

ANNA MARY BISHOP



1844-1914

Born: Sep. 20, 1844 in North Woodstock, CT

Married: Jun. 30, 1863 to Horace P. Whitney

Died: May 11, 1894 in Woodstock, CT

Appointment(s):

American Missionary Association (AMA)

Hilton Head, SC

Sep. 1868

Abbeville, SC (with sister Sarah)

May 1870

Atlanta, GA

1875

Anna Mary was born September 20, 1844 in North Woodstock, Connecticut, one of four children of Hezekiah Bishop (1804-1863) and Martha Dana Lyon (1806-1877), daughter of Captain Judah Lyon, an influential citizen of Connecticut. Ann Mary's paternal grandparents were Dr. Ebenezer Bishop who was born in Lisbon, Connecticut and died in October 1834 in North Woodstock, Connecticut. He was married to Sarah Lyon and had six children, including Ann Mary's father Hezekiah

Anna Mary entered Mt. Holyoke Seminary for women in 1859 and graduated in 1864¹. Her sister Sarah L. Bishop was also a graduate of Mt. Holyoke, class of 1860². Sarah taught freedmen in Abbeville, South Carolina from 1870-75. Ann Mary married Horace P Whitney of Toledo, Ohio June 30, 1863³.

Anna Mary was appointed by the American Missionary Association as a teacher to the freedmen on Hilton Head Island and arrived in September 1868⁴. Her salary was

¹ Catalogue of the Memorandum Society and the Alumnae of Mt Holyoke Seminary 1837- 1877. Springfield, Massachusetts: Clark W Bryan & Co, 1878, pp 9,11-12,75, 88, 96.

² Ibid

³ Ibid

Steen, Margaret Service, ed. *The Mount Holyoke*, Vol X, No 3. South Hadley, Massachusetts: Mt Holyoke Seminary for Women. November 1899.

⁴ American Missionary Association. *American Missionary*, Vol XIII, No 5, May 1869, p 101.

"Teachers Sept 1, 1868 – May 1869" List for Hilton Head:

Mrs. S.P.L. Gerrish from Chelsea, Mass and Miss Anna M Bishop from North Woodstock,CT"

<https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/012370656/cite>

- American Missionary Association: Its Missionaries, Teachers, and History. NY, NY:

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aid by the US Senate Act Fund of 1866. Anna Mary transferred inland to Abbeville to continue teaching freedmen's children in May 1870 where her sister Sarah also taught 1870-75. After teaching in Abbeville, Anna Mary transferred again to Atlanta, Georgia with the Freedmen's Bureau and finally to Talladega College in Alabama⁵. The 1880 US Census found Anna Mary living with her married sister back in Woodstock, Connecticut. She died on May 11, 1894 in Woodstock and was buried in North Woodstock Cemetery⁶.



AMA, Jan 30, 1869. <https://archive.org/details/americanmissiona00amer>, p 166, page n1

⁵ The Freedmen's Bureau, p 21.

⁶ The American Missionary Association. New York, NY: *The American Missionary*, Vol 50, #2, Feb 1896. Findagrave.com Memorial ID #71396397 created 15 Jun 2011 by ASB. <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/71396397>.