
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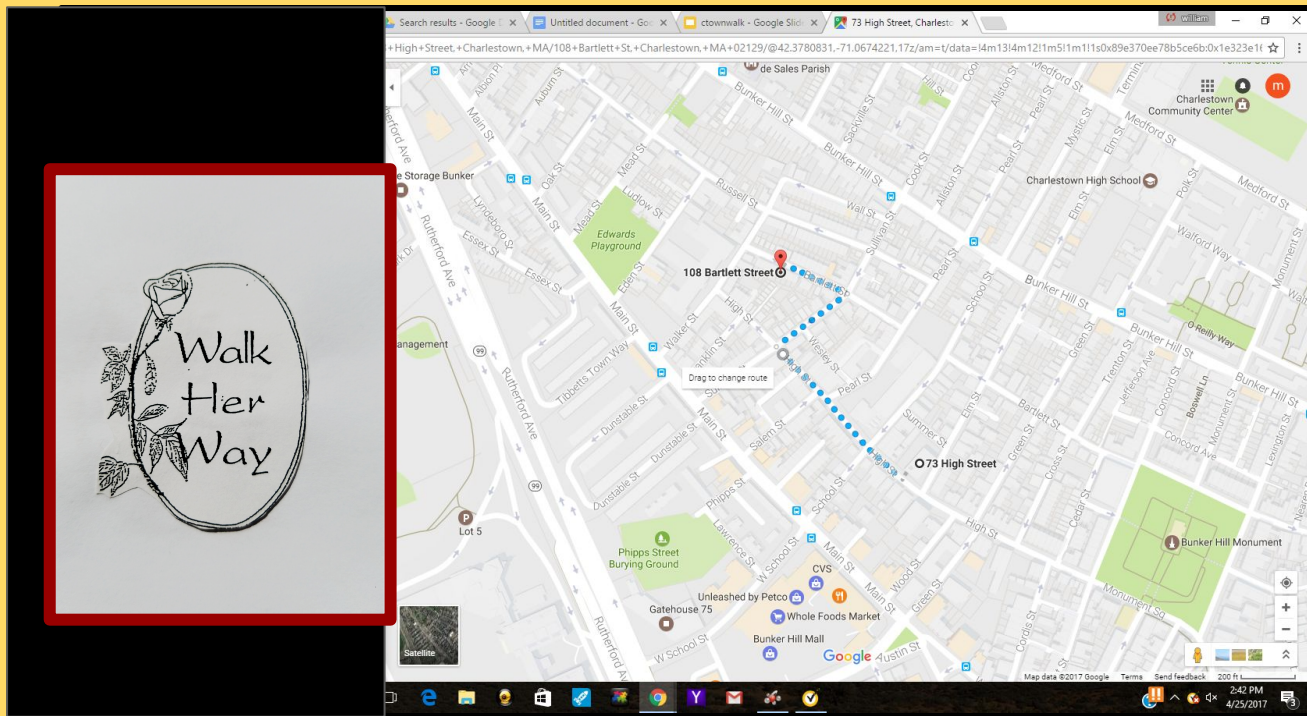
(1831-1895)

Rebecca Lee-Crumpler



**The first black woman doctor
in the U.S.**



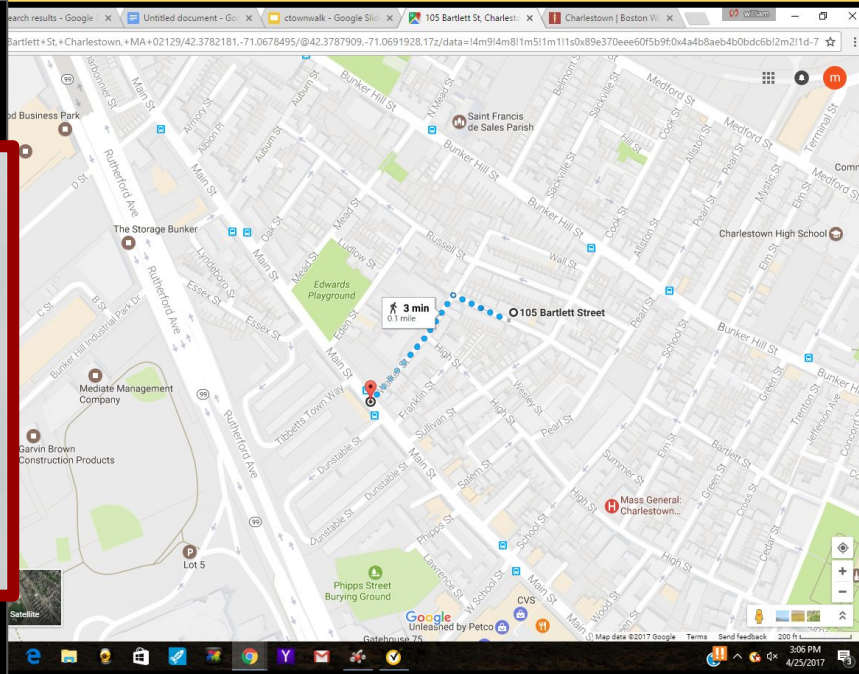
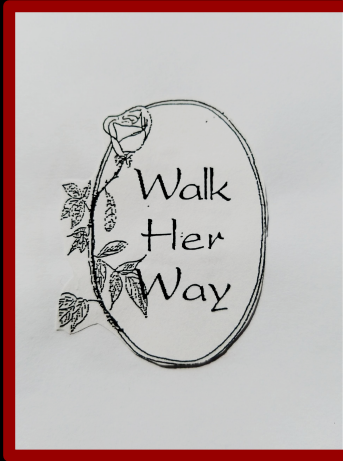


Walk along High Street turn right onto Pearl and left onto Bartlett until you come to 105 Bartlett St.

