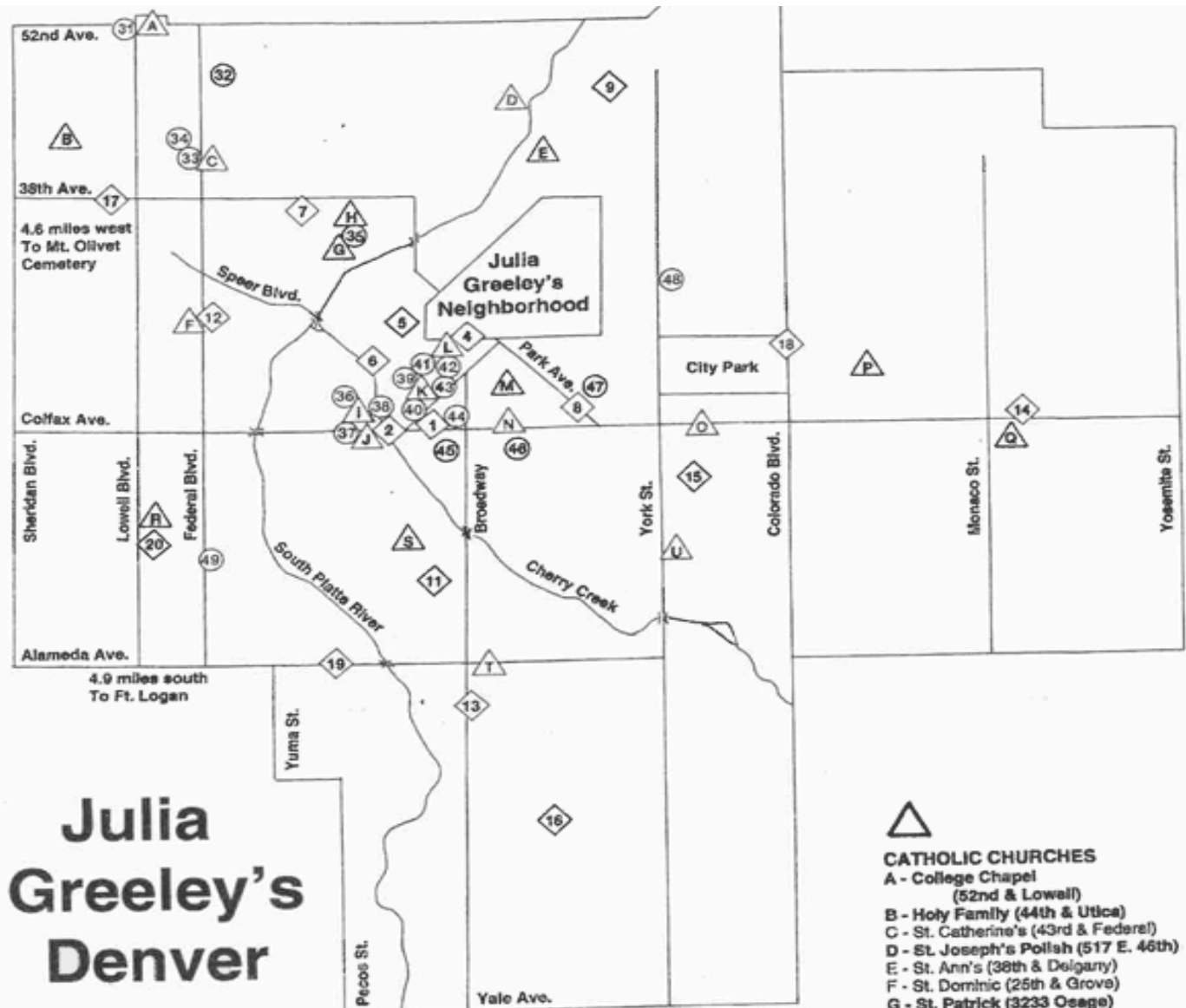


Learning About Julia Greeley Extended Stories Table Packet

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Julia's Monthly Walking Tour to the Firehouses of Denver



Julia Greeley's Denver



FIRE HOUSES

- 1 - 1326 Tremont.
- 2 - Santa Fe & Colfax
- 3 - (on Inset map)
- 4 - 2026 Curtis
- 5 - 1817-23 Blake
- 6 - 14th & Market
- 7 - 36th & Tejon
- 8 - 1618 Marlon
- 9 - 47th & Gilpin
- 10 - (on inset map)
- 11 - 3rd & Cherokee
- 12 - 28th & Federal
- 13 - Center Ave. & Broadway
- 14 - Oneida & Colfax
- 15 - 11th & Clayton
- 16 - Iowa & Ogden
- 17 - 38th & Osceola
- 18 - 2207 Colorado Blvd
- 19 - Alameda & Pecos
- 20 - 6th & Knox



