



**Kate Mullany
National Historic Site**
A unit within the National Park System
350 Eighth Street, Troy, NY



Kate Mullany House Restoration & Furnishings Fund

Kate Mullany made a difference in the lives of working women and their families.

In 1864, in Troy, New York, Kate and her mostly Irish immigrant colleagues comprised the overwhelming majority of workers in the city’s burgeoning collar and cuff industry. They worked as laundresses –washers, starchers, and ironers – preparing detachable collars for sale to retailers. Their working conditions were especially harsh. Washers worked in boiling water, starchers had to contend with caustic and potentially dangerous detergents, and ironers handled heavy, hot irons. Their pay was meager.

Under Kate Mullany’s leadership, the women formed a union — the Troy Collar Laundry Union. They struck for six days in February and won a 25 percent wage increase and improved working conditions. The union became this nation’s first bona fide all-female union establishing a model for generations of women to come.

Because of her achievements, Mullany was inducted into the National Women’s Hall of Fame in Seneca Falls in 2000 being cited as “one of early American labor history’s most important women.” She was inducted into Labor’s International Hall of Fame in 2016.

Her home at 350 Eighth Street was designated a National Historic Landmark by the Secretary of the Interior in 1998 and a National Historic Site (a unit within the National Park System) in 2004 by an Act of Congress. It is listed on New York State’s Women’s History Trail.

To help tell her story, Kate Mullany’s House is currently being restored to its 1869 configuration by the nonprofit American Labor Studies Center under grants from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

Please add your support of this historic treasure by contributing to the **Kate Mullany Restoration & Furnishings Fund**. Your donation will help bring the story of Kate Mullany and her co-workers to life. It will provide an opportunity for visitors and students to learn about Troy’s rich industrial and labor legacy.

For additional information on Kate Mullany and the efforts to restore her home, please visit www.katemullanyrhs.org.

Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution for the restoration of the Kate Mullany House.

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