

1642 *Women's History*
Century of Struggle by Eleanor Flexner *1847-1848*

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 Anti-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 *NP*

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

1st strike where 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. - to be erect 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."