JULIA'S FRIENDS & OTHERS

- 31 - Ryan House (5127 Lowell)
- 32 - O'Donnell Dairy (48h & Decatur)
- 33 - Urquhart Home (4270 Hooker)
- 34 - McDonough Park (42nd & Federal)
- 35 - Mother Cabrini's House (34th & Navaho)
- 36 - Washington School (11th & Lawrence)
- 37 - Haberl Home (1108 Colfax)
- 38 - Fisher Grocery & Boarding House (1037 11th)
- 39 - St. James Hotel (1528 Champa)
- 40 - St. Mary's Academy 1 (1450 California)
- 41 - Denver Catholic Register (1824 Curtis)
- 42 - Gilpin House 1 (1743 Champa)
- 43 - Denver Dry Goods (18th & California)
- 44 - Horan Mortuary (1527 Cleveland)
- 45 - Gilpin House 2 (1321 Bannock)
- 46 - St. Mary's Academy 2 (1340 Penna.)
- 47 - St. Joseph's Hospital (1800 Humboldt)
- 48 - Arkin House (2837 Josephine)
- 49 - O'Donnell Home (5th & Federal)



CATHOLIC CHURCHES

- A - College Chapel (52nd & Lowell)
- B - Holy Family (44th & Utica)
- C - St. Catherine's (43rd & Federal)
- D - St. Joseph's Polish (517 E. 46th)
- E - St. Ann's (38th & Delgany)
- F - St. Dominic (25th & Grove)
- G - St. Patrick (3233 Osage)
- H - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (26th & Navaho)
- I - St. Elizabeth (11th & Curtis)
- J - St. Leo (9th & Colfax)
- K - St. Mary's Proto-Cathedral (1550 Curtis)
- L - Holy Ghost (1850 Curtis)
- M - School & Pro-Cathedral (1850 Logan)
- N - Immac. Concept. Cathedral (Logan & Colfax)
- O - St. Philomena (14th & Detroit)
- P - Blessed Sacrament (Elm & Montview)
- Q - St. James (13th & Newport)
- R - Presentation (6th & Knox)
- S - St. Joseph Redemptorist (6th & Gallapago)
- T - St. Francis de Sales (Sherman & Alameda)
- U - St. John Evangelist (5th & Josephine)

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Julia's Faith and Firehouse Outreach

Members of the Apostleship, known also as the League of the Sacred Heart—today there are at least 40 million members—consecrate their daily work to the Sacred Heart and thus join their daily prayers for a specific monthly intention. The leaflets which Julia distributed named the month's intention and explained the urgent need to include it in prayer. By 1909 the pope himself was regularly involved in the selection of these intentions, but it is not known exactly when that practice began.⁹¹

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Since Julia Greeley was somewhat illiterate, one has to believe that someone informed her each month of the general content of the leaflets she was recommending to others, and that she also was consecrating her own daily activity to the intentions set forth by the Apostleship. This surely was one of the secrets of her own spirituality: to place all of her day's activities into the secret service of the Sacred Heart.

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32. Agnes Day Grosheider (1892-1983), Sacred Heart high school class of 1911:



Agnes Day
Grosheider

"My mother was president of Altar & Rosary Society at S. H. for years. Julia Greeley had lunch at our house many and many a time.¹⁹⁵ We always enjoyed her. She had wonderful smile. Everybody knew Julia. My mother loved her. Julia had a band (of Altar and Rosary) to collect 25 cents a month dues from. People would give her change because they knew she was poor and she'd pass it on to someone next house she went to. — A cosmetic saleslady came to front door of Sacred Heart. Fr. Barry in collar answered door. Lady could see he was priest but she gave her sales talk anyhow. Barry said: 'Wait a minute. I'll get the housekeeper.' He brought Julia out. Saleslady disappeared in hurry."¹⁹⁶



Margaret Ducey
Day

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37. Terrance F. Owens (b. ca 1856/57), Denver's fifth fire chief (1903-1912):

After enrolling many firemen in the League of the Sacred Heart, she went downtown to see Chief Terry Owens.²⁰⁷ “What you selling now, Julie?” he asked. “Tickets for the Orphans Ball or the Orphans’ Picnic?” She sold more tickets for church affairs than anyone else in Denver. — “Dese tickets are for Heb’n, Chief, and I wanna give ‘em to all your men.” — Terry looked over a leaflet and said “That’s fine, Julie, but don’t forget me.” — “No, suh! You not the foist memba, but you the chieftest.”²⁰⁸



Fire Chief Terry Owens

38. Frank Reynolds:

Julia spent almost all her time in church.

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Young Ladies Sodality was having a popularity/beauty contest benefit of S H Church: 10 cents vote. To show JG’s humility, just to make money for the church, she went to the firemen and got them to vote for her. Collected about \$350. Julia won contest.

