

AMY BAILEY B/M Bailey Amy

Miss Amy Bailey was born in Walderston, Manchester on November 27, 1895.

She was educated at elementary school and shortwood Teachers's College. Miss Amy, as she is popularly known, taught herself Shorthand and in 1919, began teaching at Kingston Technical High School, where she remained until her retirement in 1958.

Miss Bailey pioneered the entry of graduates from technical schools in the Civil Service and campaigned for the right of every Jamaican to equal employment opportunities regardless of their colour.

For years she gave voluntary service to countless underprivileged girls in the field of education and social service training. She became one of the founders of the Housecraft Training Centre which was opened in January 1946.

Miss Amy Bailey was a leading figure in the feminist movement for equality of the sexes and for the participation of women in public life. She was co-founder and first Chairperson of the Women's Liberal Club, a founding member of the Jamaica Federation of Women, and the first female member of the Jamaica Union of Teachers. Miss Amy was also a member of a formidable number of organizations dedicated to the welfare of the people.

A Justice of the Peace, she was made a Member of the British Empire. She also received the Order of Distinction from the Government of Jamaica, and in 1988 received the Marcus Garvey Award for Excellence.

