

VIRGINIA WOMEN

in history

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1. Virginia's earliest known proponent of voting rights for women. Hannah Lee Corbin argued that independent women should be exempted from paying all property taxes, as well as men. In 1778, she proposed that if

Businesswoman
Westmoreland County
WOMEN'S RIGHTS ADVOCATE
HANNAH LEE CORBIN

women su[ff]ered from taxation without representation

2. Mary Munford helped found the Woman's Club of Richmond as a vehicle to provide education and development opportunities for women, and work for education reform.

Education Activist
Richmond
MARY COOK BRANCH MUMFORD

for education led Munford to serve in leadership positions for several local and state education programs. For intellectually starved women, their passion states supported colleges for women, and work for associations, wage a campaign to establish a

3. A teacher by training, Janie Porter Barrett was a social reformer and educational activist who built a school for African American girls who had been incarcerated. With Barrett as superintendent, the school was nationally ranked in the top five of its kind and helped to set the rehabilitation treatment standard as a leader in humane social work.

Education Activist
Hanover
JANIE PORTER BARRETT

4. Lillian Ward McDaniel was a devoted educator and social activist who dedicated her life to tearing down the walls built by segregation. She supported Union-led Cross programs in many African-American schools, reseeded in leadership roles for numerous civic, political, fraternal, religious and professional organizations.

Educator, Social Activist
Richmond
LILLIAN WARD MCDANIEL

the impact of school achievement on crime and served

5. A charismatic fighter, Jessie Menfield Rattley built bridges between cities, the national government and the races. She became the first black female to sit on the Newport News City Council and the first woman to represent Virginia on the national government and the registration helped change status quo politics in Virginia in a new era of elective

Political Activist
Newport News
JESSIE MENFIELD RATTLEY

serve as mayor. Her work with voter education and

6. A poor country girl with perfect pitch and a good ear, Patsy Cline learned to play the piano and perform wherever she could find an audience. Her persistent character into the memories of the people of Virginia and helped to create opportunities and pave her way to fame. Country singers continue to emulate her style and her soul-stirring melodies are forever etched around the world.

Country Music Performer
Winchester
PATSY CLINE

7. Through her research at NASA and the redesign of supersonic airplanes to minimize destructive sound, Dr. Christine Mann Darden has overcome gender and race discrimination and uses her success to advocate for increasing the numbers of women and minorities in the sciences.

Mechanical Engineer, NASA
Researcher, Hampton
DR. CHRISTINE MANN DARDEN

Christine Mann Darden has become a leader in some boom

8. Rebecca Adamson has dedicated herself to improving the lives of indigenous peoples in the United States and Native American tribes build sound, sustainable reservation economies while strengthening their sense of identity and local politics offering

Advocate for Indigenous Peoples, Fredericksburg
REBECCA ADAMSON

throughout the world. With little money, Adamson founded

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