Julia came back for Portiuncula — flopping big shoes — her big handbag — Uncle Frank Fisher said, “Julia, look out, somebody will take that bag.” “Mr. Fisher, they’ll have to tickle me pretty hard to get it.” — Julia not afraid to go home on Larimer Street.

Julia always had bunch of broken old rosaries — she could take to Fred across St & he could fix/repair them.¹⁸⁸

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“Julia was as simple as a little child, trusting in everyone, and forever a faithful member of the Catholic Church. She earned very little in those days. But would always share what she had with others. Had a keen sense of humor and could always laugh at herself when she found herself in a ridiculous situation — like the time she made a commotion among the children when she came into church with her skirt inside out. The nun quieted the kids, then scolded Julia. But all Julia said was, ‘Ah know, Sister, ah know.’”

“Every First Friday Julia made the rounds to all fire houses in Denver to distribute leaflets of the Sacred Heart. Made no diff to her whether they were Catholics or not. They would get a leaflet of Sacred Heart and she would always say ‘God bless you all.’ The men would joke with her and tease her, but she would just laugh and go on her way.

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9. Sr. Antonita Klein, S.C., Mt. St. Joseph, Ohio, April 10, 1974:

“Sr. Florita (French, S.C., 1894-1980) says she never knew her personally but she remembers seeing her and says that she only heard good things about her; like she was good to the poor and tried to help them when she was poor herself. She went to Mass and Holy Communion every day. Came to the convent for



Sr. Florita French SC

breakfast. Every fireman and policeman in Denver knew her. She went to jail to visit people. Passed out Sacred Heart leaflets to them. — She lived just a block from the sisters and whenever they saw her they would ask her to come to the convent for meals. When she was sick, the sisters took her food and went to her room to take care of her. She was patient and accepted her illness beautifully. — She lost her eye in the Civil War, but they do not know which one. She never talked about it to them.”¹⁴⁸

10. Sr. M. Irene Lally, S.C.L., Leavenworth, May 6, 1974:



Sr. M. Irene Lally
SCL

“When I was a small girl I saw Black Julia many times in the church praying. She went out on the street with gunny sacks filled with wood, coal, clothes and food and medicine and would make her rounds to the desperately poor for whom no one else provided. She took care of and administered what supplies she could beg for them. Policemen and firemen would give donations to her and recommend her wherever she went because she was taking care of the forgotten poor. She, in turn, provided them with Sacred Heart badges and medals for those with whom they came in contact. Sister M. Irene doesn’t know where Black Julia stayed because people always saw her in the church or on the streets delivering things to the poor.”¹⁴⁹

Julia's Service to the Poor

23. Eleanor Pavella Castellan (1888-1978):

"Julia could not read or write. She would say: 'Please read this for me — my glasses aren't good enough.'

"Let's face it: Julia looked pretty tacky because of the old clothes she wore. Some said they didn't like her — but when Julia smiled, something to see.

"When in need of help everybody called on Julia. Fr. Edwin Barry <Fr. Edward Barry, S.J., 1853-1922> needed a cook. Julia supplied. At end of month the grocery bill was astounding. Father phoned grocer and said: 'Must be some mistake.' Grocer presented itemized bill. It was correct — and high. Father asked Julia: 'Did we order all this stuff?' 'Oh, yes.' 'But what happened to it?' 'Well you know that widow. I had to give her some groceries. Then that family with the drunken father. I couldn't let his wife and chillun starve, etc.' Julia was actually surprised Father had to pay. She thought the priests got everything for free.

"When new baby arrived for the poor family that had no baby buggy, Julia would scout around and find a family that had a used baby carriage & no baby in prospect. She would deliver at night when nobody could see her.

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"When there was a death in the family, you could always find Julia working in the kitchen. If family was poor, she would go out asking for clothes so they would look nice when they went to the funeral. She made friends with everyone, rich and poor.

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"Julia belonged to the Third Order at St. Elizabeth and she was always getting people to join. I was 16 and Julia got me and Julia Higgins and a few others to go with her to the Third Order at St. Elizabeth's. Julia belonged & wanted everybody to join. My mother said: 'Julia, you're foolish - they are too young - wait till they get older.' We went once and that was all.

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21. Sr. Catherine Rita Besson, S.C., (1888-1982):

“Yes, I knew Julia very well. She was very devoted to the Sacred Heart. Her job was mopping, sweeping and keeping the Church clean. She always had a pocketful of orange peel and chewed on this while working. She always had a cute little expression/ greeting when she met you. I don’t remember what it was. ... Many times Julia could be seen going through the alley carrying a chair or a mattress to some poor person. Believe it was the left eye that was blind.”¹⁷⁶



Sr. Catherine Rita Besson SC

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8. Chief Judge Neil Horan (1899-1992), Denver, Sept. 15, 1978:

