

# NARA BLACK HISTORY BASIC TRAINING

## Feb 23 – Black Women’s Club Movement

The [Black Women’s Club movement](#) can be traced back to the 1800’s with the anti-lynching efforts of Ida B. Wells. The movement continued with Mary Church Terrell leading the National Association of Colored Women’s Clubs. Other notable female contributors to the movement include Mary McLeod Bethune, who founded the National Council of Negro Women and Nannie Helen Burroughs, who founded the National Training School for Women and Girls in Washington, DC. These organizations helped to improve the lives of many and to address many problems facing African American women such as health, education, women’s suffrage and most importantly battling racism.



### Records:

- ✓ [Letter from Ida B. Wells to Mr. Dawes](#), NAID 24746870
- ✓ [Personnel Folder of Mary McLeod Bethune](#), NAID 158329664
- ✓ [Portrait of Mary Church Terrell](#), NAID 559207

### Reading:

- ✓ [A Fragile Freedom: African American Women & Emancipation in the Antebellum City](#) (Yale University Press), 2008
- ✓ [‘We Must Be Up and Doing’: A Reader in Early African American Feminisms](#) (Broadview Press), 2010
- ✓ [Colored No More: Reinventing Black Womanhood in Washington, DC](#) (University of Illinois Press), 2017