

Resource Sheet #8

Advertisements

A majority of free black women worked as boarding-house keepers, milliners and dressmakers. Many advertised their services in Freedom's Journal, the first black newspaper.

BOARDING & LODGING

The subscriber respectfully informs her friends and the public generally, that she has opened a house for the accommodation of genteel person of colour with Boarding and Lodging at No. 88 South-Fourth Street above Lombard st-Philadelphia.

Gracy Jones
Philadelphia, April 23, 1828

BOARDING & LODGING

The subscriber respectfully informs her friends and the public in general that her House No. 28 Elizabeth street, is still open for the accommodation of genteel person of colour, with Boarding and Lodging.

P.S. In addition to the above establishment, the subscriber keeps on hand a quantity of best refreshments, Oysters&c. served up at a moment's notice. Her house is in a healthy and pleasant situation.

Eliza Johnson
Philadelphia, June 2, 1828

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Sterling, Dorothy, ed. We Are Your Sisters: Black Women in the Nineteenth Century. New York, NY: W.W. Norton & Company, reissued 1997.