“I have a very vivid boyhood recollection of her. I went to old Sacred Heart School and Church and over the years on my way to either place, I would meet Julia pulling a little red wagon loaded with clothes that she had collected. Some times she would greet me with ‘Hello, Sonny,’ and a few cheery remarks. Other times she would have a little black book and she and the wagon would be stopped in front of a house where she had made a collection, then she would say, ‘Sonny, would you please write that number (pointing to the number of the house) in this book — I left my glasses at home and I can’t see too well without them.’ I was always happy to comply — I doubt if she could write, even if she could see. Little did I realize that I was helping a person who I hope will someday be canonized. — I often saw her mopping the floor of the old church, but when I saw her on the street she would be pulling the little red wagon. She never seemed to use any of the clothes for herself. The old clothes she wore were always the same. God must have loved her greatly, because in her poverty she was always happy, seeking only to help others whom she considered less fortunate than herself. — It was incongruous to see that lovely smile while a tear dropped from her poor blind eye.”¹⁴⁷



Chief Judge Neil Horan

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She knew of some girls working for what could not be termed a “decency wage” and bearing on their young shoulders burdens of financial responsibility—an invalid sister, a widowed mother, younger brothers and sisters to keep in school. But youth was in their hearts and its call was heard over more serious things.

Sodalities and clubs provided pleasure in the monthly socials in the school hall. On these occasions the girls present were prettily dressed. The girls in whom Julia became interested, she learned, could not dress so well as the others and vanity prevented them from attending. Here was another “joy” for Julia. She never thought of her deeds as charity. She had friends who never failed her. The Sacred Heart and St. Anthony would show her the way.

She elicited the interest of some girls and young women in a far part of the city who would not be expected to attend these socials. She told them of “her girls,” but not their names—those were Julia’s secrets. She asked the more fortunate not to wear their pretty clothes for too long a time, but to give them to her, so that “her girls” could go to nice dances.

The young women to whom she appealed entered into the spirit of making other girls happy, and many a dress was discarded before it would have been otherwise. These garments were always given to Julia, all freshened—cleaned and pressed—with perhaps new bits of ribbon and lace. How happy Julia was to carry these packages to her “White girls,”—after dark of course.

Julia was present at these social affairs behind the scenes, dishing up ice cream, and getting a peek at her particular protege. Next day she would report to the donor of the dress; “She was the purtiest girl on the floor and no wallflower.”

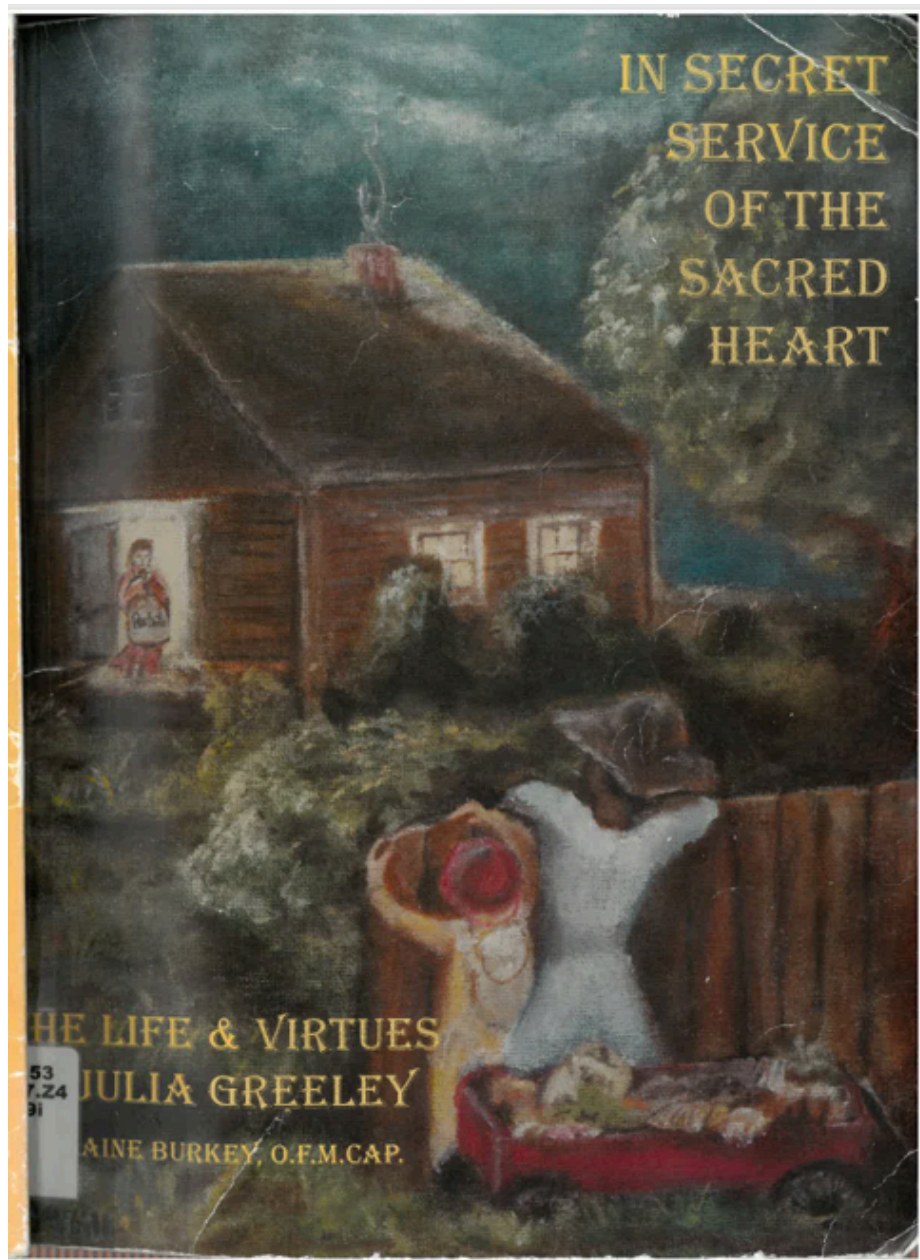
One day there was a wedding dress to supply. A young matron gave up hers which had, for sentimental reasons, been packed away.

