

WOMEN'S HISTORY TRANSCRIBE-A-THON



How to participate:

1. Go online to <http://bit.ly/tfltranscribes>
2. Scroll down the screen and select one of the categories of Mary Church Terrell's papers (e.g. "Family letters," "Democracy in action," etc)
3. Once you have found a document that interests you, you can begin transcribing. Some helpful tips:
 - Transcribe original spelling, punctuation, word order, and any page numbers or catalog marks.
 - Preserve line breaks except when a word breaks over a line or page. Then transcribe it on the line or page where it starts.
 - Use brackets [] around deleted, illegible or partially legible text, and square brackets and asterisks around text in margins [* *].
 - Transcribe any words or letters you can't identify as [?].
 - Include insertions where you would read them in the text.
4. You may also choose to review transcriptions completed by other users, but you will need to register for a free account in order to do so.
5. Remember that you can spend as much or as little time transcribing as you are able. Every little bit helps!

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Mary Church Terrell

Mary Church Terrell was born into a prosperous Memphis family and graduated from Oberlin College in 1895. She became the first black woman appointed to the District of Columbia Board of Education. She was a founding president of the National Association of Colored Women and, in 1909, a founder of the NAACP. Terrell spent her life fighting for the causes of universal suffrage, and the freedom and equality of men and women of all colors in the eyes of the law. She celebrated the achievements of African Americans and women in her many public speeches, and was a much sought-after speaker, famed for her eloquence. Her early life and work helped sustain the civil rights and women's suffrage movements of the twentieth century.

-from <https://crowd.loc.gov/campaigns/mary-church-terrell-advocate-for-african-americans-and-women/>

About the *By the People* Campaign

The Library of Congress launched *By the People* (crowd.loc.gov) in the autumn of 2018. The application invites you to transcribe, review, and tag digitized images of manuscripts and typed materials from the Library's collections. Everyone is welcome to take part! You don't even need to create an account, but if you do you'll have access to additional features such as tagging, and reviewing other people's transcriptions. All transcriptions are made and reviewed by volunteers before they are returned to loc.gov, the Library's website. These transcriptions will improve search, readability, and access to handwritten and typed documents for those who are not fully sighted or cannot read the handwriting of the original documents.