Site 8
105 Bartlett Street

Alice May Bates Rice
(1868-1956)





Walk along Bartlett to Walker St. Turn left and proceed to the corner of Walker and Main St.

Charlotte Cushman

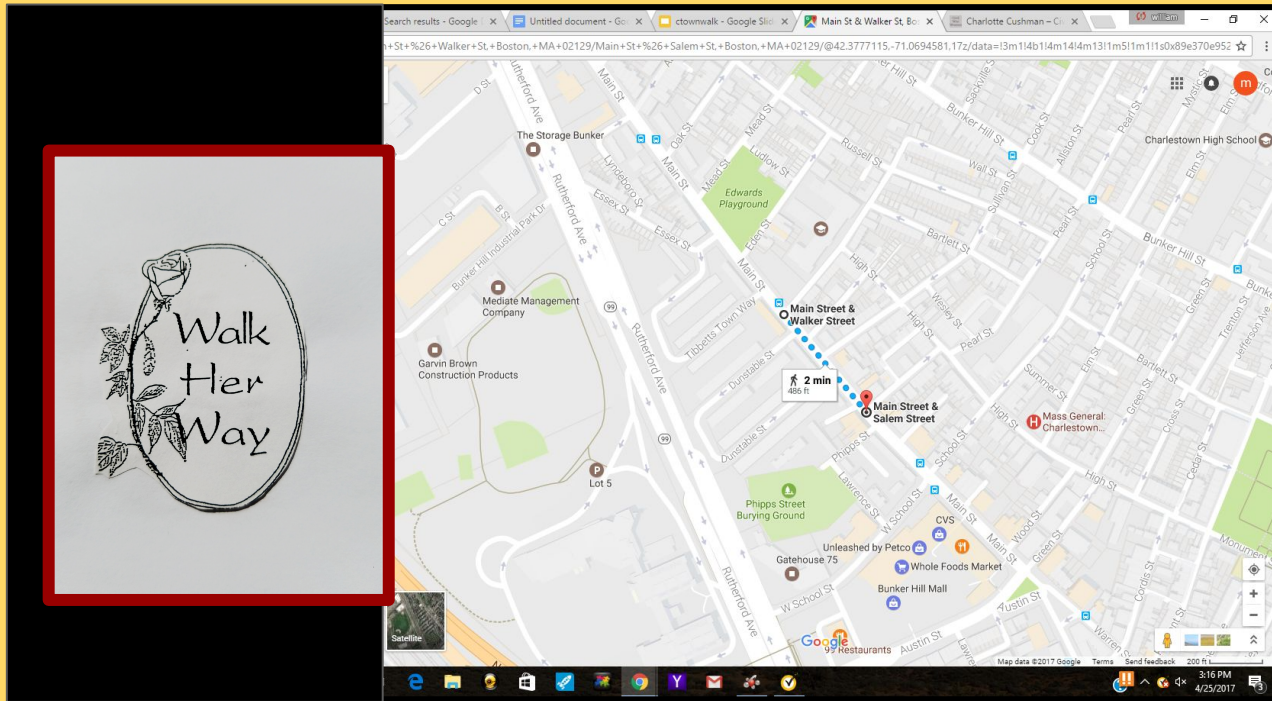
(1816-1876)