Julia’s “joy” was more constructive than almsgiving.¹⁰⁸

“Julia put a sack of potatoes on porch of poor family right in front of door. She watched from across the street unobserved. It was very cold — nobody came out that door — Julia was afraid potatoes would freeze & get mushy. She went next door & got little child to ring the door bell — ‘But don’t dast say that Old Julia had anything to do with it.’

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See picture below honoring this humble act.



Julia's Love for Children

13. Marjorie A. Urquhart Simpson (1915-1983), Mission Viejo, Calif., July 10, 1978:

"I am not having much luck in finding out the date of birth of my brother (Billy) William Urquhart - will try through the Birth Certificates in Denver. We believe he was 12-15 to 17 years older than me. He was born Jan. 18th. I remember my mother mentioning this date when a friend of ours had the same Birthday (but the year?). I know from mother (we called her mamma) he (Billy) starved to death, no food would agree with him, her milk or formula. And also my dad's 2 brothers would take turns at nite <sic> carrying (Billy Baby) trying to reserve his strength till they could find some formula to feed him that would stay down. Dr. Danahey MD delivered me, I don't know if he was the family doctor for Billy's time. My dad's family wanted this baby boy so badly to carry on the Urquhart name - he died and was mourned greatly. I have no date of his death.



Marjorie was born the following year.

"Julie (in my prayers to her I call her Blessed Julia) was walking past our home in North Denver - 4270 Hooker St. We had a full length front porch - my mother was sitting out there, probably in a rocking chair, or straight chair, I'm not sure. She called to Julia, asking her if she would mop our kitchen floor, which colored Julia agreed to. While in our house, she (Julie) noticed the Holy pictures on the walls also a crucifix over my mother and dad's bed. It must have been because there always was one when we were small children. She (Julia) mentioned the fact that you must be a Catholic & Mamma acknowledged. why aren't there any little children running around this house. My mother said she was not able to have any more children. I'm sure mamma must have told Julia about my brother - He was named William (Billy) after my dad's oldest brother who we all loved (a bachelor). Julia replied to my-mother there will be a little white angel running around this house. I will pray and you'll see."¹⁵³

[...] Even when Marjorie was so small she couldn't sit up, her mother recalls, Julia begged Mrs. Urquhart to let her take the baby on the streetcar to Sacred Heart church. The mother compromised by allowing Marjorie to be wheeled in her buggy to St. Catherine's church, which was within walking distance of the Urquhart home.

So anxious was Julie for her little charge to be a practical Catholic that she placed a rosary in the infant's tiny fingers when she was four months old and diligently attempted to teach her to pray.

Here is the only known photo of Julia Greeley, taken by the pastor of St. Catherine's Church when Julia brought the baby there:



The only known photo of Denver's Angel of Charity, shows her with Marjorie Ann Urquhart, who first made it available in 1939.

Dear Mrs. Castellan,

Your letter brought to mind many pleasant memories of my childhood days and Julia Greeley's kindness to all the family upon the death of my mother in 1893.

My father, Thomas O'Donnell, was operating a dairy. Among his milk customers were many to offer him advice and help. One suggested he get Julia Greeley to keep house for him as she was looking for work.¹³¹ He did, and my sister Margaret, James and I were able to continue in school [at Cathedral on Logan Ave.] The Empire article failed to mention she was blind in one eye because of cruel treatment when she was a slave. She would never eat with us at the table—always in the kitchen. I used to think it was on account of her eye. It seemed to be running water at all times and did seem rather repulsive until her kindness made one forget it.

But as soon as we gathered around the table to say the Rosary for Mother, she was one of us who answered.

