



Prudence Crandall's Academy

In 1831, Prudence Crandall opened a private academy for the daughters of the white families of Canterbury. After accepting a black woman, Sarah Harris, as a student at the Academy, Crandall decided to change the school into one exclusively for African American women and girls.

Between 20 and 25 black women and girls, ranging in age from 9 to 22, attended the Academy. They came from Philadelphia, New York City, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut. During the Academy's 17 months of operation, Crandall and her students endured court trials, harassment, and increasing violence. After an angry mob attacked the school building on the night of Sept. 9, 1834, Prudence Crandall decided that for the safety of her students she must close the Academy.

Although only open for 17 months, the Canterbury Female Academy was the first private educational opportunity for African-American women in New England.



Join us...

The mission of *Friends of the Prudence Crandall Museum, Inc.* is to assist in the preservation and interpretation of the Prudence Crandall Museum, to encourage and promote visitation, and to enhance the public's appreciation of this truly unique landmark. The group works jointly and cooperatively with the State of Connecticut Historic Preservation Office, Department of Economic and Community Development.

Friends Group Objectives:

- To sponsor special events at the Museum, i.e. concerts, lectures, children's programs.
- To sponsor fundraising for the Museum. Funds raised by the group are used for public programs, research, and collections.
- To maintain an informative website of Friends history and events.
- To create a membership base for the Museum.
- Membership would entitle one to (for an annual fee) :
 - Free Admission to the Museum
 - 20% discount in the Museum Gift Shop.

The events that took place at Prudence Crandall's Female Academy and the courage shown by both teacher and students remain without equal in the annals of Connecticut history. We need your support to ensure that this important site lasts for future generations.

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Did you know...

- Prudence Crandall is the Connecticut State Female Hero.
- The Museum is on the Connecticut Freedom Trail and the Women's Heritage Trail.
- The Museum is a National Historic Landmark.

The Prudence Crandall Museum is administered by the State of Connecticut Historic Preservation Office, Department of Economic and Community Development.

Friends of the *Prudence Crandall Museum, Inc.*



We would like to invite you to join in our efforts to promote and support one of the state's most important sites.

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