

Category	Name	Historical Significance	Tie to USC/SC	Other Notable Parts of Bio (full bios on separate files)	Further Reading	Papers @ USC?
		try to keep under 100 words--"thesis" of why they should have a building	doesn't HAVE to be tied to USC but helpful to know their role if so			
antebellum, USC specific	Sancho	Man enslaved by Thomas Cooper	Community member suggested this for TCoop renaming	Only freed after Cooper's death		
antebellum	Jacob Stroyer	Born into slavery on Kensington Plantation in Cola, forced to work for the COnfederacy, wrote influential autobiography about life during slavery, went to school in SC before becoming an AME minister in the North	Born into slavery in Columbia, forced to work for the Confederacy during the war, freed after Sherman came through Columbia, went to school in Cola		Stroyer, Jacob. <i>My Life in the South, Part I</i> . Salem, Mass.: Salem Press, 1879.	
antebellum, women's history	Sarah and Angelina Grimke	Angelina--first woman to address a state legislature meeting. Abolitionists and women's rights advocates	born in Charleston, essentially driven out of town for critiques of slavery			
Reconstruction	Robert Smalls	Civil War hero, SC legislator during Reconstruction				yes, SCL
Reconstruction	Benjamin Franklin Randolph	Worked in Charleston for American Missionaries Association and Freedmen's BUreau, newspaper editor, state senator for Orangeburg	Buried in Randolph Cemetery, which is named after him, in Columbia. Assassinated in 1868	SUpported limits on illiterate voters and poll taxes, but wanted to integrate schools. Delegate for 1868 Constitutional Convention.		
Reconstruction, USC, firsts	Richard Greener (1844-1922)	first Black faculty member, University Librarian, achieved law degree from UofSC. First African American to be elected member of the American Philological Association	Statue of Greener in front of Tcoop, we have his law degree and license. Taught from 1873-1877. Gave UofSC commencement address in 1874. Considered himself a "South Carolinian in exile"	First Black graduate of Harvard, taught philosophy, Latin, and Greek at USC, spoke at campaign rallies in the Third Congressional District of South Carolina in the 1876 election. After SC served as Howard University School of Law dean, a secretary of the Grant Memorial, private practice lawyer, and as a US diplomat in Russia. Defended Johnson Chesnut Whittaker (who attended UofSC) when he was court-martialed by West Point in 1881. Visited SC in 1906 and 1907. Daughter, Belle da Costa Greene was J.P Morgan's personal librarian and directed the Pierpont Morgan Library.	At Freedom's Door: African American Founding Fathers and Lawyers in Reconstruction South Carolina, edited by James Lowell Underwood and W. Lewis Burke. Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 2000. https://www.scencyclopedia.org/sce/entries/greener-richard-theodore/	We have his papers at the Caroliniana as well as his dissertation and an address to the school
other, womens hist	Frances, Charlotte, Florence, Marie Louise, and Katherine Rollin	Black suffragist sisters and activists. Frances became one of the first black women physicians in the United States. Charlotte spoke on SC House floor advocating for woman suffrage in 1869. Frances & Charlotte a women's rights convention in Columbia in 1879.	Settled in Columbia, activists in the community, perhaps just name it Rollin Hall, to be about all of the sisters even though all are noteworthy in own right			
Reconstruction, USC	Johnson Chesnut Whittaker (1858-1931)	Born in Slavery to the Chesnuts, attended UofSC in 1874, attended West Point in 1876, discharged due to false accusations of fabricating an attack on his person in 1880-1881. Lawyer in Charleston and Sumter. Clerk for U.S. Census office. Taught at now SC State	Attended UofSC, prolific life, only second Black man to attend West Point, life of work in SC	Johnson was posthumously awarded a military commission by President Bill Clinton on July 25, 1995. His experience at West Point is the subject of the stage play Matter of Honor and the 1994 TV movies Assault at West Point: The Court-Martial of Johnson Whittaker.		
First and Reconstruction, USC	Henry E. Hayne	Enrolled in UofSC med school in 1873--became the first Black man to enroll in the college. represented Marion County in the state Senate from 1868 to 1872. SC secretary of state from 1872 to 1877.	First black student in UofSC history!	Thirty-third Regiment of United States Colored Troops. Left SC in 1877, later life largely unknown		

