

1642 *Women's History*
Century of Struggle by Eleanor Flexner *1847 - Haiti*

Indentured Servants, 1608-1800

Female Literary Societies of colored women, in Phila., NY, Boston, most of all the Ohio Ladies Education Society.

1st Nat. Female Ant-Slavery Society conv. in NY, 1837. 81 delegates from 12 states, & when abolitionist Theodore Weld came, one of delegates sent following message: "Tell Mr. Weld...."

that when the women got together they found they had MINDS of their own, & could transact their business without his directions."

cf/Sara Grimke The Equality of the Sexes & the Conditions of Women, 1838

Margaret Fuller, Woman in the 19th C., 1844 NB

Earliest known strike of women factory wks. took place in Pawtucket, R.I. in 1824 where they joined men operatives in strike against wage cuts & longer hrs.

1st strike which women alone participated was in Dover, N.H. 1830. In 1834, a NAMELESS yng. woman, newly fired from her job, made a flaming Mary Wollstonecraft speech on the rts. of women & the iniquities of the "monied aristocracy" which produced general strike.

1836 women strikers in Lowell, "I Can't Be a Nun" parody
Oh, isn't it a pity, such a pretty girl as I
Should be sent into the factory to pine away & die?
O, I cannot be a slave,
I will not be a
For I'm so fond of liberty
That I cannot be a slave."

Clara Lemlich, Cooper Union: "I am tired of listening to speakers who talk in general terms. What we are here for is to decide whether or not we shall strike. I offer that a general strike to be declared---now 1st general strike of its kind. 1st large strike of women wks."

10, 20, 30, 000! Revolt! Uprising!
Women's Trade Union League---org'd in 1903.

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FLORA TRISTAN
(1803-1884)

grandmother of Gauguin.
1825-30 wandered thru world.
1840--publishes Promades dans Londres--sufferings of Br. wkr & early Chartist movement
mission in life: emancipation of workers *of women
publishes in 1843 UNION OUVRIERE where she 1st projects Workers' INT. - safe tract in every dept.
Palaces of Wks. Union where children of the wkg class will receive both INTEL. & TECHNICAL instructions & TO WHICH will be admitted men & WOMEN wks. who have been

9) "To recognize in principle the equality of right bet. men & women as being the sole means of est'g. Human Unity."