



Virginia Women in History 2005

Mary Johnston

(1872-1948) Warm Springs *Literary Historian*
Wrote novels of national acclaim based on Virginia history while being an outspoken advocate for women's suffrage.



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Nora Houston

(1883-1942) Richmond *Artist*
A precocious artist from childhood, she led a general art movement in Virginia resulting in the establishment of the Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond.



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Bessie Blount Griffin

(1914 -) Hickory *Inventor and Forensic Scientist*
A physical therapist who invented devices to help the handicapped and pioneered the field of forensic science.



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Barbara Johns Powell

(1932-1994) Farmville *Civil Rights Activist*
Outspoken teenager who helped desegregate Virginia schools and later served as a public school librarian.



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Clara Leach Adams-Ender

(1921 -) Woodbridge *Brigadier General*
The daughter of sharecroppers, she worked her way through school with the help of the U.S. Army, leading to a 34-year career in the Nurse Corps.



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Lee Marshall Smith

(1944 -) Grundy *Fiction Author*
A born storyteller and listener, she has enthralled generations with her writing skills and creativity.



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Mary Belvin Wade

(1851-2002) Ambrose *Native American Activist*
A full-blooded Monacan Indian who worked unflinchingly for recognition of Native Americans.



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Caitlyn Day

(1986 -) New Castle *Civic Activist*
An ambitious teenager, who saw a need for a public library, and rallied a community to build it.



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