



## Black women achievers honored

"Black Women: Achievements Against the Odds," an exhibition on Black women and their contributions to American history, culture, and society, opens in the Capitol Galleria on March 4, at 12:00 noon.

The exhibition, which will be on display until March 27, contains a set of 20 posters produced by the Smithsonian Institution traveling Exhibition Service (SITES), and will acquaint viewers with 120 Black women representing over 200 years of achievements in 16 subject areas: religion, military, civil rights, art, sports, education, labor, journalism, entertainment, government and politics, law, music, literature, medicine, science and math, and business.

In addition, the exhibition is enhanced by historical artifacts, pictures, and news items covering Black women contributions nationally and locally. Examples of women featured are Beatrice Morrow Cannady, a graduate of Northwestern College of Law in 1922 and the first Black female attorney to practice in Oregon; and Harriet Tubman, the first Black woman in American history to have a United States postal stamp commemorated in her name.



MULTNOMAH COUNTY OREGON

## Black Business History with Multnomah County

Multnomah County has had a Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) Program since 1977. However, past MBE opportunities have been limited. For example, until 1981 the County's MBE program focused only on setting aside 10% of construction projects under \$50,000 for minority firms. In that year Multnomah County was one of the first local governments to increase the MBE construction projects to \$100,000. Yet participation by minority- and female-owned firms was not satisfactory to the County Executive and the Board of County Commissioners.

Since November, 1981, with the adoption of a Multnomah County Ordinance, there is a new and expanded Minority and Female Business Enterprise Program with...

### Less Red Tape:

Multnomah County is accepting the City of Portland's MBE and FBE certification

### More Business Opportunities:

- ★ To bid on construction projects
- ★ To sell supplies
- ★ To render services
- ★ To provide professional services

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## First Black Woman Banker

Maggie L. Walker was an outstanding woman whose 67 years extended from birth in post-civil war days of the 1860s to death shortly after the Great Depression in 1934.

In between those years, she educated herself enough to get her first job teaching school. But at 22, she sought something more out of life. She joined a Virginia-based benevolent society called the Independent Order of St. Luke. She served as secretary and under her leadership brought the membership from 3,400 to one million.

The membership formed its own bank — St. Luke Penny Savings Bank, later known as St. Luke Bank and Trust Company. To interest children in the benefits and rewards of saving, she founded a children's thrift club of 15,000 members.

Her efforts gave her resources to establish a newspaper — the St. Luke Herald.

Walker involved herself in both civic and cultural endeavors, serving at one time as Virginia state president of the NAACP.



Maggie L.  
Walker

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