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She Helped Others Learn

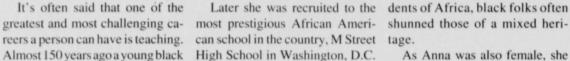
reers a person can have is teaching. Almost 150 years ago a young black woman from the South was sent to St. Augustine's Normal School and Collegiate Institute. Though only an adolescent, Anna Julie Hayward had already made up her mind re-She wanted to help others learn.

rights for minorities.

dentials at 17, she took a job at the to earn her doctorate.

can school in the country, M Street tage. High School in Washington, D.C. where she became the principal and

She wrote "A voice from the South," a book of speeches and no different. garding her lifetime career choice. essays on her political opinions. In 1923, at the age of 26, she became and loving parent. Although she the fourth black woman in America never married after George died and



faced even further discrimination. a noted leader in advocacy and Men of all colors and backgrounds felt intimidated by women who were smart. In her field of academia it was

> At home she was a stern, kind did not have any children of her

own, she raised two foster children and five great nephews and nieces.

After helping educate kids all her life, she became president of Frelinghysen University in Washington D.C., a school primarily for educating black adults. Many years later the college lost its charter and had to close. Although Cooper felt disappointed, she retired knowing that she had made a huge difference in her long and successful career.

She lived to be 105 years old, never losing sight of helping the human mind grow, regardless of the age, color or sex of the person. Her tireless efforts helped thousands

As the eldest of two daughters of black Americans reach their true

Anna Cooper changed the Washington Haywood, Cooper American landscape and helped bring the American Dream to many While white people in the South who might have otherwise never were generally cruel to descen- found it.



Brooklyn, 1947 Baseball shows up courage, its #42

Chicago, 1893

After getting her teaching cre-

school as a teacher. By the time she was 19, she fell in love with a fellow teacher, George Cooper. They were married, but not without

in professional careers at the time were generally not allowed to work after being wed. They were expected to stay home, take care of the house and raise children. Two more years would pass and Anna became a widow. Broken hearted and unemployed she enrolled at Oberlin College in Ohio and earned a bachelors degree, only the second black woman in America to have done so. The year was 1884 and she was in her early 20s.

Anna Julie Hayward

Wilberforce University, Anna was asked to come back to St. of a black woman slave and a educational potential. Augustine's where she taught Ger- white slave master named George man, Latin and Mathematics. It was almost unheard of in those days to was caught between two worlds. be a black woman and able to speak





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