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Camden Vicinage Celebrates Women’s History Month with Historical Re-enactment Honoring Legacy of Aviator Bessie Coleman

Historical reenactor Daisy Nelson Century will portray pioneering aviator Bessie Coleman as part of the Camden Vicinage’s celebration of Women’s History Month.

The event will be held Wednesday, March 8 at 10:30 a.m. in Courtroom 63 at the Hall of Justice, 101 S. 5th St., Camden.

An actress and historical interpreter, Century has traveled the country portraying various historical figures for organizations such as the Smithsonian Associates in Washington, D.C., the American Institute for History Education in New Jersey and the American Historical Theater in Philadelphia.

Century last performed in the vicinage a year ago, taking on the roles of abolitionists Harriet Tubman and Sojourner Truth as well as other historical figures. This time, she will portray Coleman, the first female of African-American and Native American descent to earn a pilot’s license. Born in 1892, Coleman was denied entry to flying schools in the United States because of racial discrimination and she moved to France to attend flight school there.

“We are honored to welcome Dr. Century back to the Hall of Justice for our annual celebration of Women’s History Month. We look forward to being inspired once again through her intense dramatic portrayals,” said Assignment Judge Deborah Silverman Katz.

The program is free and open to the public.

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