Clara Barton National Historic Site

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Born: August 15, 1808
Died: March 15, 1888 in North Oxford, Mass.

Clara Barton is a famous Civil War battlefield nurse, but never attended medical school. Her earliest nursing experience came when she was 11 years old. For two years, she cared for her bedridden brother, David Barton, after he was injured in a fall. David recovered fully, and in 1863 he served in the Union army as a quartermaster.