Reconstruction, firsts	Joseph Rainey	1st black person to serve in the United States House of Representatives and the second black person to serve in the United States Congress. His service included time as presiding officer of the House of Representatives.	Rainey is "of mixed descent" so the "first Black man in Congress" title is weirdly shared by him and Elliott according to SC Encyclopedia. Longest serving Black senator until his record was broken in the 1950s.	He and his family escaped to Bermuda after being conscripted into Confederate service during CW; first African American to preside over the House of Representatives as Speaker pro tempore; after his time in Congress ended appointed as a federal agent of the US Treasury Department for internal revenue in South Carolina		Yes, SCL
Reconstruction and firsts	Robert Brown Elliott	One of 3 black men in 1868 that were the first admitted to SC bar; state House of Reps, state assistant adjutant general; first "full-blooded man of color elected to Congress" (SC Encyclopedia), U.S. House of Rep 1870-1874. Speaker of the S.C. Assembly House 74-6.	First Black U.S. Congressman from SC AND the nation, influential SC politician (SC Encyclopedia says Rainey was the first Black man, he's also from SC, will need to look in to this)			Yes at SCL
Reconstruction	Richard Harvey Cain	Abolitionist, AME minister, United States Representative from South Carolina from 1873-1875 and 1877-1879	N/a but state legislator during Reconstruction	Responsible for building Emmanuel AME Church in Charleston, bought South Carolina Leader newspaper, first Black SC newspaper editor, delegate to the 1868 constitutional convention. Black nationalist, supported movement to Liberia, founded Paul Quinn College		
Reconstruction, USC	J.J. Durham (1847-1920)	student at UofSC, minister, ran a medical practice in Columbia, Education Secretary of SC state Baptist Convention	student at UofSC 1874 until 1876 (segregated), Cola community leader	Joined in a protest against Birth of A Nation in Columbia, buried in Randolph Cemetery		
Reconstruction, firsts	Francis Lewis Cardozo	agent of the American Missionary Association (AMA), helped found Avery Institute, delegate to the 1868 constitutional convention, SC Secretary of State, SC Treasurer	first African American in the United States elected to statewide office (SC), born in SC, important legislator and education reformer in the state			UofSC Law Library Microfilm, so we just have a copy from LOC
Reconstruction, firsts	William Whipper	influential SC legislator during Reconstruction, married to Frances Rollin (later separated), one of first Black South Carolinians admitted to the bar in 1868, served in 31st Colored Troops in CW	Lived in SC, if not Columbia, from the end of the CW to his death in 1907. Dedicated trial lawyer, abolitionist, supported suffrage	formed the nation's first known African American law firm, Whipper, Elliott, and Allen		
Reconstruction, USC specific	Alonzo G. Townsend (1853-1937)	student at UofSC in 1874, minister	denied status of oldest UofSC alumnus in 1936 due to race			
firsts, women's hist	Lucy Hughes Brown (1863-1911)	first Black female physician to PRACTICE in SC	Worked in charleston but also a delegate to the National Colored Woman's Congress at the 1895 Atlanta Exposition			
women's hist, other, USC	Celia Dial Saxon (1857-1935)	Most celebrated educator in Cola during her 57 year career, graduated 1877 from the SC State Normal School.	The Normal School was established at USC's Rutledge College, worked at Booker T. Washington school (now on our campus), historic marker commemorating her school and life is placed at the site of Strom Fitness Center--it was built on top of her school	longtime treasurer of the Palmetto State Teachers' Association; summer institute at Benedict, co founded SC Fed of Colored Women's Clubs, founded Wilkinson Orphanage for Negro Children; involved in opening of Phyllis Wheatley Branch of Cola Public Library, Blossom St Elementary renamed in her honor in 1930 until closed in 1968. 4 million dollar segregated public housing project named in her honor in 1952--a street and new housing neighborhood then named in her honor.	https://www.columbiacityofwomen.com/honorees/celia-dial-saxon	
firsts, women's hist, USC	Frances Guignard Gibbes	first woman to enroll at UofSC, didn't graduate but was a poet and playwright				

