

Julia Greeley, born between 1833-43, - 1918

“Born into enslavement in Hannibal, MO, Julia Greeley moved to Denver around 1878 after gaining her freedom and worked as a housekeeper. The little money she earned is said to have been spent almost entirely on care for the disenfranchised. To spare white families the embarrassment of receiving charity from a Black woman, she often carried out her charitable service at night. Ms. Greeley was baptized and received into the Catholic Church at the Jesuit parish of the Sacred Heart. In 1901, the ‘angel of Denver,’ as she became known, professed vows in the Secular Franciscan Order, remaining faithful to her promises until her death in her 80s.”

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