I'll never forget our first Christmas without Mother. Julia told us she was going to ask Father if she could take Margaret and me down town at night to see the display of lights and all the toys in the basement

of the Denver Dry Goods.¹³² When there, she told us to pick out anything we wanted for Christmas. I remember my sister picked out a three-piece toilet set—comb, mirror and brush—while I, after hearing so much about the hard times, looked at the price tag and picked a little wooden bucket and shovel, all for 10 cents and only suitable for a 2-year-old child. Julia said, "Oh, no, child, you want something better than that." And then she bought me a doll's trunk costing a dollar and also the bucket... She was getting \$10 a month in wages.

She remained with us until school closed in June ... After that we often saw Julia on the streets, delivering the Sacred Heart League leaflets to the firemen. And when I graduated from Cathedral High in 1901, who did I see after the exercises but my old friend, Julia. She came to see me and wish me well. That was the last I ever saw of her.

Wouldn't it be nice if all who knew her would join into a circle or league of friends, donate a dollar a month or a week, have a Mass for her every First Friday and let the Jesuit fathers distribute any money left over for her own poor in their parish?

“When Julia heard of a sick child she would go there and make the mother rest while she herself would sit up all night with the child. Had a way with children & they loved her. As she crooned softly it didn’t take long before the baby fell asleep.

“When there was a death in the family, you could always find Julia working in the kitchen. If family was poor, she would go out asking for clothes so they would look nice when they went to the funeral. She made friends with everyone, rich and poor.

“Julia arranged a picnic for children at City Park. She would round up as many as she could at one time (9 or 10) and would take them on the trolley car. Of course she always joshed with the conductor that they were all her children. I remember because I was one of them. We each had a nickel or a dime to spend, and Julia always provided and brought along lunch for all of us. We would come home happy and tired, Julia the happiest of all because she had spent the day with the children.

“Whenever I go into the old neighborhood I wonder if Julia’s ghost still walks the familiar streets. She was too active to lie quiet and still in her grave. I can see her shuffling along, with her rosary & hear her say: ‘How’s you are, Honey’?”¹⁷⁷

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“In those day kids played under arc light at night, singing and dancing. We entertained ourselves — not like today. Julia would come along, pick up <the> sides of her skirt, and sing and dance and laugh with us.

The interior of Sacred Heart as it looked at the time of Julia’s death. Julia’s pew was right at the foot of the huge crucifix in front of the left end of the Communion railing.

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“When Julia Higgins’ mother died, Old Black Julia got hold of everything she could and sewed for the lil chillun there.

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Julia's Court Case Mrs. Gilpin's Testimony

Note: Holladay Street is the home of brothels.

because she was believed to be a valuable and good servant, and I wrote to Mr. Robinson and asked if Julia had left his service or had been dismissed. I asked the governor if I might have her, and he told me to write to Doctor Robinson, and she came out. [folio 1478] She came to my house as a cook, and remained there in that capacity for two years. I do not think the governor objected to her while she lived with me as a servant. She was an exceptionally good cook, and I always found her perfectly honest. She was [folio 1479] a little noisy, she would laugh and sing in the kitchen, but I never knew her to say an ugly word. When she got through her kitchen work, she would come into my room, sit on the floor and talk about the family and children.

I never discovered anything immoral in her language or conduct; she would not dare to indicate anything immoral to me. I never heard of her doing so with my children. I never heard her accused of that by any of them, even the Governor, until this unfortunate case. He didn't like her, and he told me [p. 557, folio 1481] she should not come to the house; that was after she left my service. He said she was a lewd woman, a thief, had stolen my watch, had been in conspiracy with the negro, Bob Twining, to let him into the house. She had been nine years with my sister and two years with me, and I knew it could not be true, and the Governor never told me from whom he heard these things; he merely asserted them, and I didn't suppose he went into those places to find out, so I didn't know who she was with. The children loved her just as the little Southern children love their mammies. She would kiss and hug them and play with them, and give them candy. I never knew of her taking the children out at night on the streets; think I should know. After she left me she went as a cook to Mrs. Teachout's in the country. She had written to me to send her a cook, and this girl being out of a situation, I sent her; I knew she was honest. She went there and stayed with Mrs. Teachout until she went to Mrs. Sherwin's service down in Cimarron. She stayed there until October. She came up here again, and I believe [folio 1482] she worked around by the day; she came to my house when she could not find work, to get something to eat. I have known her in bitter coldness to sleep in my donkey's stable, because she had no shelter. I tried to get her some work, and asked Mrs. Clough to take her as a cook. I tried two different places, acquaintances of mine. There was an influence [folio 1483] used that prevented her getting employment; I got the information from the parties [p. 559] that I went to. One day she came to see me looking a little more tidy, better dressed than usual, and I asked her if she was working and she said she was. I asked her where, and she seemed to be a little embarrassed, and said, "Mrs. Gilpin, I am doing some cooking on Holladay street." I said, "Oh, for God's sake, you must come out of such a place as that." She said she couldn't get a thing to [folio 1484] do, but would come away from there as soon as she could get a place. I did not even ask her the name of the person with whom she was staying.