firsts, USC, women's hist	Mattie Jean Adams	first woman to graduate from UofSC--1898				
firsts, women's hist, USC	Claudia James Sullivan	first UofSC law school woman graduate--caused lawmakers to allow woman lawyers in the state. Argued own case to be admitted to law school				
firsts, women's hist	Matilda Evans (1872-1935)	COLUMBIA's first Black female physician , I believe she is also the first woman physician black or white to be licensed in SC, first to own and operate a black hospital in Columbia	Leader in accessible and affordable healthcare for Black South Carolinians and Columbians, trained Black nurses and medical workers	SC native, Organized Columbia Clinic Association, treating Black and white patients, superintendent of Columbia's first black hospital. Evans sometimes drove patients in her wagon to the hospital, paid for examinations of African American public-school students and convinced schools to employ regular physicals. Established the Negro Health Care Association of South Carolina with the goal of placing a black nurse in each county. Opened the Evans Clinic in Columbia in 1932. President of the Palmetto State Medical Society. She also organized and served as president of the Colored Congaree Medical Society. She created a weekly paper, The Negro Health Journal of South Carolina.		yes, SCL
Civil Rights, other	Nathaniel Jerome Frederick	Lawyer in Columbia--appeared in SC Supreme Court 33 times. More than any Black lawyer of his time. editor of the Southern Indicator and the Palmetto Leader. He helped organize the Victory Savings Bank, a black-owned financial institution, served on national legal committee of NAACP	Lawyer and Black community leader in Columbia from 1914 to his death in 1938	two cases made national news: Ex parte Bess and State v. Lowman (resulted in the lynching of the Lowman family despite Frederick's successful efforts for a retrial)		
other, women's hist, Civil Rights	Susan Dart Butler	co-founded the Charleston Federation of Women's Clubs, treasurer of Charleston NAACP, librarian--used own funds to supply books and a reading room for a Black library	Charlestonian, but an important figure in race, gender, and education in Lowcountry history.	In 1927, Butler opened a free library and reading room in Dart Hall, a building belonging to her father. Using his books, folding chairs, and two tables, Butler opened the reading room three afternoons a week. She acted as librarian and operated the facility with donations and often her own funds. In 1931, the Charleston Free Library established the Dart Hall Branch. The branch was staffed by three librarians and opened to the African American public with 3,600 books. A year later Butler became head librarian.		No but we have a dissertation about her written by none other than Ethel Bolden
firsts, women's hist	Mary Gordon Ellis	first white woman elected to SC senate, 1932				yes, SCL
Women's hist, USC	Ida Salley Reamer	suffragist, graduated first in USC law school 1922	law school grad, Columbia suffragist			
other, women's hist	Marian Baxter Paul	Public health official, thirty years of public service to South Carolina as the supervisor of Negro Home Demonstration Work, which provided instruction to thousands of rural black households in food preparation and production, hygiene, and sanitation.	Taught at Booker T. Washington HS, recruited memers of the Negro Home Demostration Work from SC State	Worked for the USO during WWII, one of two black members of the executive board of the South Carolina Human Relations Council, worked to give relief to rural Black SC residents through NEw Deal programs, drew attention to unequal treatment of African Americans throughout her lifetime		