Site 9
327 Main Street

Charlotte Cushman
house - Main Street,
February 9, 1945



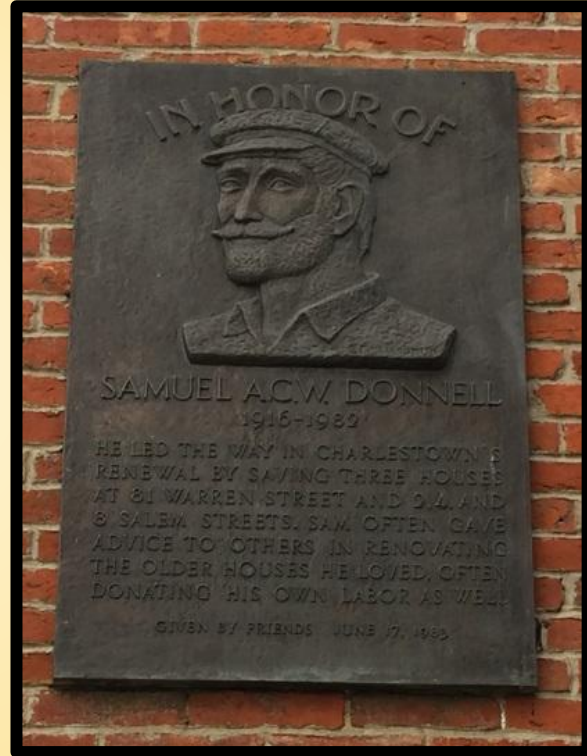


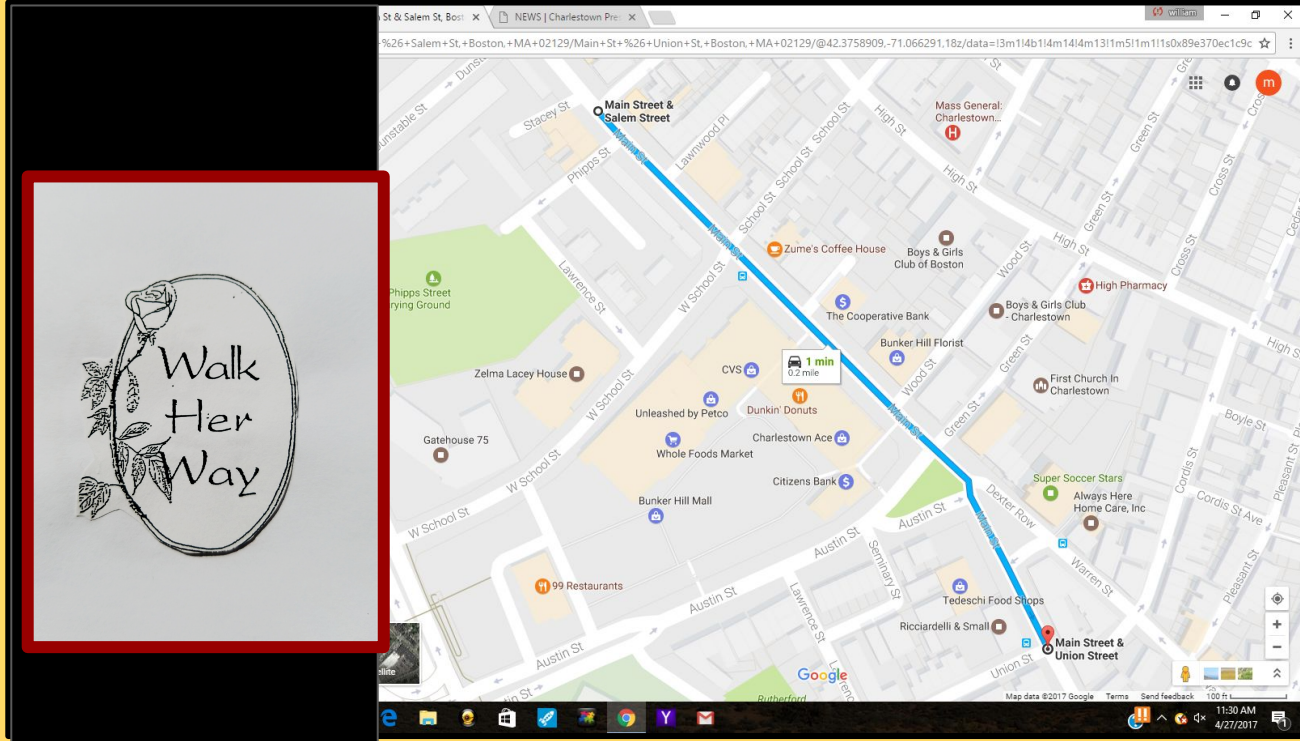
Walk along Main Street to Salem Street. Turn left and look on corner of first building for plaque.

Site 10

Main Street and Salem Street

Elizabeth McLean Smith (1916-1986)





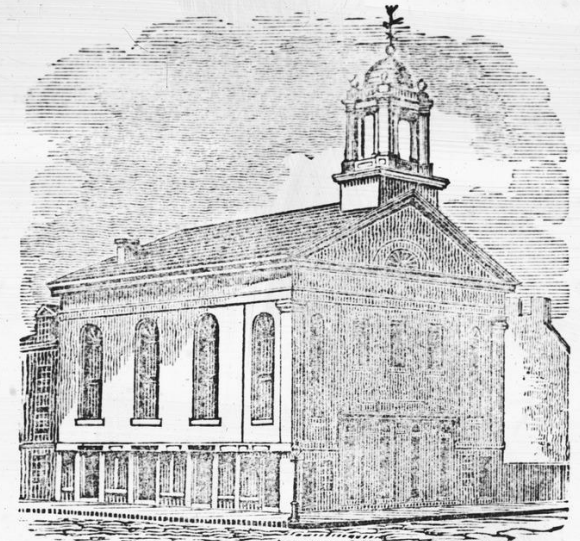
Walk along Main Street to the corner of Main and Union St.

Charlestown Female Seminary

(1830/1-post 1850)



Site 11 corner of Union and Main
30 Union Street



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, UNION STREET.

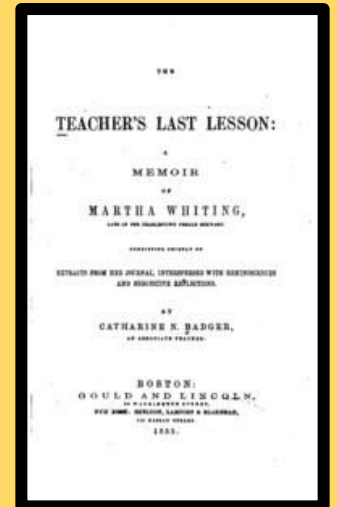
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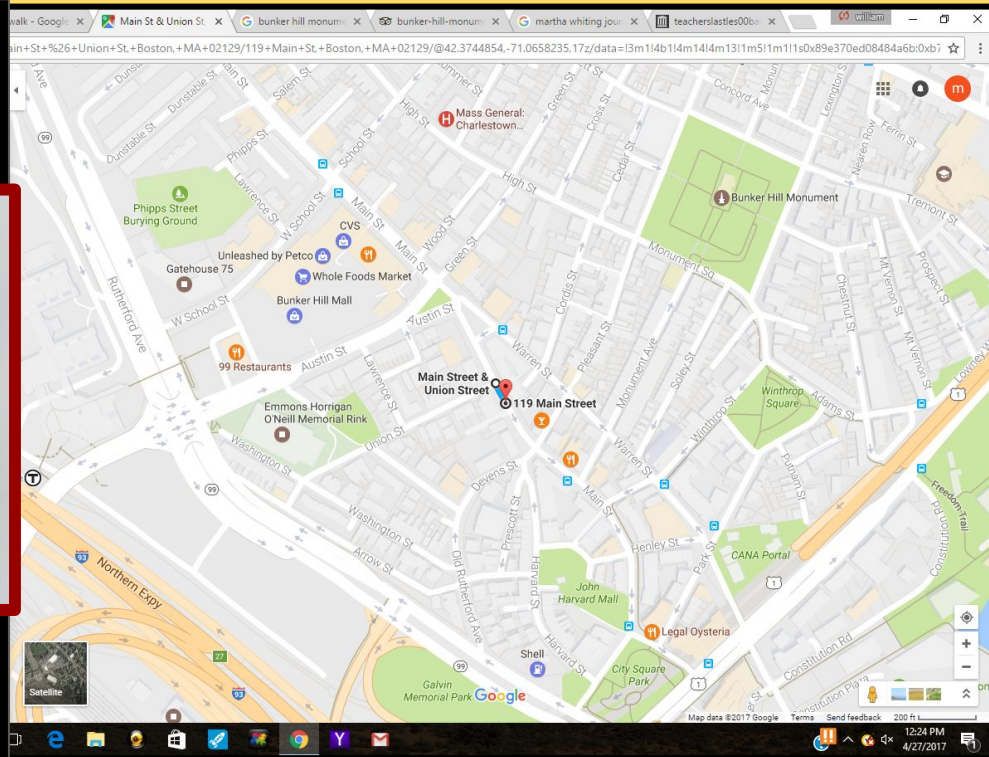
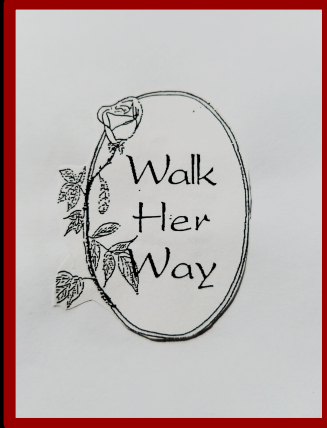
Martha Whiting