The Testimony of Others About Julia Greeley

Eliza McCarthy (Brief p. 470-471, folios 1168-1171):

[p. 468, folio 1160] My name is Eliza McCarthy, have lived eight years in Governor Gilpin's family; have been a nurse and a kind of waitress to the ladies. My duties are around the nursery and sometimes in the dining room. ...

[p. 470, folio 1168] I remember a negro servant in the family by name of Julia Greeley, and her leaving, but I did not know at the time she was discharged. [folio 1169] She was not there when Mrs. Speer had charge of the house in Mrs. Gilpin's absence; she had left before. She came in and out of the house very frequently whenever she felt like it, to see Madame and the children. When she came to see Mrs. Gilpin and went to Mrs. Gilpin's own room, I was never present at any of the conversations, [folio 1170] and never heard any of their conversations. Julia always played with the children — she seemed like a child; she would run back and forth and play with them all the time just like one of them — screaming and jumping. At such times the governor would be down in the sitting-room if he was in. These frolics were sometimes upstairs and sometime [folio 1171] down. She came in at the alley and sometimes at the front door; after the Governor didn't seem to like to have her come there, she came through the alley mostly; I think

Elizabeth Owens Testimony. Note: Julia later testified that she never drank alcohol!

generally went to her sitting room [folio 1326] upstairs. Sometimes she would stay three or four hours running around the house. I do not know how long she would be with Mrs. Gilpin. I have not known of her and Mrs. Gilpin holding private interviews when the children were not present; nor have I known of her receiving her into [p. 504] her room and talking with her when the children were present. I do not think there was any particular arrangement. Sometimes [folio 1327] she and the children were dancing, laughing and singing in the parlor and Miss Julia playing for them. They told me she was drunk on one of these occasions when I asked why she was so boisterous.³⁰³ I do not know [folio 1328] whether liquor had been given her in the house or not; I could not tell whether she was drunk when she came there, nor do I know whether she was drunk when she went away. I suppose she was drunk; I didn't hear Mrs. Gilpin say anything about it; I didn't pay much attention to it. I didn't go near enough to detect the smell of liquor on [folio 1329] her breath. I should say she was between 30 and 40 years of age. I saw the governor drive her out of the yard when he discovered her there. I never heard anything said, not a word. I saw him motion to her when she was playing in the yard with the children. I don't remember anything said in her talks with the children; I never paid much [folio 1330] attention, **Her manner when she was with the children was a kind of jolly, laughing and dancing.** One occasion I heard her hollering about the yard. Don't remember what she said at such times. I never knew her to take any of the children away from the house upon any of those occasions; I think I have known her to go down town with little [folio 1331] Marie. **I remember when Mrs.**

Mrs. Louise Pratte Testimony

[p. 901, folio 2764] Ans. 5. **I have made particular enquiries as to Julia Greeley, and learned her associates and friends were among the most respectable colored people in St. Louis. They have known her eighteen years, and never knew her to have a male friend. They all testify to her [folio 2765] good character, and state that her reputation for modesty and virtue were never questioned.**

Ans. 6. **I have known her personally more than thirteen years. I lived in the house with her several months at a time on different [p. 902] occasions, and I never knew or heard of [folio 2766] her having a male companion. I can testify to her modest deportment on all occasions.**

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Dr. Paul Gervais Robinson [1834-1913] (Brief, p. 899-900, folio 2739-2741):³⁰⁶

[p. 899, folio 2739] I am 52 years old, reside in St. Louis, Missouri. I married the youngest sister of Mrs. Julia P. Gilpin, the defendant. Lina, my wife, sister of the defendant, died at my house in St. Louis, January 31st, 1882...³⁰⁷ I knew a negro girl whom we called Julia Greeley, who was employed by me for about seven years, in the capacity of child's nurse generally though she did a variety of work about the house. **She was remarkable for her fidelity, honesty and devotion to the inmates of my household and especially to my children.** To the best of my knowledge she left our service on account of some difference [folio 2740] with another servant. She was then taken into defendant's employ with good understanding on all sides. I was requested to pay her passage to Denver by the defendant, with the promise on her part that the amount [p. 900] would be refunded to me by Governor Gilpin. I did as requested, and the amount was refunded to me by Governor Gilpin. I have no record or letters from Governor Gilpin relating to this matter. I know nothing [folio 2741] of the reputation Julia Greeley bore among her acquaintance, as I never had occasion to enquire, and never had reason to suspect that she was not what she ought to be in every respect. **As I said before I thought her a remarkable good negro, and we valued her services very highly.**