Women's history, USC	Arney Childs	Dean of Women and History Professor at UofSC	Received masters degree from UofSC, dean of women 1935-1958; first woman in hist department to reach full professor. Portrait of her in Sims dormitory, where she lived for 16 of her 22 years at university. WGST program awards teh Arney Robinson Childs Student Award each year	Member of Board of State Industrial Schools; VP of SC Mental Health Association; member of Cola Planning Commission; State National YOUTH Admin board member; member of National Defense Advisory Committee on Women in teh Armed Services. Helped develop SC history course for SC Educational Television. Published in UofSC Press; indexed Writings on American Hlstory. Lobbied for removal of Tillman statue in 1970s.		
firsts, other, women's hist	Hila Sheriff	women's health advocate and physician; SC's first woman health officer--deputy commissioner for SC Dept of Health and Environmental Control, chief of Bureau of Community Health Servcies	lived near Greenville, Spartanburg			yes, SCL
firsts, women's hist	Cassandra Maxwell Birnie	SC's first Black woman lawyer, 1939				
Civil Rights, other	Isaac Samuel Leevy	Ran Leevy Department Store, founder/president of Victory Savings Bank, entrepreneur--first African American-owned gas station in Columbia, Leevy's Funeral Home. Pushed for creation of Black public schools, helped found SC State's grad school, trustee of Claflin College. Ran unsuccessfully for political office many times. Helped found Cola branch of NAACP, on the board of directors for SCLC.	60 years of service to Columbia as a businessman, Civil Rights organizer, advocate for Black education in cola			yes, SCL
Civil Rights	George Elmore	Blocked from voting in the Democratic Primary in 1946, basis for Elmore v. Rice ruling, ended all-white primary in SC	Columbia resident, sued Richland county Dem primary	Legal team led by Thurgood Marshall		yes, at least a scrapbook at SCL
firsts, women's history	Althea Gibson	First African American tennis player at U.S. Nationals (1950); first black player at Wimbledon, first Black player ranked No 1 in world; first African American Women to win Grand slam (1958)				
Civil Rights	Joseph Armstrong DeLaine	Methodist minister and Civil Rights leader from Clarendon County. Worked with Modjeska Simkins & SC NAACP on Briggs v. Elliott	B.A. from Allen, Briggs case	Forced to leave South Carolina in 1955, never allowed to return in lifetime due to outstanding warrant. Lifted posthumously		Yes, at SCL
civil rights	Harry and Eliza Briggs	Briggs v. Elliott case formed precedent for Brown v. Board	n/a for UofSC			no but we have materials related to case
Civil Rights, women's hist	Septima Clark	Civil Rights activist established citizenship schools throughout SC	lowcountry based but well known CR figure			Moving Image Research; short letter
Civil Rights	Esau Jenkins	Civil rights activist, founded the Progressive Club, organized the Citizens Committee of Charleston, appointed to the state advisory committee for the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights	N/a, Lowcountry based but CR activist			
Civil Rights, womens hist, firsts	Bernice Robinson (1914-1994)	Civil Rights advocate, established adult citizenship schools throughout SC. First Black woman to run (unsuccessfully) for South Carolina House of Representatives	Born in Charleston, a statewide and nationwide CR figure but not Cola-centric			

Civil Rights, women's hist	Modjeska Simkins	Columbia Civil Rights activist, aunt of Henrie Monteith Treadwell, active in Briggs v Elliott	strong ties to Cola, niece was one of first students to integrate to USC with help from Simkins			yes, SCL
USC, Civil Rights, firsts	Robert Anderson	integrated UofSC in 1963				not his own papers
USC, Civil Rights, firsts	James Solomon	integrated UofSC in 1963				
USC, Civil Rights, firsts, women's hist	Henrie Monteith Treadwell	integrated UofSC in 1963	Stayed in the Sims Dorm as a student--possible renaming			interview in our collections: https://digital.tcl.sc
firsts, women's hist	Lucille Godbold	First woman inducted into SC Athletic Hall of Fame in 1961. Won gold in track and field at the 1922 women's olympic games; first international track meet for women	taught at Columbia college for 58 years			
other, women's hist	Wil Lou Gray (1883-1984)	White female founder of Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School, devoted to adult illiteracy				yes, SCL
firsts, women's hist	Elizabeth Hawley Gasque	first SC woman elected to Congress--1938. Finished 3 mo. term of deceased husband, did not seek re-election				yes, SCL, with husband Allard Henry Gasque
Civil Rights and Firsts	Matthew J. Perry	WWII veteran, civil rights activist. Argued 1962 Gantt v. Clemson College, which desegregated Clemson in 1962. Nominated to U.S. Court of Military Appeals in 1975, Became first black federal district judge in South Carolina in 1979.	Boyhood home in Columbia (2216 Washington); Booker T Washington High School Graduate, S.C. State College Graduate.			yes, SCL
other	Joe Frazier	Famous athlete from SC	Community member suggested a renaming of Strom Fitness Center to an actual SC athlete	Native of Beaufort, SC		
USC, firsts	Jackie Brown		Came to Carolina on a baseball scholarship in 1969 and switched to football in the fall of 1970. He became the first black starter for Carolina in football and the first African-American to earn a varsity letter in football.			
USC, other	Casey Manning		Came to Carolina in 1969 and was a member of three NCAA Tournament teams for Coach Frank McGuire's basketball squad. Casey who has been a Circuit Court Judge in South Carolina since 1994, has kept up his Gamecock roots, serving on the Gamecock Radio Network for basketball since 1994.			
USC, firsts	Carlton Haywood		First African-American recruited to Carolina, coming from Macon, Ga. He played on the 1969 freshman team, redshirted in 1970 and earned a varsity letter in 1971, a year in which he rushed for 179 yards.			
USC, firsts	Harold White		Carolina's first African-American coach. He came to USC in 1971 as a graduate assistant coach and became an academic counselor in 1973. He was on the Carolina staff for nearly 40 years.			
USC, firsts, women's hist	Edna Smith Primus	first Black woman to graduate UofSC law, 1972. Civil rights and social justice lawyer	also received BA from UofSC			

