

# 1800'S

<b>Women's Association</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>RPC/General Events</b>
	1826	RPC reorganized to present location, in a modest white framed house
	1848	Pioneering Women's Rights Convention in Seneca Falls, NY
	1861-65	Civil War
"Ladies Sewing Society" formed by Mrs. C. Baird, in support of foreign and home missions	1862	
	1863	Emancipation Proclamation, Gettysburg Address
	1868	First building erected for Sunday Church School
	1870	New stone Gothic RPC building erected, architect R. Upjohn (also Trinity Church on Wall St.)
	1872	Susan B. Anthony arrested for attempting to vote
"Women's Missionary Society" formed, soon to be known as the Women's Association	1872	
	1887	Susan Salter - Argonia, Kansas.

- Presbyterianism in the US throughout the 1800's was characterized by widening regional differences, splits and factions - and growing disagreements and divisions over theology, governance, and reform – especially concerning the position on slavery.
- After the Civil War, the Presbyterian Church of the United States emerged as the largest body, one that would later merge with several other splintered factions to form the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 1983, again the leading organization. This is the organization with which RPC is associated.
- Throughout all this, and despite a pervasive cultural view at the time that women belonged in the home, Presbyterian women were at the forefront of national and societal movements – strong supporters of mission work and advocates for the underprivileged, underserved and underrepresented.

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	1911	First International Women's Day
	1912	Titanic hits iceberg
	1914-18	World War I
	1917-18	Russian Revolution
50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the WA	1922	

	1932	Amelia Earhart solo flight
75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of WA	1947	
Flower Guild, under WA for many years, became a church committee	1948	
	1956	New RPC church school building and chapel built to handle influx of families to Rye post WWII
Morning and evening guilds created to meet the needs of increasing numbers of working women;  Guild Room (Library) redecoration project started	1961	
Difficulty finding leadership. Attendance down. Circles and guilds dwindled down to nothing. Programs suffered.	mid-to-late 60's	
100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of WA; C. Nelson and A. Hawkins came up with a "Tailgate" sales idea – earning ~\$2,500 for an African-based mission - which then turned into an annual Tag Sale.	1972	

Conception, design and completion of the needlepoint “Christian Crosses” project – 150 hand-embroidered hymnal and bible covers for the chapel	1973-1976	
WA becomes entirely self-supporting	1977	
Tag Sale business expands to operate one day per week	1978	
	1981	Sandra Day O’Connor first female Supreme Court Judge
Tag Sale name changes to Thrift Shop; several infrastructure improvements to basement rooms; initiation of a formal Grant Awards Program	1995	
First grants awarded: \$17,000 to approx 12 or 13 local groups	1996	

- In the 1900's, the Presbyterian Church as a whole experienced the simultaneous and oppositional rise of fundamentalist and modernist Christianity – brought to a head over issues such as the 60's Civil Rights Movement, the ordination of women, and since the 90's the ordination of gays and lesbians.
- The Women's Association continued its tradition of supporting foreign and home missions. The women's fundraising guilds and circles had a tremendous international perspective – learning about and reaching out to missions all over the world, including Siam (yes, Siam – Thailand's name until the late 40's), Laos, Japan, Africa.
- The women of our church stepped up during many times of crisis, especially to provide clothing and food packages, as well as first aid supplies, particularly during the Great Depression years, two World Wars, and the Korean and Viet Nam wars.
- They grappled with how to reconcile Christian beliefs with concerns over a new atomic age, a nuclear arms race, changing attitudes towards women staying at home versus entering the work force, race relations, and more. The more things change, the more they stay the same, but RPC women also strive to make a visible difference in the world.

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**Feel free to write in names and achievements!**

<b>Women's Association</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>RPC/General</b>
	2001	9/11
	2007-2008	Global Financial Crisis
Grants reach \$50,000 to some 25 local charities.	2011-2013	