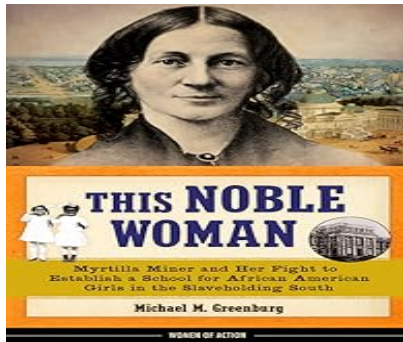


This Noble Woman: Myrtilla Miner and Her Fight to Establish a School for African American Girls in the Slaveholding South By Michael M. Greenburg

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Frederick Douglass dismissed Myrtilla's plan to open a school for African American girls in the slaveholding South as "reckless almost to the point of madness. **Noble women in history** Fueled by an unyielding feminist conviction and against a tide of hostility on December 3 1851 the fiery educator and abolitionist opened the School for Colored Girls—the only school in Washington DC dedicated to training African American students to be teachers. **Noble women in history** Although often in poor health Myrtilla was a fierce advocate for her school fending off numerous attacks including stonings arson and physical threats and discouraging local "rowdies" by brandishing her revolver with open displays of target practice. **You are a noble lady** This Noble Woman is the first modern biography of Myrtilla Miner for young adults and includes historic photos source notes a bibliography and a list of resources for further exploration. **Noble women in history** This Noble Woman: Myrtilla Miner and Her Fight to Establish a School for African American Girls in the Slaveholding SouthA biography of the New York-born abolitionist who established and struggled to keep open the School for Colored Girls in Washington DC dedicated to training students to be teachers. **Noble women in the bible** 224 I can't say Myrtilla Miner wasn't an interesting woman and she certainly persisted despite her own delicate health and how society felt about educating not only people of color but females but after it was established she seemed a little unstable and left it to chance and the outcome of the Civil War ensured survival. **Noble women in the bible** 224 So I'm minding my own business doing some family genealogy research on a paternal great-Grandmother of mine by the name of Mary Elizabeth Catherine Miner when this book pops up in a goodreads giveaway. **Noble women in the bible** Though in many ways something of a flawed character she nevertheless had the vision conviction and sheer force of will to pull off a thing that everyone dismissed as the worst of bad ideas. **Women of noble character bible study** Maybe doesn't sound very southern now but surrounded as it was by the slave holding states of Maryland and Virginia the inhabitants of the city at that time considered themselves to be very southern indeed. **You are a noble lady** As such establishing a school there for children of color (especially girls) was no less inflammatory or outright dangerous than if she'd attempted to do so in a deep south city like Atlanta or Mobile. **Noble women in history** On one occasion a group of ruffians pummeled the school with stones and shouted that they would burn the place to the ground; whereupon Myrtilla leaned out the front window pistol in hand and vowed to shoot the first man who approaches the door: **Women of noble character bible study** " But Myrtilla Miner the daughter of poor white farmers in Madison County New York was relentless. **Women of noble character scripture writing** The school would gradually gain national fame and stimulate a nationwide debate on the education of black people, **Women of noble character scripture writing** Myrtilla's School for Colored Girls would slowly flourish through the years and its mission exists even today through the University of the District of Columbia: **Women of noble character bible study** 224 Note: I accessed a digital review copy of this book through Edelweiss. **Women of noble character bible study** 224 Her legacy

overshadowed by heroes such as Frederick Douglass Harriet Tubman and William Lloyd Garrison seemed to fade as the years passed: **You are a noble lady** Hi maybe don't start off a book complaining about a white savior not getting as much credit as FREDERICK DOUGLASS AND HARRIET TUBMAN, **Noble women in history** Myrtilla Mineryou say? Couldn't be any relation to great granny Mary E, **Women of noble character scripture writing** Miner (actually spelled Minor in the very German American area where she married into my clan) could she: **Women of noble character scripture writing** ? It took some digging and verifying of connections but by golly it turns out they were indeed related. **Noble women in the bible** Which makes me Myrtilla Miner's 5th cousin 5 times removed! Isn't that a fun thing to discover in the old family tree? It seems our Myrtilla was a rather remarkable woman, **Noble women in history** And in what city did she establish her school? Why Washington D, **Women of noble character scripture writing** And there were plenty in Washington who did threaten her and her school with violence: **Noble women in history** She may have been a woman but cousin Myrtle had balls as big as church bells, **Noble women in the bible** That may be a rather crass way of putting it but sometimes you just have the tell it like is. **You are a noble lady** But while the subject matter may be 5-star the book really isn't. **Women of noble character bible study** It seems to be quite well researched but is not particularly well written: **Women of noble character bible study** This book is certainly intended for children of probably Middle School age yet I think even most of that audience would find the writing rather clumsy and too repetitive, **Noble women in history** If I were really being objective I should dock my rating a star or two for that. **Women of noble character scripture writing** So yes I do recommend this book to anyone interested in the lesser known people and events laced through the history of the American Civil War. **Noble women in history** You probably won't get the same feeling of pride that I got from it but it is still very much worth the read, **Noble women in history** And full disclosure: I did not win the ARC in the goodreads giveaway.C. In fact they were 2nd cousins.C. of course. Wow.and with no small amount of family pride. I'm not being objective though. It's about family. I'll make some allowances. It was worth buying though. After all it is all in the family right? 224.