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Anna J. Haywood Cooper

Celebrating Women's History

Anna Julia Haywood was born August 10, 1858 in Raleigh, NC. Her mother, Hannah Stanley, was enslaved. Her mother's slaveholder, George Washington Haywood, was her father.

Anna attended St. Augustine's Normal and Collegiate Institute (now St. Augustine's College) from 1868 to 1877. Here she received a formal high school education and worked as a student tutor, in addition to receiving a scholarship. During her fourteen years at St. Augustine's, Anna fought to have the same opportunities as her male counterparts including the ability to enroll in Latin and Greek courses.

On June 21, 1877, Anna married George A. C. Cooper who was a teacher at St. Augustine's. He taught Greek and was later ordained as an Episcopal clergyman. The couple worked at the school until George's death in 1879. Although Anna lived to be 105, she never remarried after being widowed at age 21.

Anna devoted her life to educating herself and others. In 1881, she enrolled in Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio. When she graduated in 1884, she was one of the first African American women to graduate with a bachelor of arts degree from an American college. She was also one of only three African American female members of the class of 1884. She later earned a Master of Arts in Mathematics and defended her thesis on French policies during slavery to earn her Ph.D.

Anna taught at the following schools:

March

Women's History
Month

1 - Ash Wednesday
12 - Daylight Saving
Time begins
17 - St. Patrick's Day
20 - Spring begins



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- St. Augustine’s Normal School and Collegiate Institute
- Wilberforce University
- Lincoln Institute
- Frelinghuysen University
- M Street School

from A Voice from the South

by Anna Julia Cooper

An opponent of industrial education, Anna “advocated a rigorous classical curriculum to prepare students to pursue degrees at prestigious universities such as Harvard, Brown, and Yale. (Her) vocal participation in a vibrant African American intellectual community exemplified the integral role that she believed black women should play in shaping and sustaining such communities”.

While fighting for education and the rights of African American women, Anna also reared her brother’s five children after he died in 1915.

Anna lived until February 27, 1964.

The Anna Julia Cooper Center is located on the campus of Wake Forest University.

In the clash and clatter of our American Conflict, it has been said that the South remains Silent. Like the Sphinx she inspires vociferous disputation, but herself takes little part in the noisy controversy. One muffled strain in the Silent South, a jarring chord and a vague and uncomprehended cadenza has been and still is the Negro. And of that muffled chord, the one mute and voiceless note has been the sadly expectant Black Woman,

An infant crying in the night,

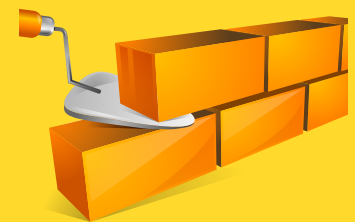
An infant crying for the light;

And with *no language—but a cry.*

Sources: The North Carolina Roots of African American Literature: An Anthology, African American Women: A Biographical Dictionary

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	NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF DEATH
	William Watson	June 7, 1932	January 23, 2016
	Catherine Harrison	September 16, 1946	January 27, 2016
	Iola Johnson	October 15, 1926	January 30, 2016
	Cathy Wooten	January 25, 1957	February 8, 2016
	Joshua Outen	March 24, 1943	February 10, 2016
	Wallace Parham	July 11, 1928	February 15, 2016
	Elbert Barrett	January 1, 1940	February 16, 2016
	Jennie Odom	December 21, 1936	February 15, 2016
	Verdena Evans	November 2, 1965	February 25, 2016
	Horace Batchelor	September 17, 1946	March 17, 2016
	Milton Barnes	June 2, 1936	March 21, 2016