

Lowell National Historical Park
Women Working for Change



Betsey Guppy Chamberlain

1797-1886

BETSEY CHAMBERLAIN

Betsey Guppy Chamberlain first came to Lowell for work in 1831. To support her children, Chamberlain became a mill worker and later ran a boardinghouse. After long days of hard labor, Chamberlain wrote short stories. Her main subjects were local folklore, women's rights, and the mistreatment of indigenous people. Chamberlain's popular works were published in the *Lowell Offering* and *New England Offering* under various pen names.

When has a story changed your life?

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