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Bayard Rustin speaks at Fair Housing Demonstration in West Chester, June 17, 1966.

Silver gelatin Photographs

Civil Rights activist Bayard Rustin returned to his hometown to protest unfair housing practices of local realtors, who refused to show black families houses in white neighborhoods.

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Ann Preston, MD, ca. 1867

Carte-de-visite photograph

Ann Preston, 1813-1872, was born into a Quaker Chester County family involved in social reform. Preston spent a lifetime championing woman's rights, anti-slavery and temperance. Believing that society should not dictate "woman's sphere" she lobbied for female admission to the professions.

Ann Preston was in the first class of women admitted in the Female Medical College of Philadelphia in 1850. She became professor of physiology and hygiene in 1853. She served on the board of managers of woman's Hospital of Philadelphia until her death in 1872. Preston was a groundbreaker for women in medicine, withstanding harassment by male professionals.

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Chester County Courthouse, West Chester, PA, ca. 1870

Albumen photograph

Several architects gave the Borough of West Chester its distinctive character, of these, Thomas Ustick Walter is the best known. He designed six major buildings in West Chester before going on to the design the dome of the United States Capitol in Washington, D.C.

In West Chester he designed the First Presbyterian Church (1832), First Bank of Chester County (1834), Chester County Cabinet of Natural Sciences (1835), Chester County Prison (1838), Chester County Courthouse (1846) and Horticultural Hall (1848).

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