



# Clara Barton

**Born: December 25, 1821 in North Oxford, MA**

**Died: April 12, 1912 in Glen Echo, MD**

In 1861, Clara Barton was a clerk for the U.S. Patent Office in Washington, D.C. The Civil War changed her life.

“This conflict is one thing I’ve been waiting for, I’m well and strong and young. Young enough to go to the front. If I can’t be a soldier, I’ll help soldiers.”

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