first, USC, women's hist	Victoria Eslinger	attempted to be first law student page in SC senate (1971)--was denied because of gender, Jean Toal	USC law graduate, lawyer in Columbia		https://www.columbiacityofwomen.com/honorees/victoria-l-eslinger	
USC, firsts, women's history	Helen Timmerman	first associate director for women's athletics and key in the implementation of Title IX on campus			https://gamecocksonline.com/news/2019/8/13/general-south-carolina-mourns-the-passing-of-helen-timmermans.aspx	
firsts, USC, Civil Rights	Willie Lloyd Harriford	USC's first black administrator, founder of AfAm Studies program, Columbia civil rights activist			https://sc.edu/uofsc/posts/2018/12/harriford_platt_doctoral.php#.YCrDnI0mUJ	
Firsts, women's hist	Nancy Stevenson	first woman elected to a statewide office in SC, Lieutenant governor of SC from 1979-1983				
USC, firsts, women's hist	Sheila Foster		In 1982, Sheila Foster became the first Gamecock woman to have her jersey number retired and in 1993, she was the first female athlete to be inducted into the then 41-member University of South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame. On April 26, 2001, Foster was inducted into the South Carolina Hall of Fame.			
other	Ronald E. McNair	Black astronaut from SC;	Ronald McNair Aerospace Center is on campus	McNair was an astronaut, physicist, and the second African American to go into space. He earned his PhD in physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1976. His work in laser physics was nationally recognized. McNair joined the astronaut corps in 1978. He and the entire crew of the Challenger died on January 28, 1986, when the space shuttle broke apart during launch. In 1959, McNair refused to leave the segregated Lake City Public Library without being allowed to check out his books. A children's book, Ron's Big Mission, offers a fictionalized account of this event. The library is now named for him.		
LGBT history, women's history, USC	Harriet Hancock	LGBT activist, Cola native, USC law graduate, organized local PFLAG chapter	went to USC as undergrad in 80s with son, Greg Hancock, who came out as gay in 1981. Graduated from UofSC law, family lawyer that works with many LGBT clients, Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year Award in 1991			yes, oral history
firsts, women's hist, USC	Liz J. Patterson	second woman in SC senate; first woman elected to Congress from the state in her own right. No SC woman served in US Congress until 2021.	Did graduate work at UofSC, graduated undergrad at Columbia County.	Daughter of governor and Senator Olin D. Johnston		yes, oral history
other, women's hist	Ethel Martin Bolden		Pioneer librarian, employed in Richland One schools for 39 years. One of first staff members to integrate Dreher Middle. Active member of Columbia community, Order of the Palmetto, mother of Charles Bolden Jr.		https://www.columbiacityofwomen.com/honorees/ethel-martin-bolden	Yes, SCL

