

# INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

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# 20 Regional Women Who Broke Bias



# I. ALICE MC LAUGHLIN (1927-2018)

First woman in the history of  
Green Ridge Bank to be named  
to its board of directors.





## 2. ANNA CALISTA CLARKE, MD (1869-1958)

Received her medical degree and continued her studies in Paris and Rome. In Scranton, she served as president of the Lackawanna League of Women Voters and as a board member of Hahnemann Hospital.





### 3. CAROL ANN DRAZBA (1943-1966)

A Dunmore native who trained at the former Scranton General Hospital before joining the U.S. Army Nurses Roster.

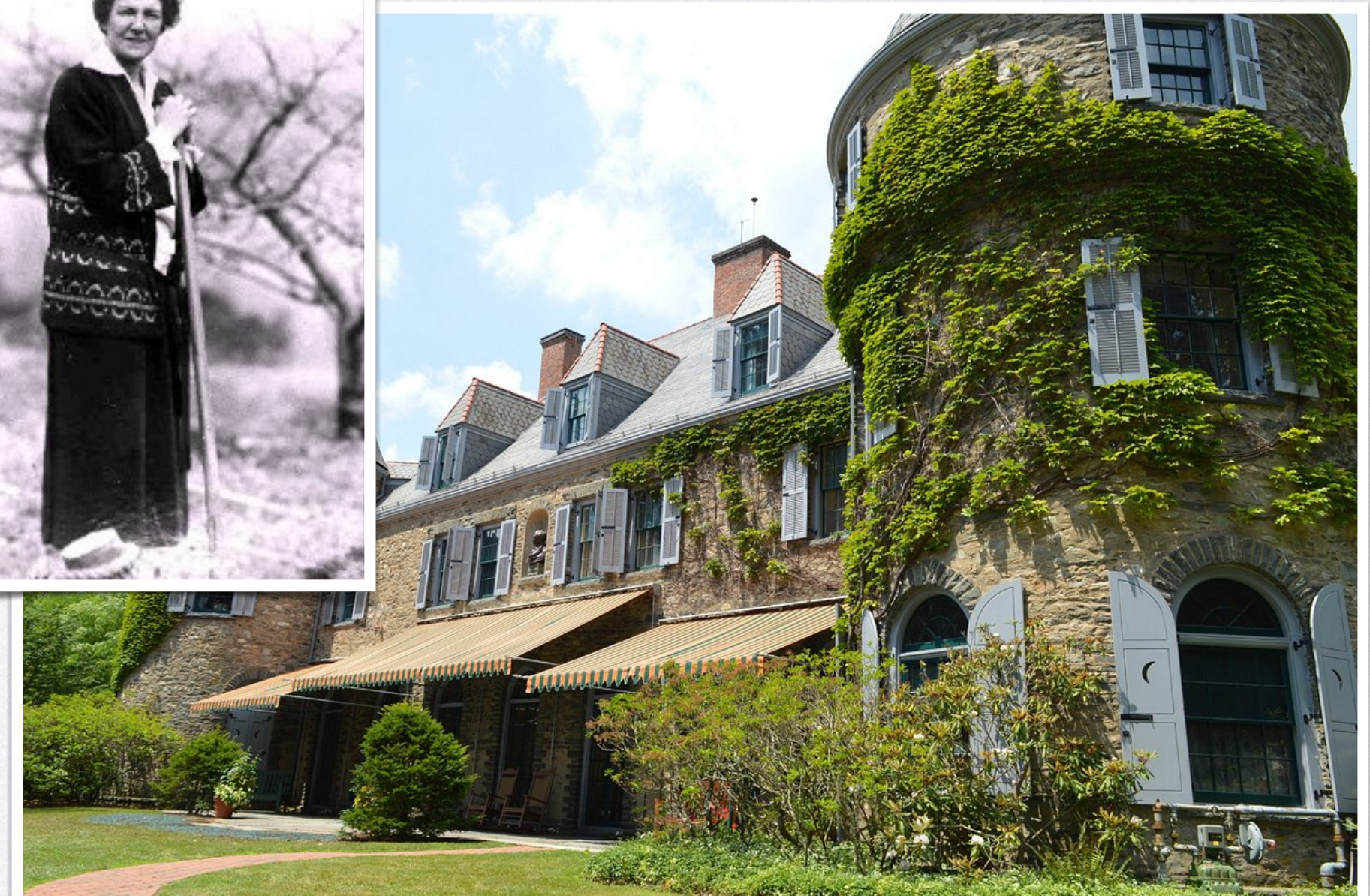
While on duty she was killed in a helicopter crash, making her one of the first American nurses to die during the Vietnam War.