(1795-1853)



The Teacher's Last Lesson



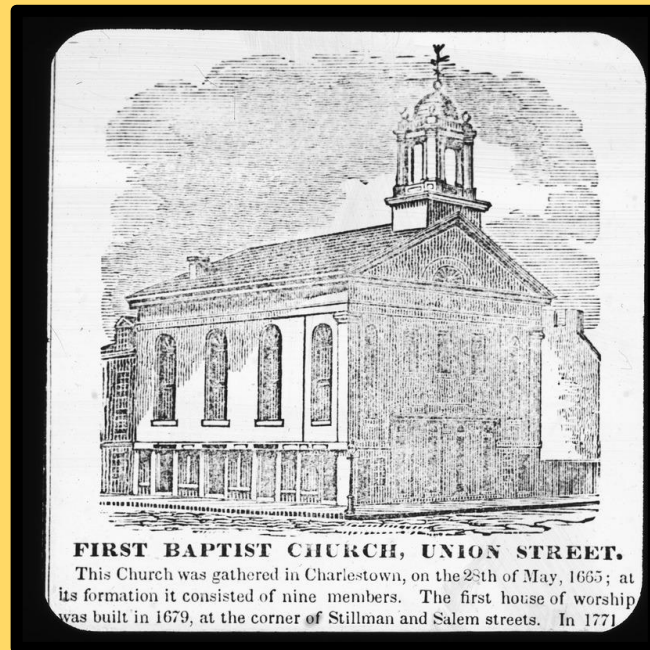


Walk along Main Street to 119 Main St. (Thompson House)

Sarah Davidson Colby

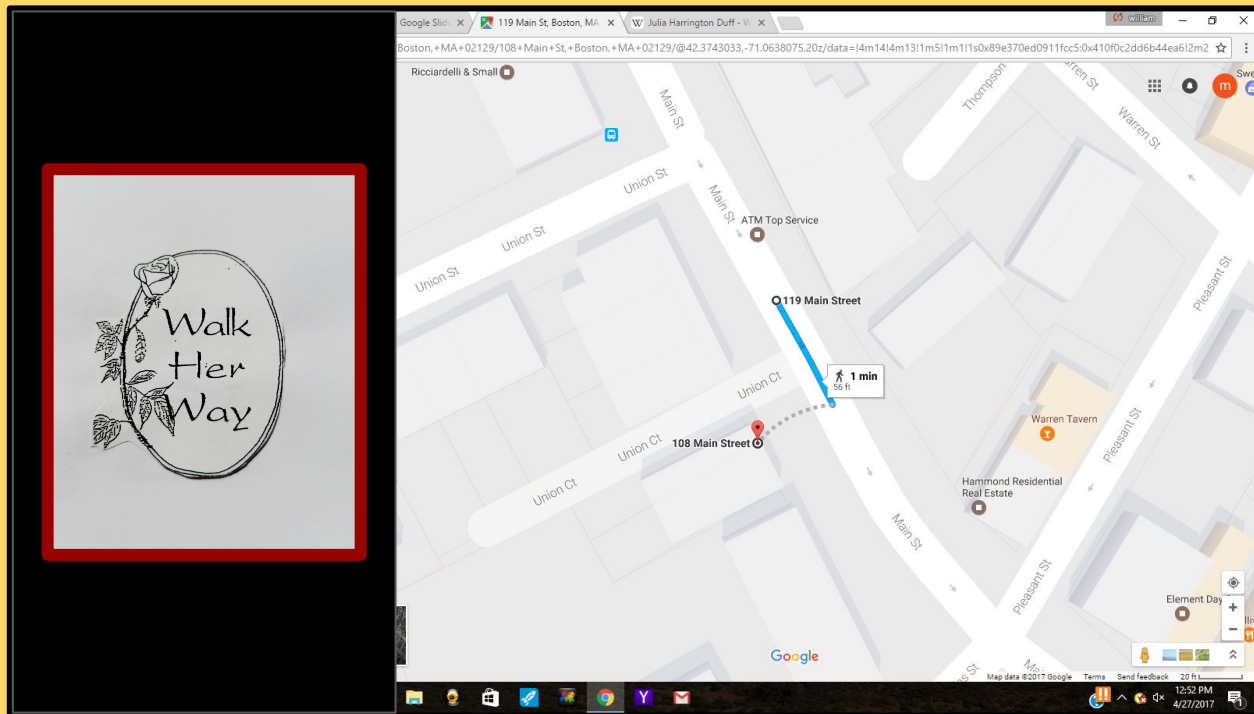
(1791-1868)

Site 12
119 Main Street



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, UNION STREET.

