

Profiles in Leadership



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Born: 1823 Died: 1893

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Mary Ann Shadd was born in Delaware of free negro parents.

At age 10, her parents enrolled her in a Quaker boarding school in Pennsylvania.

In 1840 she opened a private school for negroes.



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The infamous Fugitive Slave Law was passed in 1850. Negroes who had been free were arrested and their property was taken. Whole families were seized, beaten and put back into slavery.

Mary and her family fled to Canada.



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She founded a newspaper called "The Provincial Freeman" - which informed the fugitive slaves of the opportunities available in Canada.

In 1863 she returned to the United States to assist in the enlisting a regiment of Negro Soldiers to fight in the Civil War.



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After the war she continued to teach and was a regular contributor to two newspapers.

In 1881 she became an active member of the National Woman's Suffrage Association.



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She entered The Howard University Law School, graduating in 1884 as the first Negro female lawyer in the United States - she was 61 years old.



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As educator, abolitionist, editor, attorney and feminist, she devoted her entire life to improve the quality of life for **everyone**, be they black or white, male or female.



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