## 4. CORNELIA PINCHOT (1881-1960)

Wife of Governor Pinchot, and a strong proponent of suffrage and women's rights. She contributed greatly to the League of Women Voters. Also a conservationist, she served as a delegate to the United Nations Scientific Conference on Conservation and Utilization of Resources in 1949.





# 5. ELIZABETH CANNON ARCHBALD (1850-1923)

One of the area's earliest leaders in women's suffrage, serving as both the organizer and first president of the Woman's Club in Scranton.





## 6. JANE JACOBS (1916-2006)



A Scranton-born author and activist who studied the impact of urban life in society. Her book, “The Death and Life of Great American Cities,” was initially criticized by experts because she did not have a college education, but it now holds critical acclaim.



# 7. JENNIE LEWIS EVANS (1862-1940)

Served as president of the  
Lewis & Reilly Inc. shoe store.  
She also served as a charter member of  
the Plymouth Congregational Church.





## 8. KATE R. CHAPMAN (1862-1940)

An advocate for the passage of the women's suffrage bill. She was the first woman in Lackawanna County to seek office; she won the nomination but was defeated by a close margin.





# 9. LORETTA PERFECTUS WALSH (1896-1925)

Became the first woman to enlist in the U.S. Navy when she was 20-years-old. She was also the first active-duty woman and the first allowed to serve in a position other than nursing.





# 10. LOUISE TANNER BROWN (1883-1955)



Expanded husband George's Scranton-based trucking business after his passing in 1923. Also an avid civil rights activist, she organized a political league for black women in Scranton and was a board member for the Scranton branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.



# I I. W.B. DUGGAN

(1853-1926)



One of the first policewomen to be commissioned in the state of Pennsylvania. She spent many years in active service and was chief probation officer of Lackawanna County.



# 12. THEODORA COPE SUMNER GRAY, PHD (1906-2000)

From Susquehanna County, a founding member of the world-famous Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology. She and her arctic-explorer husband traveled the world while she documented her studies of birds and animals and published books.





# 13. MARY BROOKS PICKEN

(1886-1981)



Author and founder of the Women's Institute of Domestic Arts and Sciences in Scranton. She also taught "Economics of Fashion" at Columbia University and co-founded the Metropolitan Museum of Art's Costume Institute. She was the first female trustee of the Fashion Institute of Technology.



# 14. MINA SCHIMPF ROBINSON (1846-1925)



After her husband of one year, Philip, died suddenly at the age of 17, Mina oversaw the completion of his new brewery. To further support her family, she founded the South Side Bank and Trust Co. in Scranton



