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Portrait of Lunsford Lane (1803-1863), from The History of North Carolina. Vol. 2, Lewis Publishing Co., 1919. Born a slave, Lane became a prosperous businessman in Raleigh. He later earned his freedom and that of his wife and family. In 1842 he published The Narrative of Lunsford Lane.

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Ca. 1894 photograph of Harriet Jacobs (1813-1897). From Photographs and Prints Division, The New York Public Library. Harriet Jacobs was a writer and reforme and was born in Edenton, NC. Her narrative Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl was first published in 1861.

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Charlotte Hawkins Brown (1883-1961). Photograph courtesy of the Charlotte Hawkins Brown Museum, NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. An educator and social worker, Brown founded the Palmer Memorial Institute in Sedalia, NC.

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