USC, women's hist	Sarah Leverette	only woman in USC Law class of 1942, first woman to gain faculty status (at UofSC or Law Library? Unclear), law librarian for 25 years, board of SC State Employees Association, Workers Compensation Commission	Also has a bachelors from UofSC, 1919			yes, SCPC
USC, women's hist, firsts	Grace Jordan McFadden	First black woman professor USC College of Arts and Sciences, began work at USC at SC School Desegregation Center. CHaired African American studies center 1988-1994. First black woman to receive tenure.				
Firsts	Ernest Finney	first Black chief justice of SC Supreme Court				We have an interview of his with Jack Bass--
firsts	Charles F. Bolden Jr	first African American to head NASA on a permanent basis.	roots in Columbia, mother longtime Cola resident	Bolden is a retired major general, an astronaut who flew on four shuttle missions, and the first African American to head the National Aeronautics and Space Administration on a permanent basis. After South Carolina's white Congressional delegation refused to nominate Bolden for the U.S. Naval Academy in 1964, Bolden personally wrote to President Lyndon B. Johnson, leading to a nomination from U.S. Representative William Dawson of Illinois. Bolden became the first human being to have his voice broadcast on the surface of Mars. He retired from NASA in 2017.		yes at SCL
firsts, women's hist, USC	Jean Toal	First woman SC supreme court justice; first woman SC supreme court chief justice. SC House of Reps member for 13 years	Graduated USC law school 1968--managing editor of SC Law Review			
firsts	Jim Clyburn	first Black Congressman from SC since Reconstruction; two time house majority whip.				
LBGT history	Tony Price					
women's hist, USC	Nikky Finney	National Book Award for Poetry winner, English and African American Studies professor, activist, daughter of Ernest Finney	professor at USC		https://www.columbiacityofwomen.com/honorees/nikky-finney	
women's hist, USC	Suzan D. Boyd	exec director of South Carolina Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy; former chair of Planned Parenthood of Central South Carolina	Taught and received a doctorate from UofSC's School of Public Health		https://www.columbiacityofwomen.com/honorees/suzan-d-boyd	
to add?						
Elizabeth Boatwright Coker	author					
Pat Conroy	author					
Stanley Donen?	film director and choreographer					
John Birks "Dizzy" Gillespie?	jazz musician					
Jasper Johns?	went to USC, artist					

	The Rev. Clementa Pinckney	A state senator and the senior pastor of Emanuel AME. He was a 1995 graduate of Allen University and got his master's degree at the University of South Carolina in 1999. He served in the state Legislature starting in 2000-2015.				
	Cynthia Graham Hurd	A 31-year employee of the Charleston County Library who managed the John L. Dart Library for 21 years before heading the St. Andrews Regional Library. She recieved a master's degree from the University of South Carolina.				
	Frank Martin	longtime employee				
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Septima Clark	Civil Rights activist established citizenship schools throughout SC	women's hist
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Susan Dart Butler	treasurer of Charleston NAACP	women's hist, other
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Willie Harriford	First Black administrator, founded African American studies program	Civil Rights, firsts
Helen Timmerman	first associate director for women's athletics and key in the implementation of Title IX on campus	women's hist, firsts
Harriet Hancock	went to USC as undergrad in 80s with son, Greg Hancock, who came out as gay in 1981. Graduated from UofSC law, family lawyer that works with many LGBT clients, Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year Award in 1991	women's hist, LGBT history

Sarah Leverette	only woman in USC Law class of 1942, first woman to gain faculty status (at UofSC or Law Library? Unclear), law librarian for 25 years	women's hist
Liz J. Patterson	first woman elected to US congress in her own right from SC, did graduate work at USC	women's hist, firsts
Jean Toal	graduated USC law school in 1968, was managing editor of SC Law Review	women's hist, firsts
Nikky Finney	USC professor of English and African American studies	women's hist
Suzan D. Boyd	Taught and received a doctorate from UofSC's School of Public Health	women's hist
Tony Price		
Grace Jordan McFadden	First black woman professor USC College of Arts and Sciences, began work at USC at SC School Desegregation Center. CHaired African American studies center 1988-1994. First black woman to receive tenure.	women's hist, firsts

