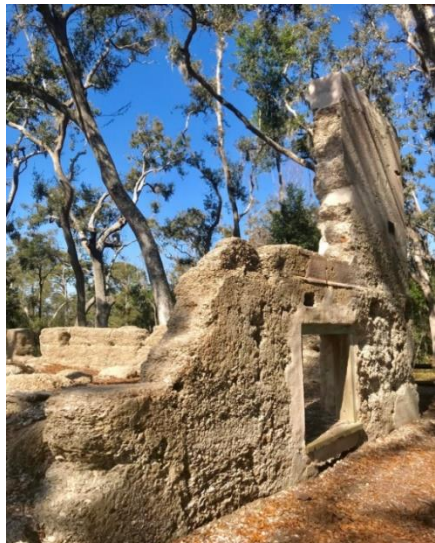


JULIA MATILDA GRAHAM

Stoney-Baynard Plantation Ruins Hilton Head Island



Born: Nov. 29, 1809 in NY

Died: Feb. 19, 1883 in Manhattan, New York City, NY

Appointment(s):
National Freedmen's Relief Association (NFRA)
Baynard Plantation – Hilton Head, SC
May 1863

1809-1883

Julia Matilda Graham was born on November 29, 1809 in New York to Charles Graham and Sarah Hunter. She married James Lorimer Graham (1804-1882) in April 1833 in the Dutch Reformed Church, Rev. Dr. Anthon presiding.¹ They lived in the borough of Manhattan, New York City for the rest of their lives, Julia outliving her husband by one year. Her will written on February 6th and probated on March 12, 1883 in New York City, left family portraits to nieces and nephews. Her executor was her 'beloved' brother, Charles. He also received her entire estate after her debts had been paid²

Julia was appointed by the National Freedmen's Relief Association before May 1863 to Baynard Plantation on Hilton Head Island. Miss Graham's *Teacher's Monthly Report* [TMR] for May 1863 shows Mary E. Pierce as her co-teacher at Baynard Plantation.³ The New York City newspaper, *Intelligencer*, reported on Friday, November 13, 1863 that the NFRA sent teachers to Beaufort, South Carolina aboard the 'Fulton' departing New York that same day. Among those teachers was Julia M. Graham along

¹ *U.S. Newspaper Extractions from the Northeast, 1704-1930*. Provo, UT: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc, 2014.

<https://www.ancestry.com>.

² *New York Wills and Probate Records, 1659-1999*. Surrogates Court, New York, NY. Provo, UT: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2015.

³ National Freedmen's Relief Association. *Monthly Report*, May 1863.

<http://www.drbronsontours.com/bronsonnationalfreedmansreliefassociationmonthlypapermay1863.html>.

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with Mrs. G. C. Fox, Mrs. C. M. Hammond, and Miss Louise Kellogg.⁴ This had to be a return trip to South Carolina for Miss Graham from a summer break in the north.

In 1869, the New York State Legislature incorporated the 'Presbyterian Home for Aged Women in the City of New York' with twenty-two women as managers, including Julia Graham.⁵ Julia and James Graham lived in the 1870s-1880s in Manhattan, New York City in a house at 21 Washington Square, the scene of many society dinner parties with international guests. Julia Matilda Graham died on February 19, 1883 in New York City and her obituary appeared in the *New York Herald* on February 21st page 8:

Graham in-this city, on Monday morning, February 19, Julia M., widow of James Lorimer Graham. Relatives and friends are requested to attend the funeral services at the University Place Presbyterian Church (corner of 10th Street) on Wednesday morning February 21, at ten o'clock. It is requested that no flowers be sent.⁶

Julia Matilda Graham is buried with her husband James Lorimer Graham in historic Trinity Church Mausoleum Vault #991 in New York City.⁷

⁴ *Christian Intelligencer* of the Dutch Reformed Church. Friday, Nov 13, 1863, p 4. <https://www.newspapers.com>

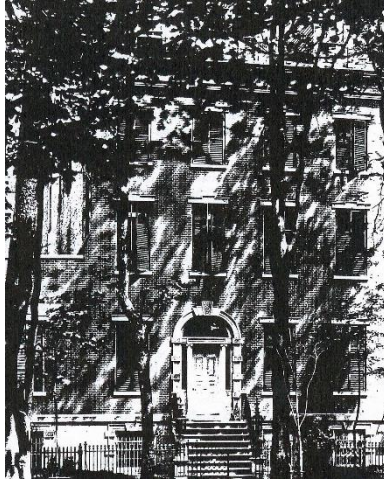
⁵ New York State Legislature, Ninety-second Session 1869. *Laws of the State of New York*, Vol I, Chapter 413: "An Act to incorporate the Presbyterian Home for Aged women in the City of New York" passed Apr 29, 1869. <http://play.google.com/store/books/details?id=vBaxAAAAIAAJ&rdid=book-vBaxAAAAIAAJ&rdot=1>. *New York Times* newspaper. "Presbyterian Home for Aged Women in the City of New York, 14th Anniversary Celebration.

Aug 30, 1880, p 3. <http://www.nytimes.com/1880/04/30/archives/Presbyterian-home-for-aged-women.html>.

⁶ *New York Herald* newspaper. Wednesday, Feb 21, 1883, p 8. <https://www.newspapers.com>.

⁷ Findagrave Memorial ID 170579261 created 25 Sep 2016 by Gordon Brett Echols. <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/170579261?search=true#source>.

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Home of Julia & James Graham
21 Washington Square,
Manhattan, NY

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Scene of society dinner parties 1870-1880s