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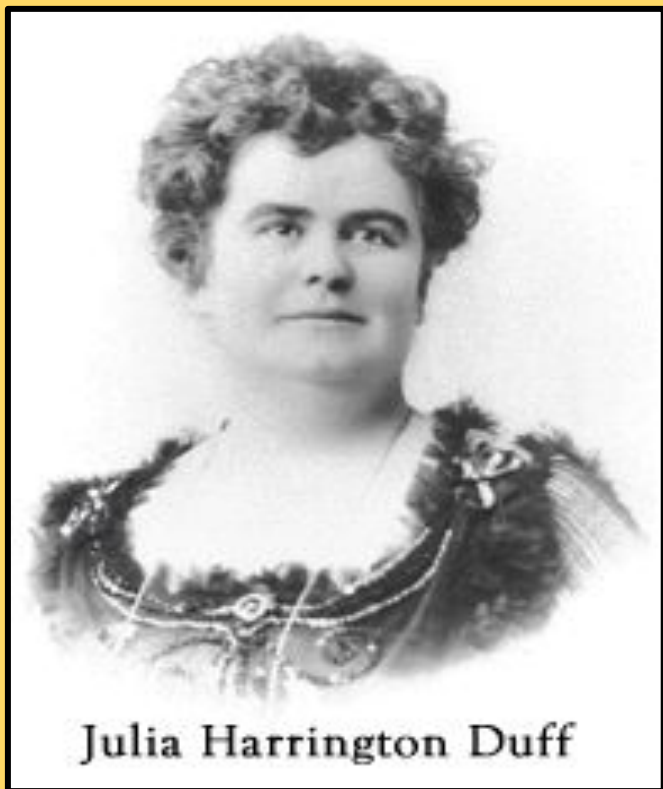
Walk along Main Street to 108 Main St.

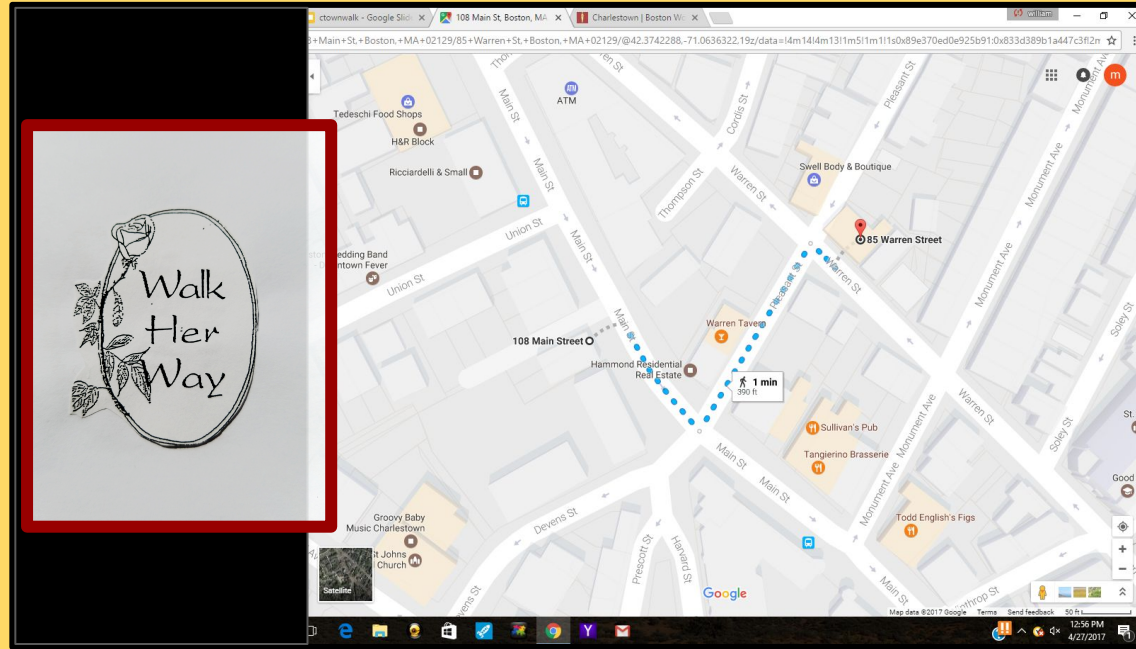
Julia Harrington Duff

(1859-1932)