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Col. Clay Taylor (Brief, p. 900-901, folio 2742-2743):³⁰⁸

[p. 900, folio 2742] I am sixty years of age; reside in Warren county, Missouri; I have known Julia Greeley fifteen or twenty years, **I know the general reputation which she bore among her acquaintances in St. Louis during her residence there for modesty and virtue; it was good. I consider her one of the most honest, truthful and faithful servants I ever saw, and would trust her with my children under all circumstances, or even with my own life. I never heard a word of suspicion against her character.**

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Julia Greeley's Own Sworn Testimony

*[Julia's testimony was presented in Brief p. 736-738. Since it is the only "writing" of Julia's known to be in existence,³⁰⁹ her testimony will be presented here in full from the transcript itself, rather than the Brief.]*³¹⁰

Folios 2076-2086:

[folio 2076] JULIA GREELEY being duly sworn testified as follows:

Direct examination by Mr. Taylor

Q. What is your full name? A. Julia Greeley.

Q. Were you a slave? A. Yes sir.

Q. Where was your home? A. In Hannibal, Missouri.

Q. How old are you? A. I do not know, I never was told?

Q. Can you read or write? A. Well, a little, I can read, I cannot write.

[Folio 2077] Q. When did you first become acquainted with Mrs. Gilpin. A. I knew Miss Julia when I was back in St. Louis when I was living with Mrs. Robertson.

Q. How long was it? A. I do not remember.

Q. How long did you live with Mrs. Robertson? A. 9 years.

Q. Did you see Mrs. Gilpin then frequently? A. Frequently, yes sir.

Q. How did you happen to come out to Colorado. A. I came out because I wanted to.

Q. Did you communicate with Mrs. Gilpin about coming to her service? A. I got a friend of mine to write and ask her.

Q. And you got a favorable reply and that is what brought you out? A. Yes sir.

[folio 2078] Q. When did you first go to work for Mrs. Gilpin? A. Just as soon as I came to Denver.

Q. What year? A. I do not remember.

Q. How long did you live with her? A. 2 years.

Q. What were your duties? A. When I first went there I did the washing and the ironing.

Q. How long did you work for her? A. Two years.

Q. How did you happen to leave? A. I left because I was tired of staying. I didn't care to stay any longer.

Q. Did you have anything to do with the children while you were there? A. Oh yes, (not heard) I would see to them.

Q. During this time was there any attachment between you and the children; did you get fond of them? A. Yes, I got real fond of them.

Q. You cannot tell the jury when you left Mrs. Gilpin's service can you? A. No, I cannot tell.

[folio 2079] Q. You cannot tell exactly when you came? A. No sir, I cannot tell the year I came. I know it was the 20th. I do not know the month. I think it was the 20th of March, but I do not remember what year it was in.

Q. About this time, let me ask you if you were in the habit of drinking? A. No sir, I never drank anything in my life.

Q. Were you ever under the influence of liquor in Mrs. Gilpin's house? A. No sir, never in my life.

[folio 2083] Q. Did you ever go out with the children while you were there. A. Yes sir, I used to go out very often.

Q. What time? A. Well, in the evening.

Q. When you say in the evening, do you mean in the afternoon? A. Yes, in the afternoon.

Q. Did you ever take them out at night? A. No sir, I never took them out at night.

Q. Do you remember being in Mrs. Gilpin's house when she was away and when Mrs. Speer was there with the children? A. Yes.

Q. I will ask you again whether on that occasion you were under the influence of drink? A. No sir.

Q. Did you ever have any trouble with Governor Gilpin? A. No sir, he never spoke to me at all.

Q. Did he ever tell you not to come to the house? A. Oh yes, when he told me not to come to the house.

[folio 2084] Q. Was that after you had left the house? A. Yes, after I had left.

Q. What did he say to you? A. He said he wanted me to go out of the house; he did not want me to come into the house.

Q. What were you doing there at that time, visiting? A. Oh yes sir, just there visiting.

Q. After that did you ever sleep on the place? A. Yes, once. I was out of a place, and did not have any place to go, and slept in the shed where the donkey was kept in. One night because the place where I was staying at they went to bed early, and I wasn't there, they was all in bed, and I didn't wake them up. I just slept in the stable that night.

Q. Your relations with the children were very friendly. A. Yes sir.

You may wish to use the following prayer, approved on June 29, 2017, by Archbishop Samuel Aquila of Denver, for private use:

Heavenly Father, your servant Julia Greeley dedicated her life to honoring the Sacred Heart of your Son and to the humble service of the poor. Grant to me a generous heart like your Son's, and if it be in accordance with your holy will, please grant this favor I now ask through Julia's intercession (insert intention) I pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please report in writing any favors received through Julia's intercession to juliagreeleyguild@gmail.com or sent them to Julia Greeley Guild, 2760 Larimer St., Denver CO 80205.

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