

Clara Barton

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Clara Barton was born on Christmas Day in 1821 in Oxford, Massachusetts. She was the youngest of five kids: two older sisters, Sally and Dorathea, and two older brothers, Stephan and David. She worked at a school, the patent office in Washington D.C., and as a volunteer in wars and disasters. She died on April 12, 1912 from double pneumonia in Glen Echo, Maryland.

When Clara was 11, her brother fell off a roof and got really sick. She had to take care of him for two years. Taking care of her brother made her interested in helping others when they were sick. When Clara was 17, she became a school teacher. They were going to pay her less than they paid the men. She stood up for the rights of herself and continued to stand up for the rights of the women in the work place.



Clara helped take care of soldiers during the Civil War. This led her to start an organization called the American Red Cross. The American Red Cross is an organization that helps people when they are hurt, wounded, or sick during times of war or disaster. I look up to Clara Barton because she overcame her fears from when she was a little girl and helped people in the war and worked really hard for women's rights. She was very brave.

When she was a child she was afraid of a goat on her farm. There was a storm and she thought all the clouds were a bunch of goats coming toward her. She was so terrified that she remembered it forever. Once, she was giving a soldier a drink of water in the Civil War when a bullet shot through her sleeve and killed the soldier. In her 80's, she taught first-aid skills so others could help people when they were sick or hurt. Years after she died, she was rewarded by being placed in the Hall of Fame for Great Americans in 1976.