

MARY ELLEN PIERCE



**Stoney-Baynard Plantation Ruins
Hilton Head Island**

Born: unknown

Died: unknown

Appointment(s):

National Freedmen's Relief Association
(NFRA)

Port Royal, SC

May 1863

Baynard Plantation – Hilton Head, SC

Fall 1863

American Missionary Association

Charleston, SC

May 1869

Mary Pierce first served as a teacher on Port Royal Island in June 1863 under Brig. General Rufus Saxton, Military Governor of the Department of the South.¹ She was then appointed by the National Freedmen's Association in fall of 1863 as a teacher at the Baynard Plantation on Hilton Head Island.² She joined 3 other teachers at Baynard: Julia Graham, Emeline Allen and Harriet Buss. By May 1869, she was teaching in Charleston with an appointment from the American Missionary Association, as shown on their 'Teachers List' for 1869.³

¹ "List of Superintendents and Teachers Under Brig General Rufus Saxton, Military Governor of the Department of the South, June 1863".

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² "National Freedmen's Association Locations of Schools, Personnel and Teachers Spring and Fall 1863".

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³ *American Missionary*, Vol XIII, No 5, May 1869, p100.

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