Women Are Essential

Interpretive Strategies that Reveal Women Are Everywhere

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Women Who Built Illinois

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, which grants women’s constitutional right to vote. Many organizations are celebrating this “Year of the Woman” including the National Trust for Historic Preservation with its “Women Who Made History” Crowdfunding Program. Similarly, Landmarks Illinois is launching “Women who Built Illinois,” a database of places in the state designed, operated, and built by women. The database will be housed on our website at worldÒpreserves.org with an app.

Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon in living room c. 1980

Nurses at Georgia B. Williams Nursing Home in Camilla, GA

Amaza Lee Meredith in her studio at Azurest South

Edith Farnsworth House Interior during Edith Reconsidered

Odd Fellows Building in Astoria, OR: after 2020 restoration

Preservation Leadership Forum and Where Women Made History
Heather Huyck, PhD
Public historian; Co-Chair, Research and Interpretation Committee, National Collaborative for Women’s History Sites
New Ways of Seeing Women in Every Historic Place

Revealing women’s unexpected roles in the economy of Salem, MA

Honoring the many women who influenced the life, work and legacy of Frederick Douglas

Acknowledging environmental racism and its impact at the Pauli Murray Center for History and Social Justice
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Nancy Russell and the C.M. Russell Museum

Descendant families and the lives of enslaved women at Shadows on the Teche

The long legacy of women’s incarceration, resistance, and patriotic service at Bdote Fort Snelling
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Nancy Russell at Home Office, c. 1900
Nancy Russell’s Home Office, 2019 (main level)
Russell Dining Room, 2019 (main level)
Russell Bedroom, 2019 (upper level)
His Heart Sleeps

No flowers deck his resting place,
No mariner marks the spot,
But Nature loved her children—
Her child is not forgot.

Oft times she rocked his cradle,
Which flowed of rivers bring,
Her babies hum his lullaby,
Where great heroes come to drink.

His God, the Sun, rules guard for him
And thunders his golden light,
The moon with all her children
Sovereser him through the night.

His Heart Sleeps, 1913 pen and ink
Shadows on the Teche map
House and Field
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In the Big House
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