Site 13

108 Main Street



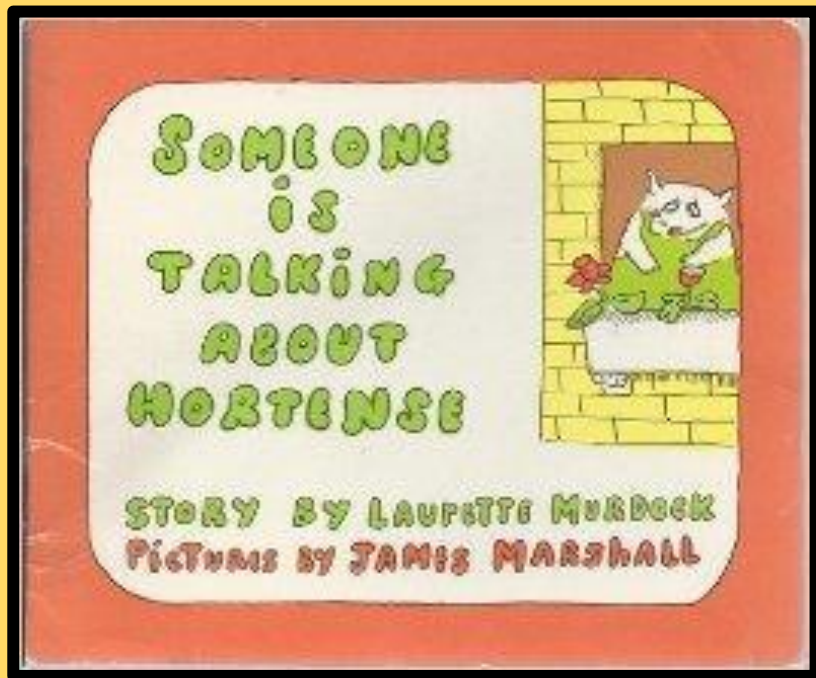


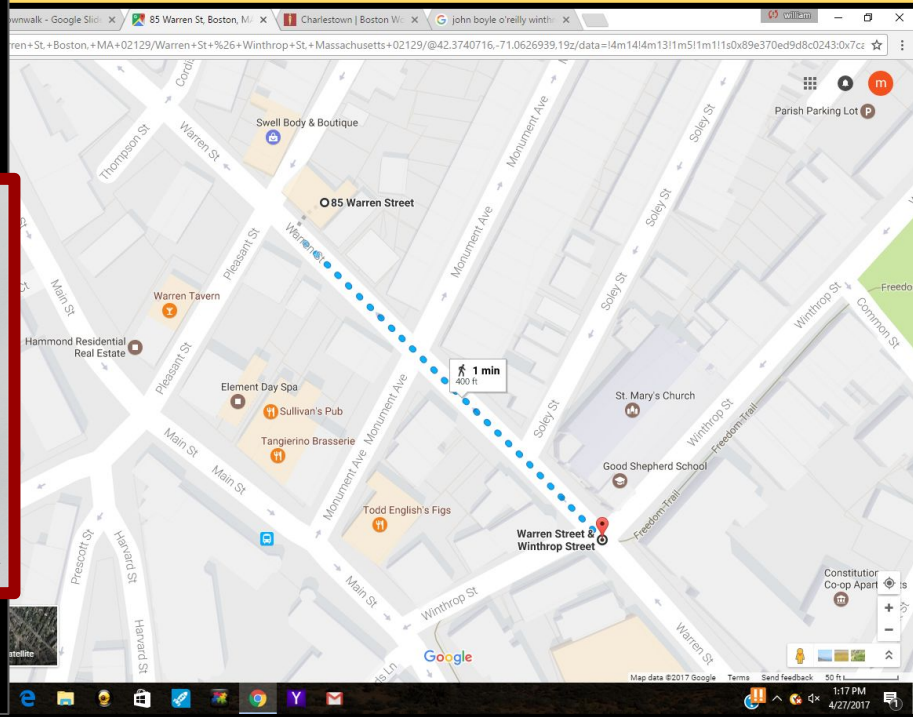
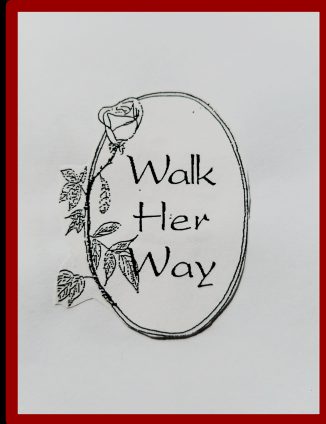
Walk from 108 Main Street turn left onto Pleasant Street right to 85 Warren Street.

Laurette Potts Murdock (1901-1994)

Site 14

81 $\frac{1}{2}$ Warren Street





Walk from 85 Warren Street to the corner of Warren and Winthrop St.