# 15. MARY LOWE SCRANTON (1918-2015)

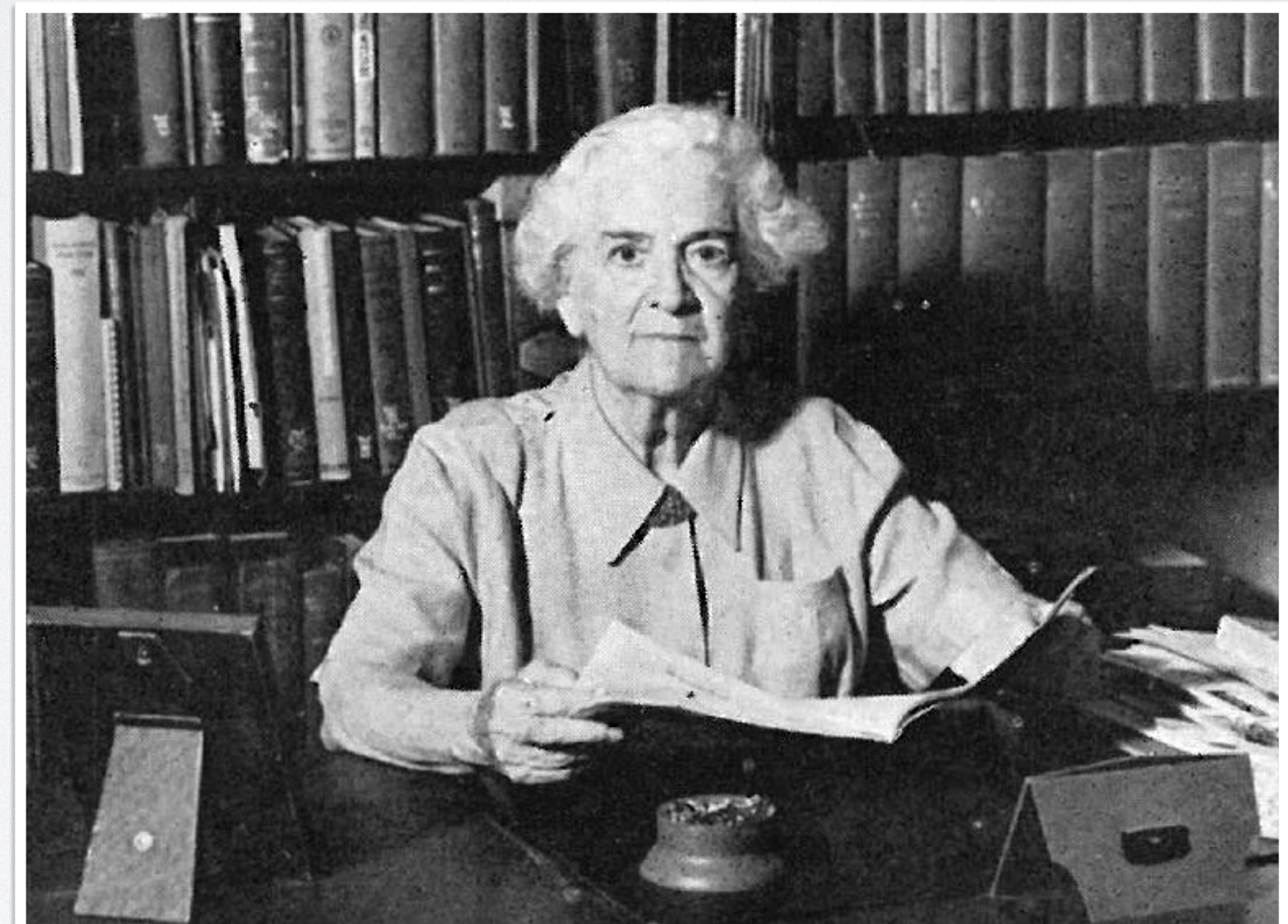
Served as First Lady of Pennsylvania from 1963-1967. She was the first woman to serve on the board of trustees for the University of Scranton and the California Institute of Technology (Caltech). While on Caltech's board, she successfully secured federal funding for NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, which is still in operation today.





# 16. FRANCES DORRANCE, PHD (1877-1973)

A regional native who was a noted scholar at the University of Berlin, Columbia University and the Marine Biology Laboratory. She founded the Wyoming Historical Society, initiated national archaeology research on American Indian culture and was a founder of the PA Society for Archaeology.





# 17. DAWN BRENNAN

## (1931-2015)

The first woman social worker at the Lackawanna County prison. She was the executive director of the United Neighbor-hoods Center for 20 years and founded the Housing Coalition for Lackawanna County.





# 18. FLORENCE (“FODDY”) VIPOND (1918-2005)

Founder and president of the  
Child Psychiatric Center, the first  
child psychiatric services in NEPA.





# 19. GRACE SCHIMELFENIG (1931-2005)



The first woman to serve on the Scranton City Council. She also had her own talk show, where she interviewed people such as Governor Thornburgh and Senator Robert Kennedy.



## 20. ROSEANN NOVEMBRINO (1936-2019)

The first female city controller for the City of Scranton. She served eight consecutive terms, in addition to being involved in other local politics.

