

Susan Paul



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Who She Was:

Susan Paul was born in Boston, Massachusetts in 1809 and passed away in 1841, also in Boston. She was the youngest daughter of Thomas Paul and Catherine Waterhouse Paul. After her father died, Susan Paul worked hard to support her family as a teacher and seamstress. Susan Paul died from tuberculosis in 1841.

What She Did:

Susan Paul was a teacher in the Boston Female Anti-Slavery Society (BFASS), but she also worked at the New England Anti-Slavery Society, (NEASS). She was the first African-American woman in the United States to publish a biography. It was called the *Memoir Of James Jackson*. She wrote this book as a memory for one of her students who passed away at age six and eleven months. As a teacher she formed the the *Paul's Juvenile Choir*. A choir that traveled to Boston and other cities/towns to sing anti-slavery songs. The choir performed for two years before stopping. During that time they were a very loved choir that received rave reviews and most of the time the halls they performed in were so packed, people were denied their entrance.