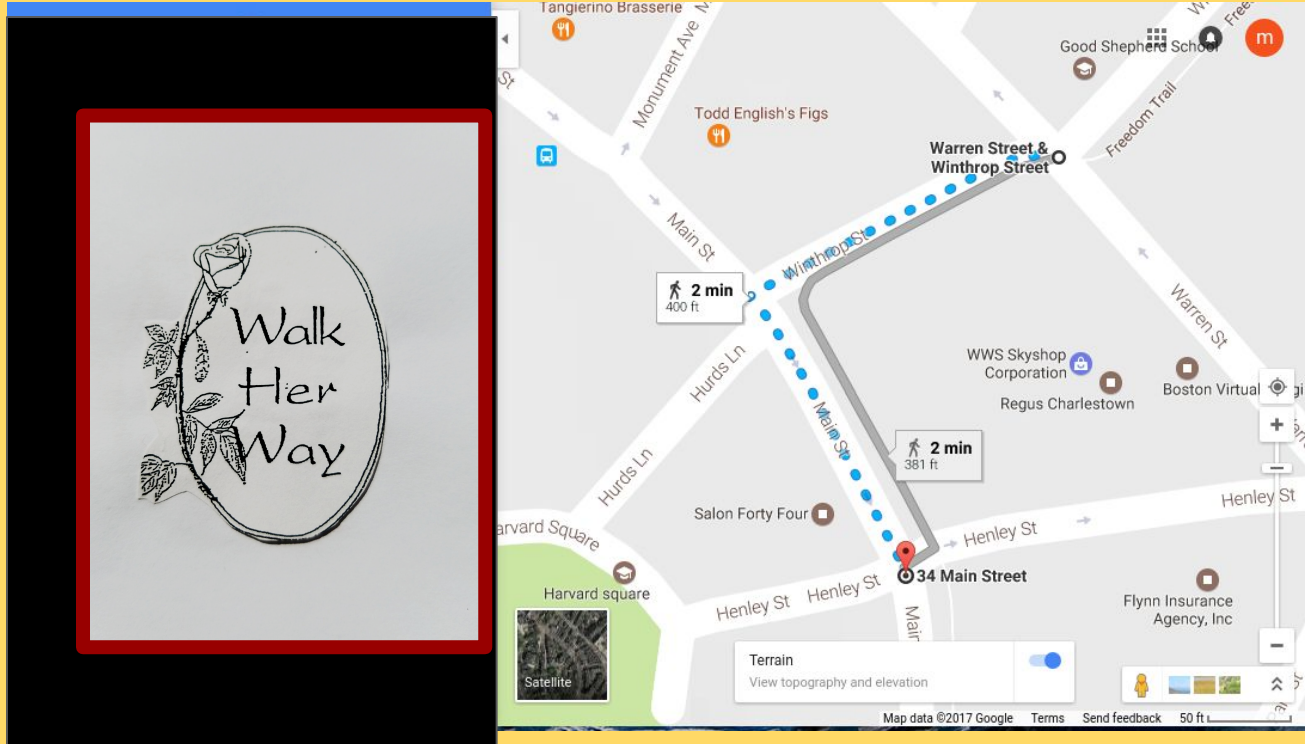
Site 15
34 Winthrop Street

Mary Boyle O'Reilly
(1873-1939)

Agnes Smiley O'Reilly Hocking

(1877- after 1955)





Walk across Warren St and up Winthrop St. to Main Street.

Site 16

34 Main Street

Mary Gee Chin
(1909-2012)

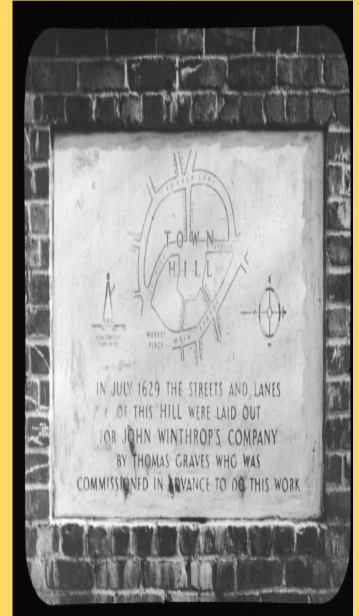




Walk along Main Street to City Square Park.

Squaw Sachem (c1590-1650)

Site 17
City Square

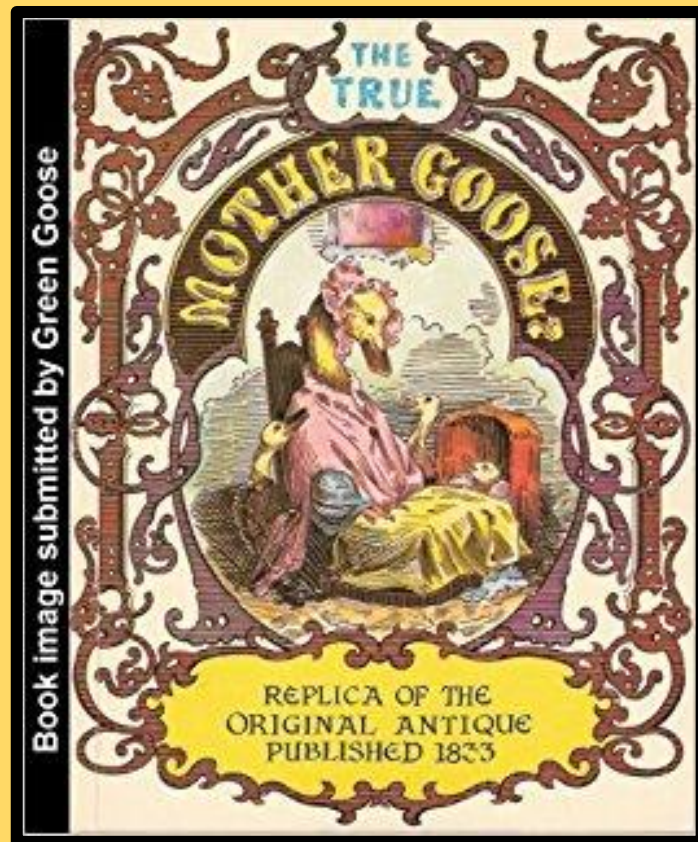


Mary Winslow Long
(1643-1730)



Elizabeth Foster VerGoose

(1665-1757)



Grace Hall Parker

(16xx-1754)