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Angelina and Sarah Grimke	antebellum	abolitionists and women's rights advocates, from Charleston	antebellum era
Frances, Charlotte, Florence, Marie Louise, and Katherine Rollin	Reconstruction	black suffragists, activists, one of the first Black women physicians	other
Lucy Hughes Brown	late 19c	first Black female physician to practice in SC	firsts
Celia Dial Saxon	early 20 c	Most celebrated educator in Cola during her 57 year career	other, USC, Reconstruction
Frances Guignard Gibbes	late 19c	first woman to enroll at USC, didn't graduate	women's hist, firsts
Mattie Jean Adams	late 19c	first woman to graduate from USC	USC, firsts
Claudia James Sullivan	early 20th	first woman law school grad	USC, firsts
Matilda Evans	early 20c	COLUMBIA's first Black female physician , I believe she is also the first woman physician black or white to be licensed in SC, first to own and operate a black hospital in Columbia	firsts
Lucille Godbold	1920s	won gold in first international track & field competition; taught at Columbia college for 58 years	firsts
Susan Dart Butler	20s/30s	co-founded the Charleston Federation of Women's Clubs, treasurer of Charleston NAACP, librarian--used own funds to supply books and a reading room for a Black library	other,. Civil rights
Mary Gordon Ellis	1930s	first white woman elected to SC senate, 1932	firsts
Ida Salley Reamer	1920s	suffragist (need to check her ideas on race)	USC
Marian Baxter Paul	1930s, 40s	public health official, worked to bring New Deal programs to rural Black residents, 30 years	other
Arney Childs	30s, 50s	Dean of Women and Hist Professor, Community advocate	USC
Hila Sheriff		women's health advocate and physician; SC's first woman health officer--deputy commissioner for SC Dept of Health and Environmental Control, chief of Bureau of Community Health Servcies	firsts, other
Cassandra Maxwell Birnie	1930s	SC's first black woman lawyer	firsts
Althea Gibson	1950s	no. 1 in women's tennis, first Black woman to do so, win grand slam	firsts
Septima Clark	50s-60s	Civil Rights activist, citizenship schools	Civil Rights
Bernice Robinson	20c	Civil rights advocate	Civil Rights, firsts
Modjeska Simkins	1940s-70s	Civil Rights activist in Columbia	Civil Rights
Henrie Monteith Treadwell	1960s	first black woman to attend USC	Civil Rights, USC
Wil Lou Gray	20th c	longtime educator, devoted to adult illiteracy	other
Elizabeth Hawley Gasque	1938	election first SC woman elected to Congress--1938. Finished 3 mo. term of deceased husband, did not seek re-	firsts
Edna Smith Primus	1972	first Black woman to graduate USC law	USC, firsts
Victoria Eslinger	1971	attempted to be first woman page in SC senate, women's health advocate and USC law grad	USC, firsts

Helen Timmerman		first associate director for women's athletics and key in the implementation of Title IX on campus	firsts, USC
Nancy Stevenson	1970s, 80s	first woman elected to a statewide office in SC, Lieutenant governor of SC from 1979-1983	firsts
Sheila Foster	80s, 90s	first Gamecock woman to have her jersey number retired and in 1993, first female athlete to be inducted into University of South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame	USC, firsts
Harriet Hancock	1980s-present	LGBT activist, Cola native, USC law graduate, organized local PFLAG chapter	USC, LGBT history
Liz J. Patterson	80s/90s	second woman in SC senate; first woman elected to Congress from the state in her own right. No SC woman served in US Congress until 2021.	firsts, USC
Sarah Leverette	20th c	only woman in USC Law class of 1942, first woman to gain faculty status (at UofSC or Law Library? Unclear), law librarian for 25 years	USC
Grace Jordan McFadden	late 20th c to 2004	First black woman professor USC College of Arts and Sciences, began work at USC at SC School Desegregation Center. CHaired African American studies center 1988-1994. First black woman to receive tenure.	USC, firsts
Ethel Martin Bolden	late 20thc	Pioneer librarian, employed in Richland One schools for 39 years. One of first staff members to integrate Dreher Middle. Active member of Columbia community	other
Jean Toal	1970s-current	First woman SC supreme court justice; first woman SC supreme court chief justice. SC House of Reps member for 13 years	firsts, USC
Nikky Finney	present	National Book Award for Poetry winner	USC
Suzan D. Boyd	2000s	exec director of South Carolina Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy; former chair of Planned Parenthood of Central South Carolina	USC

