

March is Women's History Month



Reverend Antoinette Brown Blackwell

First ordained woman minister in the United States, in 1853



Doctor Sarah Perry

First known woman doctor from Henrietta, graduating from the Buffalo Medical School in 1882



Lillian Roberts

First woman to hold a Monroe County elective office, elected as County Purchasing Agent in 1926



Ruth VanOstrand

First woman elected to the Rush-Henrietta School Board in 1957; first recipient of the ABB Society Woman of the Year Award

Notable Henrietta Women Who Achieved Firsts



Minerva Campbell

First President of the first Henrietta Public Library Board of Trustees in 1958



Trudy McNall

First local woman to have her own cooking show on television in the 1960s



Eleanor Crane Kalsbeck

Wrote the first comprehensive history of the town of Henrietta, published in 1977



Marilyn McGill

First woman elected to serve on the Town Board, in 1986