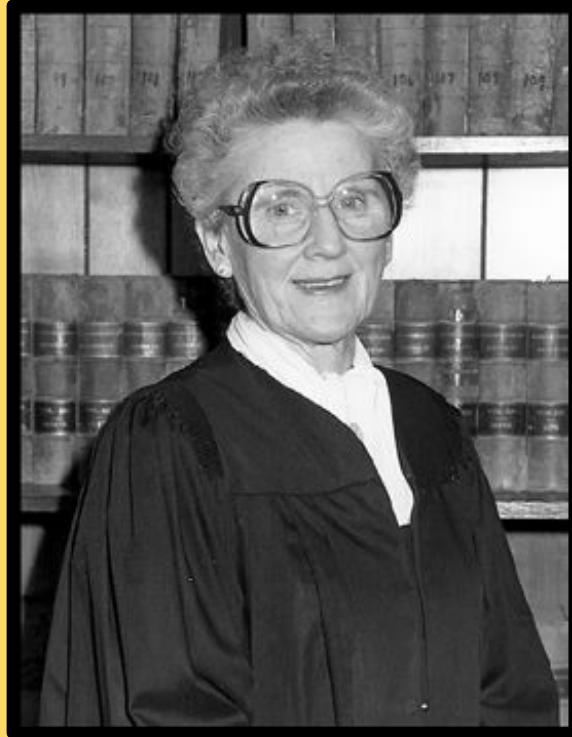


The Charlestown District Courthouse



Judge Mary Murphy Brennan

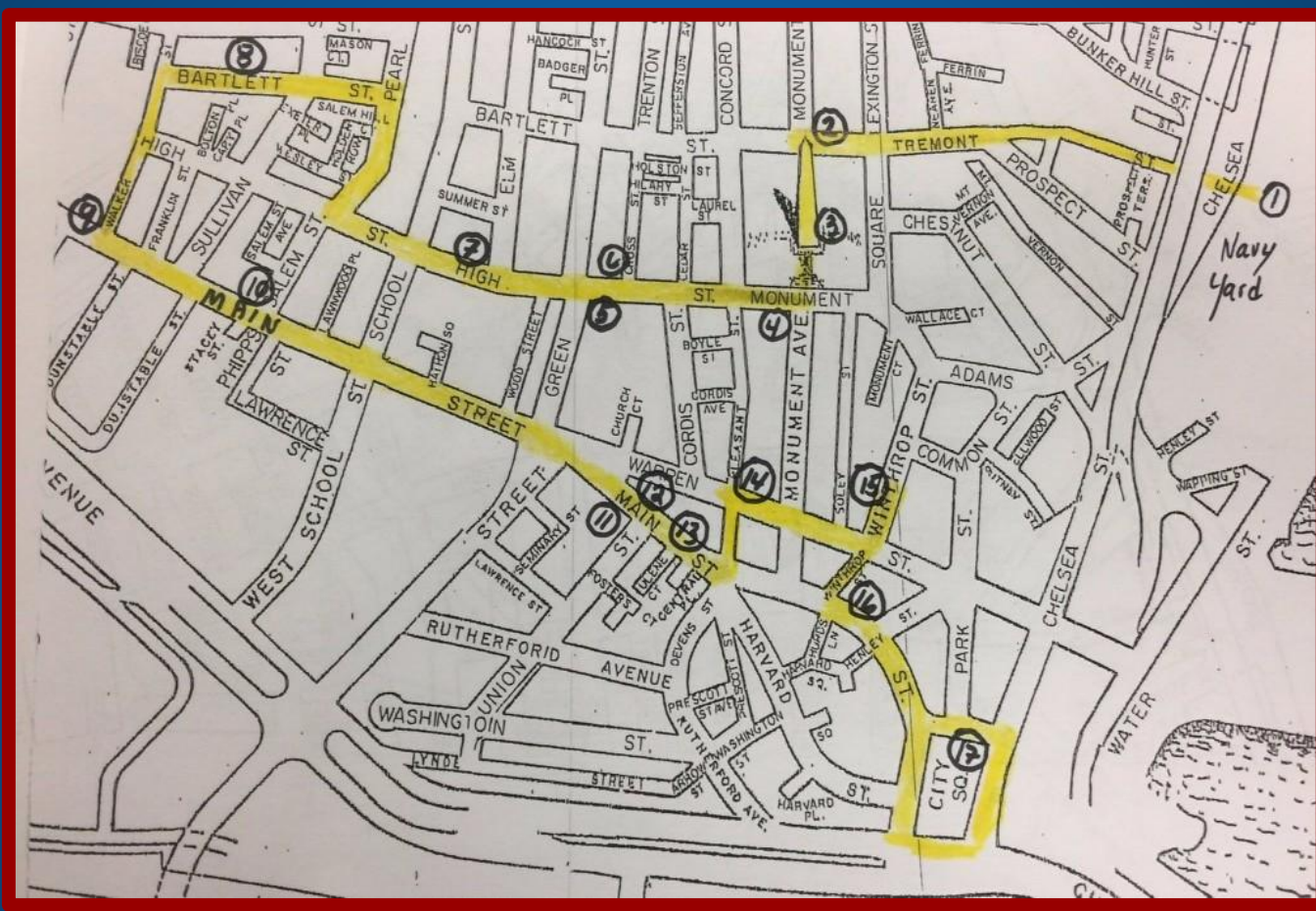
(1919-2011)



Judge Lillian D'Ambrosio

(1920-2001)

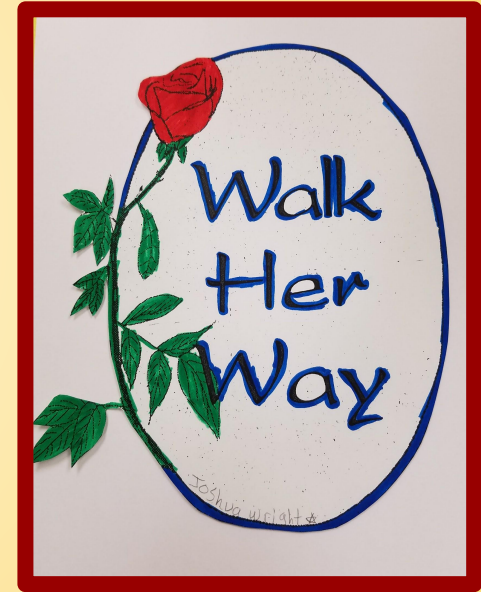




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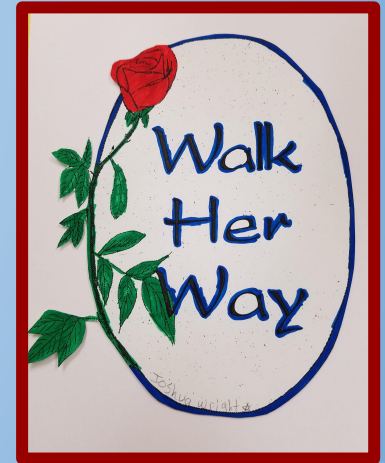
Abigail Fowle Smith

1679-1731



A Royal Visit

Queen Kapiolani and Princess Liliuokalani



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