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Frances, Charlotte, Florence, Marie Louise, and Katherine Rollin	community activists for Black women in SC & Cola	women's hist
Celia Dial Saxon	most celebrated educator in Cola, longtime treasurer of the Palmetto State Teachers' Association; summer institute at Benedict, co founded SC Fed of Colored Women's Clubs, founded Wilkinson Orphanage for Negro Children; involved in opening of Phyllis Wheatley Branch of Cola Public Library	women's hist, USC, Reconstruction
Nathaniel Jerome Frederick	lawyer, businessman, Cola community leader	Civil Rights
Susan Dart Butler	African American librarian and educator	women's hist, Civil Rights
Marian Baxter Paul	public health official, supervisor of Negro Home Demonstration Work	women's hist
Hila Sheriff	women's health advocate and physician	womens hist, firsts
Joe Frazier	famous athlete from SC	
Ronald E. McNair	astronaut from SC, died in Challenger explosion	
Isaac Samuel Leevy	Ran Leevy Department Store, founder/president of Victory Savings Bank, entrepreneur--first African American-owned gas station in Columbia, Leevy's Funeral Home. Pushed for creation of Black public schools, helped found SC State's grad school, trustee of Claflin College. Ran unsuccessfully for political office many times. Helped found Cola branch of NAACP, on the board of directors for SCLC.	Civil Rights
Wil Lou Gray	longtime educator, focus on adult illiteracy, SC Hall of Fame member	women's hist
Ethel Martin Bolden	Pioneer librarian, employed in Richland One schools for 39 years. One of first staff members to integrate Dreher Middle. Active member of Columbia community	women's hist
Casey Manning	USC athlete, then Circuit Court Judge in South Carolina since 1994, serves on the Gamecock Radio Network for basketball since 1994.	USC

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Tony Price		

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Richard Greener	first Black faculty member of USC,	Reconstruction, USC
Henry E. Hayne	first Black man to enroll in USC	Reconstruction, USC
Joseph Rainey	1st black person to serve in the United States House of Representatives	Reconstruction
Robert Brown Elliott	first "full-blooded man of color elected to Congress" (SC Encyclopedia)	Reconstruction
Francis Lewis Cardozo	first African American in the US elected to statewide office (SC)	Reconstruction
William Whipper	nations first African American Law firm--Whipper, Elliott, and Allen	Reconstruction
Lucy Hughes Brown	Black female physician to practice in SC	women's hist
Frances Guignard Gibbes	woman to enroll at USC	women's hist, USC
Mattie Jean Adams	woman to graduate from USC--1898	women's hist, USC
Claudia James Sullivan	1st woman law school grad	women's hist, USC
Matilda Evans	COLUMBIA's first Black female physician , I believe she is also the first woman physician black or white to be licensed in SC, first to own and operate a black hospital in Columbia	women's hist
Mary Gorden Ellis	woman elected to SC senate	women's hist
Hila Sheriff	first woman health officer in SC--deputy commissioner for SC Dept of Health and Environ Control	women's hist, other
Cassandra Maxwell Birnie	SC's first Black woman lawyer	women's hist
Althea Gibson	first Black woman tennis payer at US Nationals, Wimbledon, #1 in world, win a grand slam	women's hist
Bernice Robinson	first Black woman to run for SC House (unsuccessful)	women's hist, Civil Rights
Ernest Finney	first Black chief justice of SC Supreme Court	
Robert Anderson	first black students since Reconstruction	USC, civil rights
James Solomon	first black students since Reconstruction	USC, civil rights
Henrie Monteith Treadwell	first Black woman to attend USC	women's hist, Civil Rights
Lucille Godbold	first woman inducted into SC Atheltic Hall of Fame (1961)	womens hist
Elizabeth Hawley Gasque	first SC woman elected to Congress--1938. Finished 3 mo. term of deceased husband, did not seek re-election	women's hist
Matthew J. Perry	first black federal district judge in SC	Civil Rights
Jackie Brown	first black starter for Carolina in football and the first African-American to earn a varsity letter in football.	USC
Carlton Haywood	first African American recruited for sports at USC	USC

Harold White	USC's first Black coach	USC
Edna Smith Primus	first Black woman to graduate USC law	USC, women's hist
Willie Harriford	first Black admin, founded African American Studies Program	USC, civil rights
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Charles F. Bolden Jr.	first African American to head NASA on a permanent basis.	
Jean Toal	First woman SC supreme court justice; first woman SC supreme court chief justice. SC House of Reps member for 13 years	women's hist, USC
Jim Clyburn	first Black Congressman from SC since Reconstruction; two time house majority whip.	