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Dr. Rebecca Lee Crumpler

Rebecca was born in 1831 in Delaware. She was raised by her aunt in Pennsylvania who spent a lot of time caring for sick neighbors. This was the beginning of Rebecca's future of becoming a doctor.

She was a nurse for 8 years before she applied to the New England Female Medical College. Nurses didn't have to go to school then. In 1860, she was accepted into the college and graduated in 1864. She was the first African American woman to become a doctor in the United States and she was the only African American to graduate from that college before it closed.

She worked as a doctor in Boston, Massachusetts and Richmond, Virginia. She then returned back to Boston, where she retired in 1880. She published a book in 1883 which was a collection of her notes from when she was practicing. Her book is one of the first medical publications written by an African American.

She liked taking care of women and children best. During her time in Richmond, she took care of freed slaves that would not have had medical care in the South since they were black. She passed away in 1895.

Who is this passage about?

What is she famous for?

What did she do to help other African Americans?

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Directions: Circle the correct answer.

1. Where was Rebecca born?

- a. Ohio
- b. Massachusetts
- c. Delaware
- d. Georgia

2. What medical college did she attend?

- a. Delaware Female Medical College
- b. Virginia Medical College
- c. Northern Medical College
- d. New England Female Medical College

3. Whom did Rebecca like to care for the most?

- a. men
- b. women and children
- c. babies
- d. children and babies

4. What was Rebecca doing while she was in Richmond, Virginia?

- a. caring for freed slaves
- b. caring for wounded soldiers from the Civil War
- c. caring for new mothers and babies
- d. caring for school children

5. When did she publish her book?

- a. 1891
- b. 1865
- c. 1880
- d. 1883