The Edith Guerrier Papers at the New Bedford Whaling Museum include correspondence of the Boston Public Library, Edith Guerrier (1895-1945) became the first African American woman to be appointed to the board of the New Bedford Whaling Museum. Her close friends lovingly called her MTV, so designated for a woman who channeled her interests in social reform into her work. “At Bath Street in 1940, my house was next to the house pictured.” Rosalind Poll Brooker (1928-2016) was a busy, active woman of the world. From professional and political work, to social life, to family and friends, she knew how to make the most of life. Her work in the American whaling industry was acknowledged of the essential part that Anna played in the War on Poverty initiatives of the 1960s had a positive impact on her life at the New Bedford Whaling Museum. She was the first woman elected to the board of the New Bedford Whaling Museum. “Now that I’m in high gear, I’m going to down in history, I’m going up.” Rosalind rose up throughout her life as a woman of the world. “What a wondrous life.” Rosalind Poll Brooker (1928-2016) was a busy, active woman of the world. From professional and political work, to social life, to family and friends, she knew how to make the most of life. Her work in the American whaling industry was acknowledged. Once described as the wealthiest woman in the United States, Sylvia Ann Howland (1870-1958) included social reform in her work at the New Bedford Whaling Museum. "The War on Poverty initiatives of the 1960s had a positive impact on numerous lives at the New Bedford Whaling Museum. When I got married to someone who could afford a house, I moved back to New Bedford. "I was interested in the fact that the Portuguese government did not have a kindergarten, which opened at the New Bedford Whaling Museum in 1833."
**Margaret “MayDee” Xifaras Lang, Eleanor Ballantyne**

Women played a key role in domestic politics. New Bedford lawyer Matthew Xifaras (1821-1881) inherited a large fortune from his Portuguese-Scottish missionary father. Margaret “MayDee” Xifaras Lang was one of the state's first salaried schoolwomen and was an expert in her field of education during the 1860s. Margaret was a leader in education reform and a prominent member of her community. She was a part of the first Woman's Educational and Reform Association of New Bedford and was an important figure in the education of the African American communities.

**Mary Ruhm**

Mary Ruhm was a New Bedford politician, activist, and community leader. She was a member of the Democratic Party and served as a delegate to the 1968 Democratic National Convention. Mary Ruhm was also a co-founder of the Martha Briggs Literary Club and a member of the New Bedford Historical Club.

**Mary Hudson Onley**

Mary Hudson Onley (1889-1980) was one of the founders of the Martha Briggs Literary Club and a member of the New Bedford Historical Club.

**Amelia Jones**

Amelia Jones taught in New Bedford and was one of the founders of the Martha Briggs Literary Club.

**Hetty Green**

Hetty Green was a New Bedford native and a prominent businesswoman. She was known as the “Whitfield of the Brides” and “the Queen of Real Estate.” Hetty Green was known for her lavish lifestyle and for her involvement in the real estate market. She was a strong advocate for the rights of women and was a leading figure in the women’s suffrage movement.

**Amelia Piper**

Amelia Piper was one of the managers of the New Bedford Historical Society and was a member of the New Bedford Women’s Club. She was also one of the first women to serve on the Board of Directors of the New Bedford Public Library.

**Sarah R. Delano**

Sarah R. Delano was a New Bedford native and a prominent community leader. She was a member of the New Bedford Women’s Club and was a leading figure in the women’s suffrage movement.

**Lillian B. Lamoureux**

Lillian B. Lamoureux (1921-2017) was an active member of the New Bedford Women’s Club and was a leader in the women’s suffrage movement.

**Valentina Almeida**

Valentina Almeida was a Cape Verdean American teacher in Cambridge, MD after the collapse of her country’s Dartmouth farm to St. Luke’s Hospital in 1925. She was also a leader in the women’s suffrage movement and was a member of the New Bedford Women’s Club.

**Harriet Jacob**

Harriet Jacob was a New Bedford native and a prominent community leader. She was a member of the New Bedford Women’s Club and was a leader in the women’s suffrage movement.

**Rachel Howland**

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**Margaret Ryckebusch**

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**Archangelos Fortes**

Archangelos Fortes was a member of the Cape Verdean American Veterans Association. He was a descendent of a family that arrived in America in 1851 and was a prominent figure in the Cape Verdean community. He was also a leading figure in the women’s suffrage movement.

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