

# **Selected Women from *Women in Long Island's Past: A History of Eminent Ladies and Everyday Lives* by Natalie A. Naylor**

**Introduction** [Chapter numbers and titles are in bold.]

**1. The First Long Islanders** - Shinnecock, Montaukett and other women

**2. Colonial Long Islanders**

Elizabeth Powell and Abigail Powell, Bethpage/Farmingdale, early 1700s Mary Cooper (1714-1778), Cove Neck, Oyster Bay; diary 1768-1773

**3. The Revolutionary Schism and the Occupation of Long Island** Anna (Nancy) Strong (1740-1812), Strong's Neck, NE of Setauket

**4. Expanding the Domestic Sphere in the Nineteenth Century**

Teachers, seamstresses, tavern, boardinghouse, and lighthouse keepers

**5. Long Island's First Ladies**

\*Anna Symmes Harrison (1775-1864), grew up in Mattituck, 1779-1793

\*Julia Gardiner Tyler (1820-1889), grew up in East Hampton (to 1844)

\*Edith Kermit Roosevelt (1861-1948), Cove Neck, Oyster Bay (Sagamore Hill), 1887-1948

\*Eleanor Roosevelt (1884-1962), lived in Hempstead and then East Meadow, 1887-1892

\*Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy (Onassis), (1929-1994), born in Southampton, summered there in the 1930s and then in Bellport to 1942

**6. Novelists, Poets, and Other Writers**

\*Mary Louise Booth (1810-1850), first thirteen years in Yaphank (home is preserved as a museum by the Yaphank Historical Society)

\*Elizabeth Oakes Smith (1806-1893), Patchogue, 1859-1868; later summered in Blue Point

\*Frances Hodgson Burnett (1849-1924), Plandome, 1908-1924, novelist

Edith Loring Fullerton (1876-1931), Huntington, Wading River, and Medford, 1902-1927, wrote on gardening and agriculture

\*May Swenson (1913-1989), Sea Cliff, 1967-1989, poet

Marilyn French (1929-2009), Rockville Centre and Hofstra to late 1960s

**7. Women and the Arts**

Evelina (Nina) Mount (1837-1920), Stony Brook; painter

Sarah (Sally) James Farnham (1869-1943), Kings Point; sculptor

\*Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney (1875-1942), Old Westbury, sculptor

Edith Mitchill Prellwitz (1864-1944), Peconic, on the North Fork

Helen Torr (1886-1967), Halesite, 1924-1933, and Centerport, 1938-1967

\*Lee Krasner (1908-1984), Greenlawn, late 1920s and early 1930s; Springs, NE of East Hampton, 1945-1984

\*Elaine de Kooning (1918-1983), summers 1951-1954 in the Hamptons; Springs, NE of East Hampton, 1963-1983

\*Beatrix Jones Farrand (1872-1959), designed 25 LI estate gardens

**8. Philanthropists and Humanitarians**

Cornelia Clinch Stewart (1803-1886), developed Garden City, 1877-1886

\*Margaret Olivia Sage (1828-1918), country homes in Sag Harbor and Lawrence from 1908

Katherine Duer Mackay (1880-1930), Roslyn, 1898-1910

Dorothy Bigelow Melville (1894-1989), Old Field (north of Stony Brook)

Catholic religious orders (nuns): schools, colleges, hospitals, social services Ella Smith (1849-1922), Smithtown

**9. Earning a Living: Entrepreneurs, Entertainers, and Scientists** Servants, milliners, dressmakers, nurses, businesswomen, lawyers, etc.

\*Irene Castle (1893-1969), Manhasset and Long Beach, 1910s, dancer

\*Alicia Patterson (1906-1963), Sands Point, 1939-1963, *Newsday* editor

\*Christine Frederick McGaffey (1883-1970), Greenlawn, 1910-1939 \*Barbara McClintock (1902-1992), Cold Spring Harbor, 1941-1992

**10. Pioneering Pilots: Daring and Intrepid Airwomen**

Harriet Quimby (1875-1912), learned to fly on the Hempstead Plains 1911

Elinor Smith (1911-2010), grew up and lived in Freeport to ca. 1933

**11. Achieving Votes for Women [Suffragists]**

\*Alva Vanderbilt Belmont (1853-1933), Oakdale, 1875-1895; East Meadow and Sands Point in 1910s (also a philanthropist)

Harriet Burton Laidlaw (1873-1949), country home in Sands Point

“General” Rosalie Jones (1883-1978), Laurel Hollow, Cold Spring Harbor

**12. Civic and Political Activists**

Sarah Ann Baldwin Barnum (1814-1893), grew up in Baldwin; East Meadow, 1846-1893

Ida Bunce Sammis (1865-1943), Huntington (NYS Assembly; suffragist)

League of Women Voters, women’s clubs, village improvement societies

\*Pauline Morton Sabin (1887-1955), country home in Shinnecock Hills,

Southampton, 1918-1955; led campaign to repeal prohibition (WONPR)

Genesta Strong (1885-1972), Plandome, NYS Assembly, 1946-1959 (oleo)

Ethel Roosevelt Derby (1891-1977), Oyster Bay; exemplary civic activist

**13. Years of Change, 1930-1980**

Women in aviation and military service, WACs, WAVES, and SPARs

WASPs (Women Airforce Service Pilots): Jackie Cochran (1906-1980);

Betty Huyler Gilles (1908-1998), Syosset; Marjorie Gray (1912-2008)

Grumman’s test pilot, Teddy Kenyon (1905-1985), Huntington, 1936-1952 Betty Friedan (1921-2006), Sag Harbor, 1975-2006

**14. Historians and Preservationists** - Bertha Benkard Rose (1906-1982)

**Epilogue**

\* Indicates a woman who is in the standard biographical dictionary reference, *Notable American Women*. 5 vols. Cambridge: Harvard Univ. Press, 1971-2004.