Caroline G. Atkinson

Born in Jefferson, NH in 1866, Caroline G. Atkinson graduated from the Albany Normal School (now University at Albany). Her teaching career began on August 30, 1885, in the four-room school on Pine Street and Guy Lombardo Avenue. She became one of four teachers in a school with less than 200 students. After 52 years of service, Ms. Atkinson retired in 1937. She was a member of the First Baptist Church where she was elected an honorary deaconess. It is said that she knew the Bible almost by heart and spent much of her time visiting the sick and reading to children. Ms. Atkinson died at the age of 82 of a heart attack in 1949 and is buried in Greenfield Cemetery. That same year, the Freeport School Board unanimously approved the naming of the school on Seaman Avenue the "Caroline G. Atkinson School."

Edith Gertrude Selene Evans

Miss Selene was a noted anthropologist, Egyptologist, photographer and owner of the house at 350 S. Main Street now occupied by the Freeport Historical Society. Miss Selene married Dr. Thomas H. Evans, an eminent professor of research and anatomy at New York Medical College. Mrs. Evans was a member of the Society of American Archaeology, American Association of Biology Teachers, The American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Anthropological Association, the Egypt Exploration Fund, the Metropolitan Art Museum, the Women's Chess Club of New York, the Nassau Historical Genealogical, and Garden City Community Club. Mrs. Evans died in 1948 and her husband lived in the house until his death at the age of 82 in 1961.

Myrtis Fish (d. 1928) and Dr. Mary Fleckles (d. 1935)

Myrtis Fish and Mary Fleckles, who were sisters, lived at 28 East Seaman Avenue. Miss Fish was a lawyer who graduated from the New York School of Law, was a probation officer and the founder of a home for girls in Long Island City. Her mission in life was to work for the welfare of others. Dr. Fleckles was one of Brooklyn’s leading physicians. A graduate of the New York Medical College and Hospital for Women, she specialized in obstetrics and pediatrics. She was the president of the Brooklyn Welfare Home for Girls, where her sister was a director.
**Mabel Pauline Guest**

Mabel Pauline Guest is the only woman listed on Freeport Memorial Library’s memorial plaques honoring those who died in war. She served as a nurse during World War I. Ms. Guest was a descendant of General Joseph Jay (a Revolutionary War soldier) and her brother, W. Wallace Guest later became a post commander of the William Clinton Story American Legion. She attended Freeport High School during 1910-1912 but left school to train as a nurse. She enlisted for military service and while waiting for overseas deployment she served in a Long Island hospital during the Spanish flu epidemic. She died of the disease on October 30, 1917. In her honor, Freeport dedicated a "lean-to" for soldiers, in the Adirondacks.

**Eleanor L. Johnson**

Eleanor Johnson attended Freeport Public Schools and studied nursing at the Jewish Hospital in Manhattan. She graduated from nursing school in 1914. In 1917, she enlisted as an Army Nurse. Johnson was placed in charge of nurses at a hospital in Dartford, England. In October 1918, she met King George and Queen Mary while they visited her hospital. During the war, she contracted tuberculosis. After returning to Freeport in 1919, she spoke about her experience as a military nurse to local students. About 1927, the disease progressed to a point where she was taken to the Farmingdale Sanatorium. She remained there until her death in 1935 at the age of 41. She was said to be one of the few surviving members of her unit. Johnson was a charter member of the William Clinton Story American Legion Post. It was the custom of the Post to send her the number one membership card for free. For a time, she was their only female member. Johnson’s parents were Axel S. and Mary Johnson. Her brothers Clement and Herman also served during WWI. Johnson’s name does not appear on any Freeport war monuments. Ms. Johnson is buried in Greenfield Cemetery.

**Alice Rogan**

For over a quarter of a century, Alice B. Rogan served as a public librarian in Freeport. She became Freeport’s first librarian in 1908 when the public library was located in the Grove Street School. She retired in 1938 after 30 years of service, died in 1944 and is buried in Greenfield Cemetery.
Elinor Smith

Elinor Smith was born in New York City in 1911 and had her first plane ride when she was six. Her father Tom Smith, a vaudevillian who was part of the actor’s colony, encouraged her. She set many aviation records: youngest woman to fly solo at the age of 15 and the youngest person to earn a pilot’s license in the United States. Smith became famous after flying under all four East River bridges. She also set many speed and altitude records. She was often referred to as the “Flying Flapper of Freeport.” Smith lived at 33 Nassau Avenue and 64 Whaley Street. Ms. Smith was the first woman to appear on a box of Wheaties. In her senior year of Freeport High School, Smith took a job with Irving Air Chute Company and became the first female executive pilot. She left before the school year ended and, therefore, did not graduate. Smith died at the age of 98 on March 19, 2010. On June 6, 2010, Elinor Smith was awarded a Freeport High School diploma posthumously.

Olive Post Smith

Olive Post Smith was the daughter of Jacob Post who was an early developer of Freeport and president of three local banks. Miss Post was a graduate of Adelphi College, where she was a member of the Delta Delta Delta sorority. She had studied law at Cornell University and taught kindergarten, mostly at the Grove Street and Bayview Avenue Avenue schools. When she married George Porter Smith, a concert violinist and a founder and conductor of the Nassau Philharmonic, her father gave her a fieldstone French style house on Lena and West Woodbine Avenues as a wedding present. Mrs. Smith took over the Jacob Post Real Estate firm after her father’s death in 1964. She had a summer home in Lake George, belonged to the Lake George Association, and worked on behalf of preservation of the Adirondacks. She died at the age of 90 in 1993 and is buried in Greenfield Cemetery.

Mary Wagner

Right hander Mary Wagner was a six-time national indoor women's tennis champion between 1908 and 1917 and a four-time doubles champion between 1910 and 1917. She ranked No. 6 in 1913 when the U.S. Top Ten was established, and was in that select group every year through 1920: No. 3 in 1914; No. 9 at the age of 39 in 1922. During World War I, Wagner played tennis benefits for the Red Cross. She was born February 2, 1883, in Freeport and died April 1, 1975 at the age of 92. Wagner played tennis until she was well over 60. She entered the Tennis Hall of Fame in 1969.
Jean Yawkey

Jean Remington Hollander was born in Brooklyn on January 24, 1909. Her family later moved to Freeport. According to the 1920 and 1930 censuses, the Hollander family lived at 16 Rosedale Avenue. Before marrying Mr. Yawkey, Hollander married her high school sweetheart Charles Hiller. This marriage ended in divorce in 1933. Hollander worked as a model and saleswoman at Jay Thorpe, an exclusive woman’s clothing store on West 57th Street in Manhattan. It was here where she supposedly met Thomas A. Yawkey, millionaire and owner of the Boston Red Sox. After Mr. Yawkey divorced his first wife, Hollander and Yawkey married in Georgetown, SC on December 24, 1944. The new Mrs. Yawkey became an avid Red Sox fan. She meticulously kept score in a custom-bound set of cards. After Mr. Yawkey died in 1976, Mrs. Yawkey became a majority shareholder in the Red Sox franchise. When not at games, Mrs. Yawkey was major Boston philanthropist. In 1984 she became director of the National Baseball Museum and Hall of Fame – the first woman elected to the Hall of Fame’s board. She was also a major benefactor to the museum, donating two wings and commissioning a basswood statue of Ted Williams. In 1992, Jean Yawkey died at the age of 83 after suffering a stroke.